

**Grand Valley and District Community Centre
Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Grand Valley and District Community Centre - Board Room
90 Main Street North
Grand Valley**

Members Present: Gail Little, Chair, Deb Halls, Co-Chair, Sue Graham, Paul Latam,
Brett Lyons, Steve Soloman, Clinton Taylor, Jeremy Zukowski

Staff Present: James Allen, Helena Snider, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Call To Order

Introduction of Jennie Miguel, she will be the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Board.

2. Agenda Approval

Moved By: J. Zukowski
Seconded By: S. Soloman

Resolution Number: 2025-04-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 14, 2025 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved By: S. Soloman
Seconded By: P. Latam

Resolution Number: 2025-04-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Deputations/Presentations

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Agricultural Society MOU Draft

A motion was put forth by Grand Valley Representatives for consideration regarding the MOU.

Minutes were amended to include the motion below.

Where as the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley and the Grand Valley Ag Society have had a relationship for over 50 years and each party wishes to continue and build on its relationship

Where as the Ag Society uses the Community Center throughout the year and it is prudent to define the terms of that use in a Memorandum of Understanding, of which the current one is expiring in 2025

Where as The Town of Grand Valley and its partners have put in approximately 1 .5 million dollars into the ice floor, another approximately 3 million dollars plus being spent on expanding change rooms, and approximately 1 million being spent to insulate the roof and exterior watts which will allow for a longer period of having a playable ice surface in use

Where as the Grand Valley Ag Society hosts a part of its Fair on the third weekend after Labour Day in September on the ice surface and therefore would need some sort of concessions if the ice were in, whether that be through a temporary floor placed over the ice or another means to host displays and have covered space to do so

Where as the Town of Grand Valley Public Works has offered, and will continue with a days notice, to clear access to the Ag Barn when asked to do so

Now Be It Resolved that the board amends the Draft MOU as follows:

- \$1298.00 (applicable taxes included) be changed to read "\$1298.00 plus HST"

- "During the Fall Fair weekend, the Community Centre will have staff on duty." Be changed to read "During the Fall Fair weekend, the Community Centre will have staff on duty while the arena is open, up to 18:00 hours each day"
- Point Number 3 to read "The Community Centre Board will notify the Agricultural Society about any scheduled work to the grounds or Arena that is scheduled during this rental period. Every reasonable attempt for the Community Center to have the work scheduled outside of this week will be taken"
- Strike from Point 12-"The Community Centre will have snow cleared up at their expense, still allowing GVAS entrance to Ag Barn." And amend to read "Snow removal in the winter from the Ag Society Parking lot is the responsibility of the Community Center if they wish to use it for parking. If Access is needed to the Ag Barn, the Grand Valley Ag Society will contact the Arena Manager a minimum of 24 hours in advance, and they will coordinate to have access to the Ag Barn cleared"
- Add a new section "The Grand Valley Community Center acknowledges that the ice surface floor plays an integral part of the Agriculture Society's fair weekend. It will endeavor where possible to continue allowing access for that weekend and will work with the Ag Society to find a solution that allows them to continue hosting the fair on the set weekend".
- Add a cancellation clause "Either party can cancel this MOU with written notice of which the cancellation will be effective the following year at the end of December"
- Strike "by mutual consent" at the end of the agreement

And Further that this amended agreement and motion be sent to the Agricultural Society for their Acceptance

And Further that Community Center staff be directed to investigate and include options if necessary in the 2026 budget or future budget years with regards to temporary flooring if they plan to have the ice surface installed overlapping the fair weekend.

Moved By: P. Latam

Seconded By: S. Soloman

Resolution Number: 2025-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion presented be amended as discussed and a revised MOU be brought back top the Board for approval.

CARRIED

6.2 Arena Expansion

Work has commenced, 3 weeks into the project. Work is expected to be completed by November 2025. J. Allen will continue to update the Board.

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Accounts Payable

There was a question regarding GL3060, this was for the yearly subscription of Xplor Recreation.

J. Allen discussed with the Board the potential to have Live Barn available at the arena. The Board asked to have this considered when preparing the budget for 2026.

Moved By: P. Latam

Seconded By: J. Zukowski

Resolution Number: 2025-04-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable for March 2025 in the amount of \$54, 150.86 be approved and paid from the Operating Account.

CARRIED

7.2 Accounts Receivable

Moved By: C. Taylor

Seconded By: B. Lyons

Resolution Number: 2025-04-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts receivable for March 2025 in the amount of \$81,482.22 have been deposited into the Community Centre bank account and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

7.3 Budget Variance

8. Arena Manager's Report

J. Allen informed the Board that a resident used the arena during the power outage and was very thankful, a card was presented to the Board from the resident.

J. Allen advised the Board that there was a break in at the arena, roughly a month ago. The individual was caught on camera, accessed the facility, looked around, tried to get into multiple areas. Nothing was taken, damage to an entrance door from the ice floor. The police was called and the individual has

been apprehended.

J. Allen wants the Board to consider closing the arena concession and renting the space out to a vendor. The Board discussed what this would mean, would the Board charge rent and if so, how much. J. Allen to provide a report to the Board with the revenue and expenses for the concession.

8.1 Lion's Club Donation Discussion - Verbal

The Lion's Club would like to place a bench at the entrance of the Community Centre, it's in Memory of Jim Shaw.

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: C. Taylor

Resolution Number: 2025-04-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the donation and placement of the Lion's Club Bench in Memory of Jim Shaw.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

10. New Business

10.1 Potential 2025 Meeting Schedule

Moved By: J. Zukowski

Seconded By: P. Latam

Resolution Number: 2025-04-07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board receive the Potential 2025 Meeting Schedule;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approve the schedule, but change the meeting time to 4:30pm.

CARRIED

11. Confirmation of Meeting

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: B. Lyons

Resolution Number: 2025-04-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to confirm the proceedings of the April 14, 2025 Grand Valley & District Community Centre Board meeting.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: C. Taylor

Resolution Number: 2025-04-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this meeting to meet again on May 12, 2025 at 4:30pm.

CARRIED

Gail Little, Chair

Helena Snider,
Secretary/Treasurer