

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Date of Review/Revision: May 14, 2014

Motion # 6

Chairperson's Signature:

1.1 LOCATION

The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley is situated two km. north of Highway 109 on Dufferin County Road 25 in Dufferin County.

1.2 POPULATION

The most recent municipal enumeration statistics (2011) indicate a population of 2,726 persons in the Town of Grand Valley and the latest assessment data indicates 1,048 households. According to the 2011 Census data, The Town of Grand Valley's population breakdown is as follows: (taken from the online Stats Canada census website)

	East Luther Grand Valley, TP			Dufferin, CTY		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Population in 2011 ¹	2,726	...	...	56,881	...	...
Population in 2006 ¹	2,844	...	...	54,436	...	...
2006 to 2011 population change (%)	-4.1	...	...	4.5	...	...
Total private dwellings ²	1,048	...	...	21,257	...	...
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ³	1,002	...	...	20,073	...	...
Population density per square kilometre	17.2	...	...	38.3	...	...
Land area (square km)	158.23	...	...	1,486.31	...	...

Age characteristics	East Luther Grand Valley, TP			Dufferin, CTY		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population by age groups ⁴	2,730	1,415	1,310	56,880	28,110	28,775
0 to 4 years	125	60	65	3,220	1,610	1,605
5 to 9 years	170	90	75	3,480	1,685	1,790
10 to 14 years	190	105	85	4,110	2,130	1,980
15 to 19 years	240	130	110	4,635	2,395	2,235
15 years	45	25	20	985	510	475

Age characteristics	East Luther Grand Valley, TP			Dufferin, CTY		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
16 years	50	25	20	950	500	450
17 years	50	30	20	905	470	435
18 years	55	30	30	935	525	415
19 years	45	25	25	855	395	460
20 to 24 years	195	110	85	3,500	1,845	1,655
25 to 29 years	105	60	50	2,765	1,425	1,335
30 to 34 years	130	55	70	3,080	1,505	1,575
35 to 39 years	150	65	80	3,685	1,755	1,930
40 to 44 years	220	115	105	4,450	2,180	2,270
45 to 49 years	315	155	155	5,325	2,600	2,720
50 to 54 years	265	145	120	4,570	2,290	2,280
55 to 59 years	155	85	70	3,670	1,815	1,855
60 to 64 years	165	80	85	3,290	1,605	1,680
65 to 69 years	125	65	60	2,330	1,155	1,180
70 to 74 years	75	45	30	1,645	790	855
75 to 79 years	40	15	25	1,305	640	665
80 to 84 years	50	25	20	960	395	565
85 years and over	25	5	20	860	265	595
Median age of the population ⁵	41.5	41.1	41.8	40.0	39.1	40.6
% of the population aged 15 and over	82.2	81.6	82.7	81.0	80.7	81.3

Although the population of Grand Valley has decreased by 118 people the number of households in the area has increased by 17. The most significant changes are the decrease in the population from ages 0 to 19 of 170 persons and the ages 40 to 44 of 115. However, you can see by the chart below, that there is an increase in the 20 to 24 age group of 40 and an increase in the age group 45 to 54 of 145. It appears that the age median is shifting to an older population and since 2006 the median age population has increased by four years and the percentage of the population over 15 is now 82.2 %, an increase over 77.7%. With the new subdivision being built in Grand Valley it will be interesting to see how the population figures change in the next census.

	Grand Valley								
Age Characteristics	2011			2006			Population		
Total Population	Total	Male	Female	Total Population	Male	Female	Changes	Male	Female
Population	Population								
by Age groups	2,730	1,415	1,310	2,845	1,500	1,340	-115	-85	-30
0 to 4 years	125	60	65	165	90	70	-40	-30	-5
5 to 9 years	170	90	75	210	120	85	-40	-30	-10
10 to 14 years	190	105	85	260	140	120	-70	-35	-35
15 to 19 years	240	130	110	260	140	125	-20	-10	-15
15 years	45	25	20						
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20 to 24 years	195	110	85	155	80	70	40	30	15
25 to 29 years	105	60	50	120	55	65	-15	5	-15
30 to 34 years	130	55	70	155	80	80	-25	-25	-10
35 to 39 years	150	65	80	220	110	110	-70	-45	-30
40 to 44 years	220	115	105	335	170	170	-115	-55	-65
45 to 49 years	315	155	155	270	145	120	45	10	35
50 t 54 years	265	145	120	165	95	70	100	50	50
55 to 59 years	155	85	70	165	85	75	-10	0	-5
60 to 64 years	165	80	85	135	70	60	30	10	25
65 to 69 years	125	65	60	85	45	35	40	20	25
70 to 74 years	75	45	30	50	25	25	25	20	5
75 to 79 years	40	15	25	50	25	25	-10	-10	0
80 to 84 years	50	25	20	25	10	20	25	15	0
85 years and over	25	5	20	20	5	15	5	0	5
Median age of the pop.	41.5	41.1	41.8	37.4	37.4	37.4			
% of the pop. 15 & over	82.2	81.6	82.7	77.7	76.3	79.5			

In 2006, 8.08% of Grand Valley's population was 65 years and older. 2011 statistics show 11.5% of the population is 65 and older, indicating a number of retirees who are coping with increased leisure time, but not a large number. Another community characteristic worth noting is that the largest portion of our population is between the ages of 40 to 54 (30%) indicating a young community that commutes to bigger centres to work.

A further breakdown shows the comparison of children/teens/adults/older adults.

0-9	11%	(295)
10-24	23%	(625)
25-49	37.5%	(1,025)
50-64	21%	(585)
65 and over	11.5%	(315)

Education	Total	M	F
Total population aged 15 years and over by highest certificate, diploma or degree	2,150	1,175	980
No certificate, diploma or degree	535	340	195
High school diploma or equivalent	735	430	305
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	885	405	480
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	325	190	140
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	435	160	275
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	45	0	30
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	75	40	30
Bachelor's degree	50	35	15
University certificate, diploma or degree above bachelor level	25	0	20
	1,580	905	675
Total population aged 25 to 64 years by highest certificate, diploma or degree			
No certificate, diploma or degree	275	195	75
High school diploma or equivalent	615	365	250
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	695	350	345
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	290	170	125
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	305	130	170
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	35	0	20
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	70	40	35
Bachelor's degree	45	30	10
University certificate, diploma or degree above bachelor level	25	0	15

Income	Total	M	F
Population aged 15 years and over who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	845	595	250
Median employment income in 2010 (\$)	47,049	50,359	30,651
Average employment income in 2010 (\$)	48,562	53,699	36,335
Family income in 2010 of economic families	800		
Median family income (\$)	72,970	...	...
Average family income (\$)	75,569	...	...
Median after-tax family income (\$)	66,874	...	...
Average after-tax family income (\$)	65,380	...	...
Average family size	2.9	...	...
Couple-only economic families	360	...	...
Median family income (\$)	72,832	...	...
Average family income (\$)	79,169	...	...
Median after-tax family income (\$)	66,671	...	...
Average after-tax family income (\$)	67,235	...	...
Average family size	2.0	...	...
Couple-with-children economic families	340	...	...
Median family income (\$)	86,357	...	...
Average family income (\$)	83,052	...	...
Median after-tax family income (\$)	76,594	...	...
Average after-tax family income (\$)	72,354	...	...
Average family size	3.8	...	...
Lone-parent economic families	80	...	...
Median family income (\$)	31,815	...	...
Average family income (\$)	37,284	...	...
Median after-tax family income (\$)	31,815	...	...
Average after-tax family income (\$)	35,300	...	...
Average family size	3.1	...	...

1.4 **BUSINESS**

The Town Grand Valley and surrounding area is serviced by a number of small independent businesses. The closest large shopping centre is Orangeville. The potential for employment in the Township is limited and most residents have employment outside the Town in Orangeville, Guelph, Brampton or greater Toronto. The 2011 Canadian Census Statistics indicate that in The Town of Grand Valley the average income for males is \$53,699 and for females, \$36,335. Employment in Dufferin County is chiefly in the service industry, manufacturing, retail trade, primary industry, transport and communication and construction industries.

1.5 **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

The municipality provides the following services to the residents: garbage pickup, Blue Box/Compost once a week, bi-weekly in rural areas. Community based police protection, street and sidewalk maintenance (service plan in place), snow removal, volunteer fire department, which provides service to The Town of Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa., a community cemetery, a community arena supported by The Town of Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa, a Public Library supported by The Town of Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa. An official building plan is in place. Property in the Township has been assessed at current market values. The Township is responsible for the maintenance of six buildings – Library/Municipal Office, Arena, two Works Departments, Fire Hall, Mortuary and Pump House. The Municipality is fully serviced by a sewage and water system and a natural gas line within the Town of Grand Valley.

1.6 **SCHOOLS**

The Grand Valley and District Public School teaches children from junior kindergarten to grade eight. The school has a learning resource center and a part-time librarian. There is an active School Council. The children from the rural areas are bused to the Grand Valley Public School. Most high school students are bused to Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne.

Ontario Early Years Centre

The Early Years Program operates out of the arena and provides activities for children and adults throughout the year. The Library provides Story Times to the Early Years throughout the year and displays their posters and pamphlets on upcoming events.

The Ontario government created Ontario Early Years Centres to be a place where parents and caregivers can get answers to questions, information about programs and services that are available for young children, and an opportunity to talk to early years professionals, as well as other parents and caregivers in the community. The Dufferin Ontario Early Years Centre offers a range of free services including: Early learning and literacy programs for parents and their children; Respite Services; Parenting programs that support parents and caregivers of young children in all aspects of early child development; Information and training for new parents about pregnancy and parenting.

1.7 **MEDICAL AND SOCIAL CARE**

A full time doctor; Nurse Practitioner; Mental Health worker; Blood pressure, Dietician and Diabetic specialists; Pharmaceutical evaluator; and dentist work out of the Community Medical Dental Centre. Hospital care is provided in Orangeville as are all other medical and social care. (Mental Health Clinic, Dufferin Health Unit, Nursing Homes and Dufferin Home for the Aged, Family Transition Place for abused women, Day Care) The churches provide a weekly Meals on Wheels program. There are also subsidized apartments in the Township for low income families. CONCERN is an organization that provides support, in the provision of food, for low income residents.

1.8 **CHURCHES**

There are eight churches in East Luther Grand Valley which are supported by the residents of the Town and surrounding rural area. Each church offers Sunday worship, Sunday School and Women's Groups, some offer a young peoples' group and Vacation Bible School.

1.9 **SERVICE CLUBS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Lions Club	Agriculture	Ladies Fire Fighters Aux.
Masonic Lodge	Horticultural	Fire Fighters Association
Trailways		

2.1 **YOUTH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Minor Hockey	Minor Baseball
4-H	Tae Kwon Do
Ontario Early Years Program	TDSummer Reading Program (Library)
Soccer	March Break Programs (Library)
Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Babysitting Course(Library)
Toddler/Baby Time (Library)	Cocoa Club (Library)
Story Time (Library)	Baby Time (Library)
Doors Open Youth Centre	Dance Studio
Summer Programs (Library)	TAG - Teen Advisory Group (Library)

2.2 **ADULT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Men's & Women's Baseball	Three Pitch Baseball
Tennis Court	Camping Facilities
Old Timers Hockey	Fireside Club (Seniors)
Skating (Arena)	Adult Exercise (Library)
Belly Dancing (Library)	Seniors Walking Group

2.3 **ANNUAL EVENTS**

Arbor Day / Duck Race - May
Maple Syrup Festival - March

Fall Fair and Parade - September
Santa Claus Parade - November
Christmas in the Valley - December
Numerous Church/Community Suppers.
Demolition Derby – Fall Fair
Library Annual Book, Bake, Bazaar & Silent Auction. - Nov.
Polar Bear Dip – Jan 1st.
Earth Day - Trailways (May)
Winterfest - Trailways (Feb.)
Lenten Soup Kitchen - Anglican Church
Silent Auction and Bake Sale - Anglican Church -Nov/Dec.
Book Sale - Library - Duck Race Day
2.4. **ARENA**

In addition to ice activities, the arena provides rental facilities for banquets, dances, the fall fair, and a seniors' centre. The Library cooperates with the Arena Board by sharing services such as room rental and equipment rentals.