

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR  
THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN  
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

**AT THE SUNSET POINT MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY IN THE  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT, AB**

**COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Kathy Dion, Mayor; Alan Christiansen, Deputy Mayor  
Marlene Walsh, Administration  
Shantelle Walsh, Administration Support  
Janice Christiansen, Director of Emergency Management

**ABSENT:** Roger Montpelier, Councillor

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Summer Village of Val Quentin acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteau, Nakota Sioux, as well as the Metis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Kathy Dion.

**Res. #009  
24-02-21**

2. **Acceptance of Agenda:**  
**Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen** moved acceptance of the Agenda with addition of the following items:

**CARRIED**

**Addition 1:** Item 6 vii) SVREMP Emergency Management Budget 2024 Resolution for approval for Requisition \$3,900.00

**Addition 2: 7. New Business**

ii) Duplicate Payment of Property Tax Confirmed

**Res. #010  
24-02-21**

3. **Adoption of the Previous Minutes:**  
Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that the [January 17, 2024](#) Council Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Public Hearings:** No Public Hearings for this meeting

5. **Delegations:** No Delegations

6. **Business Arising**

i) **Letters to Residents**

Administration sent letters to four residents, along with invoices for the additional grass cutting and cleanup services provided. Payment due date: February 28, 2024  
To date, One Payment has been received and processed

ii) **Lac Ste Anne Trail Resurfacing Project**

Technical Report received from JR Paine will be shared with Border Paving for review in order to receive the Projected Costs to Complete Project in 2024

Paving Costs - Alley Project - LSAC has advised they do not have the equipment to complete this project.

Administration will followup with Border Paving to confirm if they are interested in the project as well as Crack Filling

iii) **ACP Grant Committee**

- Water Distribution Feasibility Study RFP Uploaded

v) **LGFF Funding Model Advocacy**

- followup after LSACE Meeting

vi) **ORFS Mutual Aid/Dual Dispatch**

- ongoing discussions underway

vii) **Emergency Management 2024 Requisition**

**Res. #011  
24-01-17**

Mayor Kathy Dion moved that the requisition in the amount of \$3,900.00 be approved for the SVREMP Partnership Agreement Fees

**CARRIED**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Res. #012  
24-01-17**

i) Appointment of ARB Officials 2024  
(as per MGA Section 454)

**CARRIED**

Mayor Kathy Dion moved the appointment by resolution of the following ARB officials for the Summer Village of Val Quentin for 2024:

<b>ARB Chairman</b>	<b>Raymond Ralph</b>
<b>Certified ARB Clerk</b>	<b>Gerryl Amarin</b>
<b>Certified Panelists</b>	<b>Darlene Chartrand Sheryl Exley Tina Groszko Stewart Hennig Richard Knowles Denis Meier Raymond Ralph</b>

**Res. #013  
24-01-17**

- ii) **Duplicate Payment of Property Tax Confirmed**  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Al Christiansen the duplicate payment refund amount be processed via etransfer to the resident.

**8. Bylaws & Policies: No updates**

**Res. # 014  
24-01-17**

**9. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**CARRIED**

**i) Financial Reports for January 2024**

- Budget Preparation - March 22, 2024 Meeting
- Year End Compilation underway
- Annual Remuneration provided

Moved by Mayor Katy Dion that the financial reports be approved as presented.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE No Correspondence**

**11. REPORTS**

**Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen**

SVREMP Agency Hybrid Meeting held at West Cove Hall on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Firesmart Training Presentation by Laura Stewart

Wildfire season in Alberta has started. Minister Loewen announced the official start on February 20 due to the unseasonably high temperatures and lack of snow coverage. The new legislated start of wildfire season means that Ministerial Orders can now be issued in the Forest Protection Area to restrict burning. SVREMP will focus on sharing consistent messaging, and education and awareness regarding Overland Fires which are the #1 Risk due to the Dry Conditions

Firebans - in collaboration with County; Alberta Beach; Sunset Point firebans will be uploaded to [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca)

50+ Club contacted SVREMP regarding an Emergency Management. Presentation on Block Captain Program

Lac Ste Anne County has taken the lead on a grant application which if successful, will be used in part to complete a Regional Mock Emergency Exercise

Confirmation of Summer Villages participating in SVREMP has been received. A request for a Revised Ministerial Order will be submitted, along with Signed Bylaws and Agreements

2024 Audit - minimal edits be required

SVREMP will provide LSAC with a update confirming membership in SVREMP

Mutual Aid Partnerships will be pursued

Legislation for Bylaw - Untidy/Unsightly to be reviewed

#### **Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen**

##### **Val Quentin Public Works Report**

Relatively quiet in the village this past month

#### **Mayor Kathy Dion - Report January 2024**

##### **Attended Alberta Beach Library Meeting**

- Staff and the Board attended a day long Yellowed Regional Library Policy Day led by YRL.
- New lights have been installed throughout the library indoors and outdoors.
- Renovations of the new furnace, hot water tanks, storage area, fan in ceiling and other various updates are in the final stages.
- The annual report and 2024 budget were presented and approved.
- Upcoming events include spring craft bags, local seniors foundation craft program, craft/story night for little people (under 6).

##### **Attended Round Table Discussion with ABMunis Villages and Summer Villages - Topics Discussed:**

- Nurse practitioners - Need to be proactive exploring space and incentive to Nurses to rural communities once government sorts the final process. Still items

clarify including out the AHS connection what is AHS vision of success and what is their vision to support rural medical needs.

- Red tape reduction in Grant Funding - Alberta Summer Villages Association is brokering an umbrella agreement with with Alberta Counsel to provide support.
- Alberta Government LGFF funding for infrastructure - Concerns: Extension of deadines for larger projects. Option to use grants for payment of interest grants. Option to use commissioned assets on application.
- Increased funding to Summer Villages to match other municipaliites of similar size and design.
- Provincial Drought Concerns - Discussed, Well Health, Picnic in the Park educational. Water storage, and looking a larger community connections and supports.

**Councilor: Roger Montpellier** Absent

**Development Officer Report** - Tony Sonnleitner - Nothing to report

**Administration**

2023 Year End Procedures underway

Mayor Kathy Dion moved the reports be accepted as information

**Res. # 015**  
**24-01-17**

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION:**

March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Sunset Point Multipurpose Facility

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM

**Future Delegation: Saad Ulhaq EM Fluids** - non-mechanical technology for dealing with algal blooms.

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Mayor Kathy Dion

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Municipal Administrator  
Marlene Walsh