

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR  
THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN  
Wednesday, March 20, 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  
Roger Montpellier, Councillor  
Janice Christiansen, Director of Emergency Management  
Marlene Walsh, Administration  
Shantelle Walsh, Administration Support

**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 7:00 PM by Mayor Kathy Dion.

**Res. #016  
24-03-20**

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

- FCSS Home Agreement 2024 signatory
- Bylaw - Emergency Management Amendment
- AB Snowmobile Club

**CARRIED**

**Res. #017  
24-03-20**

**3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes:**  
Moved by Councillor Roger Montpellier that the [February 21, 2024](#) Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

Res. #018  
24-03-20

**5. Delegations: Kim Koda  
Border Paving - Ste Anne Trail Project  
Presentation**

Mayor Kathy Dion moved this presentation be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

Res. #019  
24-03-20

**50th Alley Reconstruction Quote**

An additional site visit will be completed and a revised quote will be submitted for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**6. Business Arising**

**i) Letters to Residents**

Administration will follow up with the final letter and invoices to residents. Any outstanding invoice amounts will be added to the respective 2024 tax rolls.

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

An onsite visit will be arranged with Council and Border Paving to review plans, and prioritize and mark out sections of outstanding work to be completed.

**iii) ACP Grant Committee**

Water Distribution Feasibility Study RFP  
Review bids and award to successful Bidder  
Administration will arrange a meeting with the ACP Committee to complete this process.

**v) LGFF Funding Model Advocacy**

Summer Villages are among the municipalities that will benefit the least from the LGFF, along with mid-sized cities. On behalf of the summer villages within Lac Ste Anne County, SVLSACE sent a letter dated February 24, 2024, to Honourable Ric McIver requesting further considerations of the LGFF Funding Framework be considered. Copies of this letter were also forwarded to MLA Getson and SVLSACE member municipalities. Ongoing advocacy will continue.

**Res. #020**  
**24-03-20**

**vi) ORFS Mutual Aid/Dual Dispatch**  
The Summer Village of Val Quentin will proceed with Fire Rescue **International** (formerly Onoway Regional Fire Services). **CARRIED**

**vii) Cantin Park Sign**  
Awaiting a quote from High Sign for the installation of a digital sign. Administration will explore options for grant funding before this project proceeds.

**Res. #021**  
**24-03-20**

**viii) AB Beach Snowmobile Club**  
Councillor Roger Montpellier moved that Council increase the donation to the AB Beach Snowmobile Club from \$250.00 to 500.00. Administration will process an e-transfer for this transaction. **CARRIED**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**i) Grass Cutting Contract**  
Administration will contact the previous contractor to confirm if he is interested in submitting a multi-year contract for consideration. **CARRIED**

**ii) Picnic in the Park** - planning is underway.

**Res. #022**  
**24-03-20**

**iii) Public Risk Conference - April 19 / April 20, 2024**  
Mayor Dion moved Administration register and attend the conference on behalf of the Summer Village of Val Quentin. **CARRIED**

**iv) Chickens/Pets**  
Proceed with an educational opportunity, and follow-up action - 60 days

**v) MA Review of MGA Requirements Relating to ICF's April 12, 2024 (Survey)**  
Council will work collaboratively to complete and submit this survey

**Res. #023**  
**24-03-20**

**vi) FCSS 2024 Home Support Program**  
Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen moved that the FCSS 2024 Contract be signed and submitted to Lac Ste Anne County FCSS Office. **CARRIED**

- 8. Bylaws & Policies: Emergency Management Bylaw** **CARRIED**
1. Mayor Kathy Dion moved the 1st reading of Bylaw 271-20 for Council to accept the amended Emergency Management Bylaw with the confirmed partners **CARRIED**
  2. Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen moved the 2nd reading of Bylaw 271-20 for Council to accept the amended Bylaw with the confirmed partners **CARRIED**
  3. Councillor Roger Montpellier moved the approval for the third reading of Bylaw 271-20 **CARRIED**
  4. Mayor Kathy Dion moved the 3rd reading of Bylaw 271-20 for Council to accept the amended Bylaw with the confirmed partners **CARRIED**
  5. Mayor Kathy Dion moved Bylaw 271-20 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**Res. #024**  
**24-03-20**

**Res. #025**  
**24-03-20**

- 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS** **CARRIED**
- i) Financial Reports for February 2024**
- February 2024 Financials
  - Budget Preparation
  - Year End Compilation

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

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Administration shared the content of the Registered letter dated March 7, 2024 from the Town of Onoway regarding Termination of Fire Services Agreement.

**11. REPORTS**

**Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen**

Grant Application submitted by Lac Ste Anne County Contracts will be awarded after March 31, 2024.

If successful, LSAC will work collaboratively with municipalities to plan and organize a full scale exercise in 2024.

Ongoing information being shared regarding the high fire hazard risk as a result of the dry winter season.

FireSmart Information Session being offered by LSAC Fire Department  
April 18 - AB Seniors 7 - 8 PM

Fireban Status - discussion regarding the importance of Consistency for fireban processes in the Tri Region Area.

Lac Ste Anne County restrictions are somewhat different than the Tri Region (Sunset Point, Alberta Beach, Val Quentin) given that the County Fireban Restrictions include Burn barrels - burn piles - etc

Hazard & Risk Assessment  
Ross Haven - completed Friday, March 15, 2024  
Alberta Beach - completed Friday, April 22, 2024

### **Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen Val Quentin Public Works Report**

Attended **SVLSACE** Meeting

Sod Damages

Discussion regarding damages to grass as a result of snow removal.  
Onsite Visit - invite Tim Hay Trucking to review and come up with an action plan for repair/replacement of damaged sod.

Recommended a 2-year gravel cycle plan to be reviewed at budget meeting

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

**Attended Mayor's meeting for Municipal Fire Services** - discussion of municipal needs current and future

**Attended SVLSACE Meeting**

- **Waste Commission** new holding cell could last 16 years (2039), forwarded kudos to the staff services, planning to meet with ARMA to explore recycling options.
- **LSAC Seniors Foundation** - working on retrofit to replace elevator

- **Wild Water** submitted a grant application for Phase 5 build, continue to communicate with Alexander First Nation and FRI Fire services neighboring municipalities and Emergency Management
- **LILSA** is working on increasing membership and plan to attend community events for exposure. They are dedicating \$10,000 toward using drones for Lake Isle and possibly an area on Lac Ste Anne to start assessing lake health. In year 3 of spraying the flowering rush in LSAC.
- **ASVA** exploring future advocacy direction - including but not limited to LGFF.
- **ABMUNIS - Policing** - looking at setting up 4 regional policing boards for communities 5,000 and under but have to fund our own representation.
- Looking at how to address personal attacks on councillors, in particular woman and minorities, political party presentation at municipal and school board currently municipalities.
- **Water Well Health** - LSAC did a presentation last year. Water Well presentation from the Government, encourage municipalities to explore presentations to their own residents.
- **Emergency Management** 10 municipalities have confirmed they will remain in the partnership. Revised ministerial order documents will be submitted. SVREMP committee meeting being held once the approved order is received.
- **SVLSACE AB Government Advocacy Letters** - Revisit of the LGFF funding model providing the challenges we now face and offering additional financial support options.
- **Onoway Medical Centre** - Currently 2 doctors available 4 days a week, new doctor available 2 weeks per month

#### **Attended Yellowed Regional Library meeting**

- **Audited Financials 2023, Annual Systems Report and YRL Annual Reports** all presented and approved. Have hired an IT to support on-site library computers.

- Grant Report for On-Reserve/On-Settlement local library support,
- Stronger Together Conference, Oct. 3 & 4, 2024, West Edmonton,

### **Attended FCSS TRi-Village meeting**

- Reviewed Round One applications
- Attended Alberta Beach Library meeting - reviewed and completed 1st and 2nd reading of the Policy Manual Sections 1-3.
- Provincial budget announced Feb. 29 providing stable funding for libraries.
- Upcoming programs:  
Adult and child craft kit, senior craft program, under 6 craft/story program and local author April 29. Casino March 17 and 18.

### **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. Items requiring clarification include 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 Alberta Counsel to provide support.
- Alberta Government LGFF funding for infrastructure - Concerns: Extension of deadlines 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 municipalities of similar size and design.
- Provincial Drought Concerns - Discussed, Well Health, Picnic in the Park educational. Water storage, and looking at larger community connections and supports.

**Councilor: Roger Montpelier - Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Development Officer Report** - Tony Sonnleitner  
Stop Order 23STOP03 remains in place.

**Administration**  
2023 Year End/Budget

**Res. # 026**  
**24-03-20**

Mayor Kathy Dion moved the reports be accepted as information

- 12. **CLOSED SESSION** - No items for discussion
- 13. **NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION:**  
April 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Sunset Point Multipurpose Facility
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 9:15 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