

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR  
THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**VIRTUAL**

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

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Kathy Dion, Mayor Alan Christiansen, Deputy Mayor Roger Montpellier, Councillor Janice Christiansen, Director of Emergency Management Marlene Walsh, Administration Dave McLennan, Resident Barrie & Leslie Ronaldson, Residents		
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>			
The Summer Village of Val Quentin is honoured to acknowledge the land we work, play, and make our homes on as Treaty 6 territory, and the Métis Homeland. This is sacred land that holds the hearts, footsteps and spirits of many First Nation, Métis and Inuit Peoples, and in particular, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, the Lac Ste. Anne Métis, and Métis Nation of Alberta District 8. We recognize and acknowledge Indigenous values, traditional teachings, ways of being, contributions, and historical inequities.			
	1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Kathy Dion.	
		Residents Barrie and Leslie Ronaldson joined the virtual meeting at 7:04 PM.	
Res. #090 24-12-18	2.	<b>Acceptance of Agenda:</b> Al Christiansen moved acceptance of the Agenda with the addition of the following agenda items: viii) Development Permit 24DP02-35	<b>CARRIED</b>
Res. #091 24-12-18	3.	<b>Adoption of the Previous Minutes:</b> Moved by Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen <a href="#">November 20, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes</a> be approved as presented.	<b>CARRIED</b>
	4.	<b>Public Hearings:</b> No Public Hearings for this meeting	
	5.	<b>Delegations: None</b>	
Res. #092 24-12-18	6.	<b>Business Arising</b> i) <b>Retail Services Agreement Renewal</b> Mayor Kathy Dion moved the renewal of the AMSC Retail Services Agreement for 2025 for variable-rate electrical services for the Summer Village of Val Quentin.	<b>CARRIED</b>

		AMSC Energy Retail Program members receive industry-leading service and timely and accurate billing, and access to the online web portal for all historical data needs.	
		<b>ii) Water Distribution Feasibility Study (WDFS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MPE Engineering is continuing with the research, planning and reporting. Upon completion of memo 1, an information update will be provided early in 2025.</li> <li>MPE is incorporating additional ownership information options in Memo 1 for consideration by the committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>Res. #093 24-12-18</b>		<b>iii) Beach Wave Park - Request for Additional Funding</b> Following a discussion of the request for additional financial support for Beachwave Park, Mayor Kathy Dion moved \$2,000 be allocated in the 2025 Budget for Beachwave Park.	<b>CARRIED</b>
		<b>iv) Bylaws</b> <b>Bylaw 292 - 24</b> Appointment of Travis Horne, AMAA of Municipal Assessment Services Group as Assessor	
		<b>Bylaws</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic Bylaw - draft - research underway. The administration has reached out to Alberta Transportation for some additional information</li> </ul>	
		<b>Bylaws</b> <b>Land Use Bylaw Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Use Bylaw Review - working with Municipal Planning Services</li> <li>Discussion on the inclusion of a non binding referendum with summer election to provide citizens the opportunity to provide input on new land use bylaw. Some examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Untidy / Unsightly Property</li> <li>Derelict Buidings</li> <li>Unregistered Vehicles</li> <li>Animals</li> <li>Development Officer input</li> <li>Sea Cans</li> <li>RV Trailers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Res. #094 24-12-18</b>		<b>v) Election 2025 - Returning Officer Appointment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen moved the following dates for Summer Village of Val Quentin Election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination Day: Saturday, July 19, 2025 between 12 Noon and 1 PM</li> <li>Advance Poll: Saturday, August 9, 2025 9 AM - 1 PM</li> <li>Election Day: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10 AM - 7 PM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>CARRIED</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Administration will research opportunities for Returning Officer support.</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>vi) Winter Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Very positive feedback was received. Thank you to all the volunteers who did an excellent job of organizing this community event. Great community participation for the Light Up Contest and from Sponsors for prizes. Special thanks to the McLennand and the Christiansen families for their efforts. A debriefing will be held in the new year to gain feedback and suggestions for the 2025 festival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extra hot dog buns were donated to Lions Christmas Hamper</li> <li>○ Thank you cards were distributed</li> <li>○ Candy canes taken to library</li> <li>○ Returned groceries</li> <li>○ Hot Chocolate - return to Costco</li> <li>○ Library - hot chocolate - donated to Library</li> <li>○ Banner - Beachside Grind returned</li> <li>○ Purchase bin - for storage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Res. #095 24-12-18</b>	<b>7.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>i) Audit Engagement Letter - Seniuk &amp; Company</b></p> <p>Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that the letter of engagement be signed and submitted. Work on the audit will commence in mid-January 2025.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Res. #096 24-12-18</b>		<p><b>ii) Infrastructure &amp; Asset Management Conference February 26, 2025</b></p> <p>Administration expressed interest in accepting the opportunity from ASVA for a Complimentary Registration to the IAMA Workshop being held in Red Deer. Mayor Kathy Dion moved the additional travel expenses be covered by the Summer Village of Val Quentin.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Res. #097 24-12-18</b>		<p><b>iii) Emerging Trends in Municipal Law - February 13, 2025</b></p> <p>Clr Roger Montpellier moved the approval for administration to attend the Emerging Trends Conference virtually or in person.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Res. #098 24-12-18</b>		<p><b>iv) CAO Contract Renewal</b></p> <p>Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that the CAO Contract be approved as presented for a 1 year term.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>

		<p><b>v) Policing</b>  Small and rural communities policed by the RCMP with populations under 5,000 will be represented by the new Provincial Police Advisory Board. The 15-person board will support integrated safety planning and liaise with Alberta's government, the RCMP, and municipalities to align policing priorities and resources to help address local concerns and challenges, the release said.</p> <p>Among the 15 seats, there will be dedicated seats for representatives from Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and First Nations and Métis communities, as well as community representation for each of the province's RCMP districts: south, central, east, and west.</p>	
<p><b>Res. #099</b>  <b>24-12-18</b></p>		<p><b>vi) Alberta Recycling Management (ARMA)</b>  Recycling service will be brought to Val Quentin at no cost to the municipality. Given the population is less than 1,000 there will be 1 collection event per year as requested.  Service for Val Quentin will fall into the Phase II Stream (April 2026) since there is not currently a recycle program in place.</p>	
<p><b>Res. #100</b>  <b>24-12-18</b></p>		<p><b>vii) Sanding Intersection</b>  Alberta Beach is managing the sanding at the Lac Ste Anne Trail 4 way stop intersection, and has agreed to provide the service for sanding of the Val Quentin side of the intersection as well. Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen moved that the administration process the payments for the charges incurred for sanding the Val Quentin as invoices are provided.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
		<p><b>viii) Development Permit 24DP-35</b>  Further discussion to be had with the Development Officer regarding the requirements for a building, electrical, and/or gas, permits for Storage Garage development permit 24DP02-35.</p>	
<p><b>Res. #101</b>  <b>24-12-18</b></p>	<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Financial Reports</b>  <b>i) November Financials</b>  Mayor Kathy Dion moved the approval of the financials as presented.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<p><b>Res. #102</b>  <b>24-12-18</b></p>		<p><b>ii) Interim Budget</b>  Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that a 2025 Interim Operating &amp; Capital Budget be approved at ½ of the 2024 approved Operating and Capital Budget, and that this 2025 Interim Operating &amp; Capital Budget cease to have any force and effect once the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget is approved.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>9.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	

- Alberta Municipal Affairs - Meeting Request with Minister McIver
- Alberta Public Safety & Emergency Services - Alberta Police Governance
- Alberta Municipalities - Appointment of New CAO

**10. REPORTS**

**Mayor Kathy Dion**

- **Attended FCSS meeting** - Final FCSS funds distributed to Support Beach Wave Park Winter Break Programming
- **Attended Onoway Regional Fire Services meeting** - Final steps for Financial and Procedures to move toward completion of contractual Agreement of Fire Services managed by the Town of Onoway.
- **Attended Alberta Beach Library meeting** - Have introduced a corner Fireplace and coffee station at the front Area of the library to create a welcoming atmosphere, November programs went great – candle making and water colour painting for adults. December activities: Xmas centrepiece's, Crock a Doodle program for kids (xmas ornaments), and water colour program. Want to purchase a TV for programming and streaming programs. Book Club starting Jan 2. Will be increasing our indigenous selection with guidance from YRL.

**Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen**

- Away Jan 3 - 15, 2025  
Marlene Walsh will be covering during this timeframe

**Val Quentin Public Works Report to November 2024**

**Roger Montpellier and Alan Christiansen**

- Met with Benji Hillman at burn site - site inspection - elevations are higher and will not impact their water flow
- Burn Pile with Tim Hay - completed work
- Installed speed signs - Barry Ronaldson and Al Christiansen

**Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen**

- Burn Pit
- Tim Hay
- Will be away from Jan 3 - 15, 2025

**Councillor Roger Montpellier**

- Burn Pit
- Excellent Winter Festival

**Development Officer Report: Tony Sonnleitner**

- **Development Permit: 24DP-03-35  
PLAN 5194 KS, BLK 1, LOT 12; 6006 - 51 Avenue  
CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE (18.6 SQ. M)  
This approval is currently under appeal to the Subdivision and  
Development Appeal Board for the Summer Village of**

		<p><b>Val Quentin.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development Permit: 24DP04-35 PLAN 4890 HW, BLK 1 LOT 4; 6011 - 52 Avenue CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING DETACHED DWELLING (ENCLOSED DECK = 10' X 14' = 13.0 SQ. M).</b></li> </ul>	
		<p><b>Administration - Marlene Walsh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at CAO/FRI Meetings</li> <li>• Water Feasibility Distribution Study</li> <li>• Budget Planning</li> <li>• Some challenges and delays with payment processing as a result of the Canada Post Strike</li> </ul>	
<b>Res. #103 24-12-18</b>		<b>Mayor Kathy Dion</b> moved the reports to be received for information	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Res. #104 24-12-18</b>		<p><b>Closed Session:</b> Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council go into closed session at 8:35 PM to discuss long-term planning and proposed fee structure for Tri-Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC).</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Cllr Roger Montpellier moved Council come out of closed session at 8:45 PM.</p> <p>Cllr Roger Montpellier moved additional discussion be brought forward to the January 9, 2025 TVRSSC regarding long term planning and proposed fee structure.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>13.</b>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT:</b> As all matters were addressed, Mayor Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM</p> <p><b>Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7 PM</b> at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office.</p>	

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Mayor Kathy Dion

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Municipal Administrator Marlene Walsh