

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Mayor of Val Quentin, along with Al Christiansen (Deputy Mayor) and Roger Montpellier (Councillor), I am proud of the leadership and the projects we have completed in our 4-year term. We have worked well as a team addressing the day-to-day concerns in the community with an eye on the future.

As a Council, with support from our CAO, we began important procedural processes reviewing and updating policies, bylaws, our Land Use Bylaw and Strategic Plan. Some of these projects will not be completed by the end of our term and we look forward to the continuation of these projects and the vision the next Council will bring. On that note, I want to encourage you to explore running as a candidate for the Summer Village of Val Quentin. I have found it to be an enriching and challenging opportunity to support the community I live and play in. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our CAO Marlene, and she will direct you to information, resources and next steps.

**TOGETHER - WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY!** We look forward to seeing you, your friends and family over the summer months enjoying the lake and at our annual picnic in the park.

## SENIORS PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program allows you to defer all, or part, of your residential property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan with the Government of Alberta. For more information contact:

**Alberta Supports Contact Centre 780 644 9992 Website: [alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx](https://alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx)**

**2025 PROPERTY TAXES ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 30, 2025 TO AVOID AN 18% PENALTY.**

Property Taxes are assessed under the Municipal Government Act. Taxes levied for the current year are deemed to be due on and from January 1 of the current year ending December 31. If you are paying your taxes by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: **Summer Village of Val Quentin PO Main Box 3115, Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A4.**

**Payment may also be made via E-Transfer to [cao@valquentin.ca](mailto:cao@valquentin.ca).**

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY... the MUSTER POINT is located at CANTIN PARK**

### Fire Services

Please check your Insurance Policy to confirm the coverage you have for your home or cabin in the event of a fire. Some insurance policies may only cover limited amounts for fire suppression.

### Fire Smart Inspections

Alberta is experiencing substantial drought conditions expected to continue beyond 2025. This dramatically increases the risk of wildfires and as a result, municipalities have implemented Fire Bans earlier this year.

### Be Prepared

Recommended actions include placing items like firewood at least 5 ft from your home or cottage. We recommend doing regular yard maintenance, using rock rather than wood mulch, planting fire resistant plants, placing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, keeping a sprinkler and a portable fire extinguisher accessible, avoiding using ATV's off road, no fireworks at times of drought, no burning of garbage and of course honouring fire bans.

We also recommend maintaining an emergency kit with food, water, radio, flashlight, storing important documents in a safe location and keeping plenty of gas and a phone charger in a vehicle. For more information, visit [firesmartalberta.ca](https://firesmartalberta.ca)

## BOULEVARD AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Thank you to all residents who continue to maintain your properties in a tidy condition that contributes to a safe, welcoming, and beautiful summer village! Val Quentin Council is working closely to review, identify and address properties that are in an Untidy / Unsightly condition. Where necessary, we will engage with the Development Officer to address these concerns.

As part of the regular property maintenance in the Summer Village of Val Quentin, residents are responsible to care for the boulevard, alley and driveway crossing adjacent to their property line. This includes the portion of property between the curb or road's edge and the adjacent front property line.

### Maintaining the Boulevard includes:

• Cutting grass to a reasonable length on your portion of the boulevard and ditch

## PIERS & BOAT LIFTS

ALL boat lifts, pier sections, pier stands and stored boats must be off the Parkways by May 31 annually, in order to facilitate lawn mowing and clean-up. Boat Tags are required to be hung on the wheel of the boat lift. These tags include an identification to confirm ownership. Tags can be obtained by contacting any Council member or via email to [cao@valquentin.ca](mailto:cao@valquentin.ca). There is a \$10.00. registration fee. Boat lifts without tags, may be towed away, due to lack of identification.

## REPORT CRIME IN THE SUMMER VILLAGE

Overall crime continues to be relatively low in Val Quentin, however, we have had a few incidents recently. Given the seasonal nature of our Summer Village, please remember that locking up and crime-proofing our property is important. For emergencies call 911. Online at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-qrc.gc.ca/alberta/en> Ph: 780 963 2217.

## DEVELOPMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN

Development in the Summer Village of Val Quentin requires a permit be obtained. This pertains to the following: Construction or excavation, in, on, over or under land. In the making of any change/alterations in the use of any building; also included in this is the removal of top soil; the demolition of a building, the digging of a well or installation of a water cistern, erection of a tarped garage and operating a home-based business.

For all development questions, Development Permits, and Compliance Certificates please contact:

**Mr. Tony Sonnleitner, Box 2945 Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1X9**

**Phone: 780-718-5479 Fax: 866-363-3342 Email: [pcm1@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcm1@telusplanet.net)**

## SAFETY CODE PERMITS

Safety Code permits, including Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sewage & Gas Permits Development or construction in the Village requires a Safety Permit.

**Please contact: Superior Safety Codes Inc. 14613 - 134 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5L 4S9 Ph: 780 489-4777**

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Val Quentin Landfill Val Quentin landfill is accessible to residents who wish to dispose of natural material such as lake weeds, grass clippings, or tree branches.

Waste collection services are provided by Standstone Waste and Water Services and collections are every Monday. Please place cans at the roadside or the front of your property by 7:00 am for collection. All waste must be bagged and placed securely in a lidded waste receptacle to prevent animal access. Organics pickup commences, Monday, May 5, 2025.

The regional landfill is operated by the Highway 43 East Waste Commission. The landfill is located 7 km west on Highway 43 from the Highway 33 junction. Phone: (780) 967-3466. The landfill is open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday and closed on Sundays.

## ALL-NET STAY CONNECTED WITH US

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## ELECTION 2025 – IMPORTANT DATES:

### **Municipal Election 2025**

**Nomination Day: Saturday, July 19, 2025 11 AM - 1 PM**

**Advance Poll: Saturday, August 9, 2025 9 AM - 1 PM**

**Election Day: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10 AM - 7 PM**

### **2025 Candidate Forum Orientation Sessions**

Presenter: Teresa Olsen with the Town of Stony Plain

**Saturday May 3, 2025: 10am – 12 noon**  
Stettin-Nakamun Hall