

STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 - 2028



VAL QUENTIN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2025



COMMUNITY PROFILE

LOCATION & HISTORY

Established as a Summer Village
on June 1, 1960
to support seasonal living along the
Southeast shores of Lac Ste. Anne.

POPULATION & DWELLINGS

160 private dwellings
74 usual residents
Source: 2021 Federal Census

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

Strong community spirit,
lake-based recreation,
volunteer-driven events.

KEY FEATURES

Community Lakeside Parks

Burton Park

Cantin Park

Dave Ronaldson Park

Lori-Jeffery Heaney Park

No Name Park

Walking Trail

Waterfront access,
quiet residential character,
proximity to regional services.





VISION

A vibrant, welcoming lakeside community that values nature, fosters strong connections, and provides a safe and sustainable environment for residents and visitors.

MISSION

To serve the community through responsible governance, environmental stewardship, and by enhancing the quality of life for all who call the Summer Village of Val Quentin home.

CORE VALUES

- Stewardship – Protecting the lake and natural environment.
- Community – Fostering connection and pride among residents.
- Transparency – Open and accountable governance.
- Collaboration – Working together with partners and volunteers.
- Sustainability – Ensuring long-term fiscal and environmental health.





COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

01 Channels:

- ALL-Net
- Community notice board at Cantin Park
- Email updates
- In person
- Newsletters
- Val Quentin Website

02 Feedback:

- Council and Administration updates
- Email
- In person
- Telephone
- Val Quentin Website



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Environmental Stewardship & Lake Health

Goal:

- Protect and enhance the health of Lac Ste. Anne and surrounding natural environments for current and future generations.

Strategic Actions:

- Participate in the Lac Ste. Anne Lake Stewardship Initiative (LILSA) and implement best practices for shoreline management.
- Foster partnership with Watersheds including NWSA
- Support community education on proper waste disposal, runoff control, and boating safety.
- Weed Harvesting Application
- Partner with neighboring municipalities to promote clean water initiatives and invasive species prevention.

• Measures of Success:

- Reduction in shoreline erosion areas.
- Visible improvements in water quality indicators.
- Increased resident participation in lake cleanup and environmental events.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2. Infrastructure Renewal & Asset Management

Goal:

Maintain safe, reliable, and sustainable infrastructure that meets community needs.

Strategic Actions:

- Create and implement the Asset Management Plan to guide maintenance and replacement schedules.
- Prioritize road resurfacing, drainage improvements, and culvert maintenance.
- Upgrade public access areas and walking trail for safety and accessibility.
- Evaluate long-term options for water and wastewater servicing through the Tri-Village Regional Sewer System and WILD Water Commission.

Measures of Success:

- Annual infrastructure maintenance completed as scheduled.
- Asset Management Plan reviewed annually.
- Infrastructure condition rating maintained at “Good” or higher.
- Multi-year Capital Plan adopted annually



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

3. Community Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Goal:

- Ensure the safety, security, and wellbeing of all residents and visitors.

Strategic Actions:

- Strengthen regional collaboration with the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Partnership (SVREMP) and regional municipal, industry and NGO partners.
- Maintain updated Emergency Response Plan and participate in/and conduct annual tabletop exercises.
- Support Fire Rescue International in regional fire prevention, education and training. (Firesmart)
- Maintain signage for lake access, emergency exits, and fire restrictions.
- Continue to support RCMP community policing and Community Peace Officer (CPO) patrols.

Measures of Success:

- Annual emergency response review completed.
- All councillors and key staff trained in emergency management protocols.
- Improved community awareness through online safety campaigns.
- Reduction in bylaw and fire-related incidents..



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4. Fiscal Responsibility & Good Governance

Goal:

Ensure effective financial management, accountability, and transparent decision-making.

Strategic Actions:

- Prepare and approve balanced annual operating and capital budgets.
- Maintain competitive municipal tax rates.
- Review and update municipal bylaws and policies for clarity and compliance.
- Enhance online transparency through publication of financial reports and meeting minutes.
- Conduct annual Council and Administration performance reviews.
- Participate in regional cost-sharing agreements to reduce duplication and improve efficiency.

Measures of Success:

- Annual audit reports.
- Stable tax rate with reserves maintained at target levels.
- Annual review of bylaws and policies completed.
- Resident satisfaction with governance measured through periodic surveys.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

5. Resident Engagement & Communication

Goal:

Foster open communication and active participation among residents.

Strategic Actions:

- Develop a Communications and Engagement Plan to improve information sharing.
- Expand website content, including online service requests and bylaw access.
- Publish annual Newsletter and social media updates.
- Picnic in the Park
- Encourage volunteerism and local committee involvement.

Measures of Success:

- Communications Plan updated and adopted in 2025.
- Website traffic and newsletter subscriptions increase annually.
- Annual public engagement sessions
- Improved resident satisfaction reported in community feedback.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Regional Collaboration & Partnerships

The Summer Village of Val Quentin works closely with neighboring municipalities and commissions to deliver efficient services and protect shared resources.

Key partnerships include:

Tri-Village Regional Sewer Services

WILD Water Commission

Highway 43 East Waste Commission

Fire Rescue International

Lac Ste. Anne County

Lac Ste. Anne FCSS

Shared wastewater system

Regional water distribution

Waste management and recycling

Fire protection services

Emergency management
and peace officer support

Family and community services

Conclusion

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EXISTING SERVICES

COMMUNICATION	• ALL-Net Messaging • Cantin Park Sign • E-mail • Mail out • Newsletter • Social Media • Val Quentin Website
MUNICIPAL SERVICES	• Alberta Beach Municipal Library • Ambulance Services • CPO Services / Bylaw Enforcement • Development • Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) • Fire Services / FRI • RCMP • Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB) • Yellowhead Regional Library
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	• Burton Park Basketball Maintenance • Cantin Park Gazebo Maintenance • Grass Cutting • Municipal Reserve Maintenance • Picnic Table Maintenance • Pier, Dock, Boatlift Management • Playground Inspections/Weekly/Annually • Playground Equipment Maintenance • Public Access to Lakes • Tree Management • Sign Maintenance • Walking Trail Maintenance • Wood Control
ROAD MAINTENANCE	• Crack Filling • Crosswalk Painting • Line Painting • Road Sign Installation • Snow Removal • Speed Tables • Street Sweeping
WASTE MANAGEMENT	• HWY 43 Waste Commission • Porta Potty Contract • Standstone Waste Management Services • Tri Village Regional Sewer Commission • Val Quentin Organic Landfill and Burn Pit



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Short-term (2025–2026):

- Website update to enhance communication
- Increase education and awareness of Land Use Bylaw
- Implementation of Aquatic Weed Harvesting Program
- LILSA - starting to develop Lake Management Plan
- Adopt Strategic Plan and Communications Plan
- Create Asset Management Plan

Medium-term (2026–2027):

- Land Use Bylaw implementation
- LILSA - Lake Management Plan
- Review intermunicipal collaboration agreements and service delivery efficiency - IDP; MDP

Long-term (2027–2028):

- Pursue grant funding for community projects and major infrastructure (roads, docks, waste systems).
- Conduct full Strategic Plan evaluation and prepare next 3-year plan





PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Council and Administration will:

- Review progress quarterly during regular Council meetings.
- Publish an Annual Strategic Progress Report summarizing achievements, challenges, and upcoming actions.
- Engage residents for feedback and ideas on emerging priorities.

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