



VAL QUENTIN CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



December 2025

Mayor's Christmas & New Year Message:

On behalf of myself, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Staff, I'd like to wish the residents of the Summer Village of Val Quentin a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May you experience peace, joy, happiness and good health throughout the Christmas season and in the coming New Year. We are extremely grateful and privileged to have served this wonderful community in 2025.

In our July election we welcomed Barrie Ronaldson (Deputy Mayor) and Kent Galusha (Councillor) to Val Quentin Council.

They have completed a variety of educational opportunities, and are working on numerous committees in our surrounding area and actively ensuring our communities local needs are met.

We also want to give a special thanks to Al Christiansen for serving our community over the last 4 years. Also special thanks to Roger Montpellier for his 17 years of service to the community and a wide range of projects over the years!

This year has been a busy year for the Summer Village!

We finished our street paving and restoration and we will continue to reserve funds for future paving in our community. A variety of work was completed to ensure that our parks are safe, clean and welcoming and some work was completed to firesmart our community from future fire risk.

A heartfelt thank you to our community volunteers, without your generous enthusiasm and support our community would not be able to succeed in the way that it does. And a special thanks for the volunteers that hosted our 2nd Annual Winter Festival, it was a chilly night filled with the warmth of community and making new connections with neighbors and our local Fire Department, FRI.

To new residents of Val Quentin, we extend a warm welcome to our community, and we look forward to getting to know you. We continue to work towards ensuring the Summer Village of Val Quentin is a strong sustainable community that is an exceptional place to live. Val Quentin is more than a summer village — it's a place we proudly call home, all year long!

Mayor Kathy Dion
Summer Village of Val Quentin Council





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Regional Deputy Director Emergency Management		

VAL QUENTIN CONTACT INFORMATION

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E-Mail: cao@valquentin.ca
website: valquentin.ca

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Property owners are responsible for ensuring their contact information is current. If your address changes, please notify us at **cao@valquentin.ca** and Alberta Land Titles so you continue to receive important notices, including tax information.

Please note: Failure to receive a tax notice due to an incorrect or outdated mailing address does not exempt property owners from paying property taxes. Penalties will apply to all overdue amounts in accordance with the Tax Bylaw.

VAL QUENTIN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings

are held the third Wednesday monthly at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office located at 4935 – 50 Avenue, Alberta Beach, AB

Click on this [Link](#) to view the agendas which are posted on the Val Quentin website.

www.valquentin.ca

ALL NET MUNICIPAL MESSAGING

Connect – By All-Net is a central portal to manage and disseminate messages and alerts to all residents via e-mail, smartphone apps, text messages, social media and voice phone lines. Click here to **[signup](#)** today!



VAL QUENTIN DEVELOPMENT

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 visit the Val Quentin website at this [link](#) and/or contact:

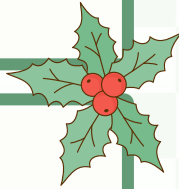
Mr. Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer

Box 2945

Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1X9

Phone: 780-718-5479 Fax: 866-363-3342

Email: pcm1@telusplanet.net



PERMITS/INSPECTIONS

Superior Safety Codes is the contracted safety codes provider for the Summer Village of Val Quentin. All required building, electrical, plumbing, gas, and private sewage permits must be obtained through Superior Safety Codes prior to starting any work.

Property owners and contractors are reminded that permits and inspections help ensure projects meet Alberta Safety Codes and protect public safety.

For permit applications, inspections, and information, please visit the Val Quentin website at this [link](#)

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

The key is available by contacting Mayor Kathy Dion or Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson.

Recycling Made Easy for Val Quentin Residents

Did you know Val Quentin residents are welcome to use the Alberta Beach Recycling Depot?

The depot is located at the Alberta Beach Public Works Shop,
5009 49 Avenue, behind the Village Office.

You can recycle:

- Paper and cardboard
- Tin, aluminum, and metal cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers (#1–#7)

Please rinse containers and flatten cardboard before dropping them off.

Thank you for helping keep our communities clean and sustainable!



2026 CALENDAR
SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN

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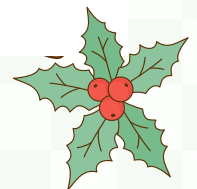
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As the holiday season arrives, the team at SVREMP would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and celebrate the strong sense of community that makes Val Quentin such a special place to call home. We are grateful to serve you and appreciate the cooperation, preparedness, and resilience you demonstrate throughout the year.

From an emergency management perspective, the winter and holiday season can also bring unique challenges.

Severe weather, power outages, icy road conditions, and increased travel can all impact safety. We encourage residents to take a few moments to prepare:

- Review your household emergency plan and ensure all family members know what to do in case of severe weather or a power outage.
- Check emergency supply kits and restock essentials such as flashlights, batteries, medications, food, and water.
- Use extra caution when traveling during winter weather and allow additional time to reach your destination safely.
- Stay informed by monitoring local alerts, weather updates, and official communications.
- Check in on neighbors, especially seniors or those who may need additional assistance during cold weather or emergencies.
- Preparedness at the household and neighborhood level plays an important role in strengthening the overall safety and resilience of Val Quentin. Small steps taken now can make a meaningful difference during an emergency.

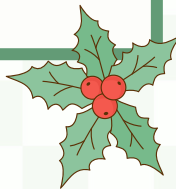
May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and meaningful moments, and may the New Year bring good health, safety, and continued community strength.

Janice Christiansen, Regional Director of Emergency Management
Marlene Walsh, Regional Deputy Director of Emergency Management

website: svlsace.ca/about-svrempp

Put FireSmart into practice

Tips for Holiday Safety





SNOW REMOVAL

Val Quentin has retained the services of Tim Hay Trucking & Construction to manage the snow removal services for the 2025/2026 Season.

The Summer Village of Val Quentin wishes to remind all residents of the following important guidelines to ensure safe and effective winter road maintenance within our community.

Authorized Snow Removal on Public Roads

Only the contracted Summer Village snow removal operator is authorized to clear snow and ice from public roads, rights-of-way, and municipal property. Unauthorized snow clearing creates significant safety hazards for operators, pedestrians, and motorists. It can create liability concerns for the Summer Village of Val Quentin as well as the individual performing the work.

If private driveways are blocked, this may interfere with emergency access. Improperly placed snow piles can cause drainage and property damage issues during spring melt. These expectations are consistent with the Snow, Ice, and Windrow Removal Policy (P-1-2023) adopted by Council.

Do Not Push Private Snow onto Public Roads

Residents must not push or deposit snow from private driveways, walkways, or properties onto public roadways. This practice creates dangerous road conditions, impedes visibility, interferes with snow removal operations, and poses risks to all who travel within the Summer Village.

Please ensure all snow from private property remains on your property or is stored in accordance with safe snow-storage practices.

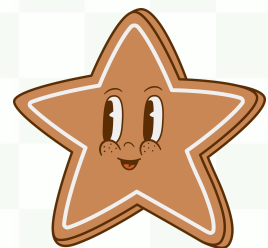
Reporting Concerns

If you have questions or concerns related to snow removal, ice conditions, or winter road maintenance, please contact:

Tim at 780 818 5849 and/or the Summer Village Office at cao@valquentin.ca.

Winter Road Maintenance & Snow Removal Guidelines

Reference: Summer Village of Val Quentin – Snow, Ice, and Windrow Removal Policy (P-1-2023) <https://valquentin.ca/.../Snow-Ice-Windrow-Removal-Policy.pdf>





PROPERTY TAXES

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

As the holiday season approaches, the Summer Village of Val Quentin would like to remind property owners that, in accordance with Bylaw 300-29, an 18% penalty will be applied to any outstanding property taxes and related costs that remain unpaid after December 31, 2025. Penalties are applied annually on January 1.

Property taxes are levied under the Municipal Government Act.

Payment Options

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to:

Summer Village of Val Quentin

PO Main Box 3115, Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A4

Mailed payments are considered received based on the postmark date. Please ensure cheques are completed correctly. Penalties cannot be waived if a cheque is returned for correction and is not received by December 31, 2025. Quote Tax Roll Number and municipal address.

E-Transfer

E-transfer payments are also accepted. To ensure timely processing during the holiday season, please complete your e-transfer at least three (3) banking days prior to December 31, 2025, as banks do not process transactions after hours or on weekends.

Mortgage Company Payments

If your taxes are paid through a mortgage company, please remember that the property owner is responsible for ensuring payment is made on time.

We appreciate your attention to this reminder and thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of Council and Administration, we wish you and your family a safe, joyful, and happy holiday season.



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a member allows you to vote at our AGM. Membership can be purchased for \$20, and is due ANNUALLY. E-transfer to lilsawaterquality@gmail.com

LILSA relies on the income from our membership purchases to fund our lake initiatives. Please consider purchasing a membership.

Keep up to date on information about the LILSA Water Quality and Quantity Project at this link:

[LILSA WQ2](#)





FIRE INSURANCE

ARE YOU PROTECTED?

You are encouraged to discuss with your insurance broker to ensure the coverage you have on your property is adequate for the potential costs you may incur including property damage/replacement, structure fire suppression, grassland fire suppression and call-out services.

FRI RESPONSE TO YOUR PROPERTY

This is a friendly reminder to residents that the Village is billed every time there is a fire department response to a property.

This bill is then passed on to the property owner. Please check your insurance to make sure you have adequate coverage.



SEASONS GREETINGS FROM TVRSSC

As the holiday season approaches, the Tri-Village Regional Sewer System team respectfully reminds residents to be mindful of what is discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

To help prevent blockages, backups, and unnecessary maintenance issues, please ensure that fats, oils and grease, wipes (including those labeled "flushable"), paper towels, hygiene products, and food waste are not placed down sinks or toilets.

Your cooperation is appreciated and plays an important role in protecting critical infrastructure and ensuring reliable service for the entire community.

On behalf of the Tri-Village Regional Sewer System, we extend our warmest holiday wishes to you and your families, along with best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.



CRIME REPORTING

Alberta RCMP has a province-wide crime reporting tool that provides all Albertans the ability to report the following property crimes in a convenient and accessible way.

Reporting all crimes, gives information to RCMP for areas of focus.

The crime reporting app is available at this [link](#)

ICE FISHING AT LAC STE ANNE

Ice fishing is a great way to enjoy Alberta's lakes during the winter months. Cozy ice huts make the experience more comfortable, but remember to follow the rules to protect people, fish and the lake:

- Know the Regulations: Check open seasons, species, catch limits, and gear restrictions before you go.
- Gear Up: Bring an ice auger, rod or tip-up, measuring board, gloves, and an emergency kit.
- Ice Hut Etiquette: Label huts left on the ice over 24 hours with your WIN or contact info. Remove huts by mid- to late March depending on your area.
- Handle Fish Carefully: Keep fish in the water, avoid touching gills or eyes, and release quickly to ensure survival.
- Safety First: Always check ice thickness and have an emergency plan.
- Find more information about this and other ice fishing topics here: <https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/ice-fishing.aspx>



SPECIAL THANKS TO VAL QUENTIN'S AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS FOR
PICNIC IN THE PARK AND WINTER FESTIVAL



Barrie & Leslie Ronaldson
Butch Zaprawa & Renee Cadarette
Darcie Graham
Dave & Cathy McLennan & Family
Janice and Alan Christiansen
Kelly Gallivan & Edrea Cox
Marlene Walsh
Ralph Korner
Roger & Vivian Montpellier



Andre Brassard
Beachside Grind
Bill Hanson - H Factor Productions
Bob Podritske - Tim Hortons
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Tri Village Regional Sewer System
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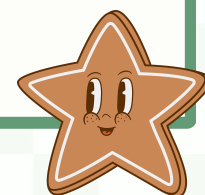
Council sincerely thanks our Volunteers for your Community Support
Thank you for generously volunteering your time throughout the year!
Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated.
Your support helps us to continue to fulfill our mission as we
work together
to serve the residents in our community each year.



PICNIC IN THE PARK: SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Special Thanks to our Amazing Sponsors and Community Partners

Fortis Alberta Tim Hay Trucking and Construction SANG - Ste.Anne Natural Gas Co-op Ltd.
Alberta Beach Municipal Library MPE Engineering Standstone Waste & Water Service Ltd.





VAL QUENTIN HOLIDAY LIGHTUP

And now... the Winners...

Kelly Gallivan and Edrea Cox

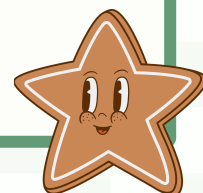
1st Prize: Congratulations on an absolutely magical display that stole the show!



VAL QUENTIN HOLIDAY LIGHTUP

And now... the Winners...

2nd PRIZE Winners: Your holiday creativity shines brightly!
Peter & Joanne Young





VAL QUENTIN HOLIDAY LIGHTUP

And now... the Winners...

3rd Prize Winners: A cheerful and charming presentation that warms every heart!

Arthur & Elizabeth Brochu



This year.. The Christmas Tree of Val Quentin Shines Brightly

For many years, the Christmas tree at Cantin Park in the Summer Village of Val Quentin has stood quietly in the park—beautiful, but dark, waiting to shine its light. This year, thanks to our amazing community members, Butch Zaprawa, Alan Christiansen and Roger Montpellier, and the very capable team from FortisAlberta, the tree shines proudly for all to enjoy.

Thank you to Leslie and Barrie Ronaldson for the donation of the lights!

