



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.
HELD Virtually via Zoom:**

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ATTENDANCE: VIRTUALLY	Kathy Dion, Mayor; Deputy Mayor, Barrie Ronaldson; Councillor, Kent Galusha Marlene Walsh, CAO Janice Christiansen, Regional DEM
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Land Acknowledgement

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.	Call to Order: Mayor Kathy Dion called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm
Res. 269 25-12-17 CARRIED	2.	Approval of Agenda: Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved approval of the Agenda as presented.
Res. 270 25-12-17 CARRIED	3.	Adoption of the Previous Minutes: Kent Galusha moved the <u>November 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes</u> be approved as presented.
	4.	Public Hearings: No Public Hearings
	5.	Delegations: None
	6.	Business Arising i) Water Distribution Feasibility Study Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MPE continues to work on collection of all feedback on the Servicing Standards for finalization. MPS has started the final submission report that summarizes all of the decisions and discussions held to date, including governance, capital costs, capital plan, system layout, suggested water rates, suggested servicing standards, and next steps. A request for an additional one year extension has been submitted to Municipal Affairs to allow for completion of this study.
		ii) Signage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking Trail Sign - Administration continues to request quotes• Additional designs and styles are being considered

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration continues to research grant funding opportunities for this project.
Res. 271 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p>iii) Bylaws & Policies</p> <p><u>Land Use Bylaw</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that Council of the Summer Village of Val Quentin hereby gives First Reading to the draft Land Use Bylaw being a bylaw to regulate the use and development of land within the Summer Village of Val Quentin, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.
Res. 272 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p><u>300-27 Procedure Bylaw</u> (1st reading)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson that Council of the Summer Village of Val Quentin hereby gives 1st reading of the Procedure Bylaw being a bylaw in relation to the procedures of Council and Council Committees, and the conduct of elected officials and members of Council committees. <p>This bylaw will be shared with legal counsel and will be brought forward to the January 21, 2026 Council Meeting for 2nd reading.</p>
Res. 273 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p><u>P-8-2025</u> Anonymous, Abusive, Frivolous and Vexatious Complaints Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Councillor Kent Galusha that Council of the Summer Village of Val Quentin hereby adopts and approves Policy P-8-2025 as presented.
		<p>iv) Water Application</p> <p>Administration Update - work on the application process is underway.</p>
		<p>v) LILSA Water Quality and Water Quantity Project</p> <p>Tracy Beck attended the LILSA Steering Committee kick-off meeting on Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025 and shared the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants representing the various communities around the lake were introduced Logistics and meeting dates discussed. One member suggested meeting 2x/month for updates. Plan is to meet primarily first Tuesday of the month (next meeting scheduled for Jan 6, potential meeting on Jan 20 if outstanding discussion items on the 6th.) Project name is WQ2 (Water Quality / Water Quantity) Defined goal of WQ2 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a shared vision and values, followed by the development of a comprehensive Lake Mgmt Plan for Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne, that will complement other watershed plans.
		<p>vi) Events</p> <p>Winter Festival Update</p> <p>The final report will come after the committee has a wrap up meeting in early January.</p>

Tree Lighting & Carolling- December 4 @ 6 pm - 8 pm - Cantin Park

FortisAlberta (Kevin) assisted volunteers with installing the lights on the Tree.

Leslie Ronaldson updated songbooks to larger print & volunteers helped with assembly Playlist to sing along to on Leslie's phone

Thank you to Ralph Korner for leading the carolling.

Suggestion to have the Carolling the same day as the Winter Festival

Had some new people join us for the Carolling

Barrie replaced lock for trailer

Light Up Contest - Judging while carolling Dec. 4 @ 6 pm - 8 pm

Judges: Ralph Korner, Cathy McLennan, Leslie Ronaldson

Baskets for 1st, 2nd and 3rd - two honorable mentions

Leslie to make up baskets of prizes from sponsorship donations

Announce winners at WInter Festival

Marlene to announce winners on Social Media after Dec. 6th.

Winter Festival Set up

Propane Heaters in the Gazebo

Firepits - Flooring underneath (might want to look at alternative next year)

Music & PA System with mic

Lions Food Hamper Bin - Jan

Tables - Fire Dept. (We may want to purchase 3 or 4 to use for Picnic in the park because of the narrow size.) Costco

Tarps to put around the Gazebo - Barrie will look into purchasing tarps that can be used for other events.

Barrie will look into repairing the lights on the Gazebo - appears someone either vandalized or stole the solar panel

Stations - ongoing all evening - Most took place in the Gazebo due to weather

Food Gloves, napkins & cups

Hotdogs, Buns, Marshmallows, raw onion, Cheese Whiz

Roasting Sticks Jan & Leslie

Mustard, ketchup & relish - Jan

Coffee & Hot Chocolate - Beachside Grind

Tim Bits & Cookies - Bob Podritska - Tim Horton

Candy Canes (mostly for prizes & for Santa to give out)

Waste bins

Attendees - 2 kids under 7 and approx. 38 adults, includes FRI (fire department and committee members.

Winter Festival Schedule of events had to pivot several times during the event due to weather

Firepit, Hot Dogs & Marshmallow Roasting, Snow Shoes, Crafts

Corn Hole, Pics with cutouts, Wagon/hay rides

5:15 - Gather kids and Val Quentin Council, provide kids with decorations to decorate the council members in "Christmas Spirit"!

Great event to get things going.

4:45 Gather kids around the firepit for Story-time!
- Darcie Graham another wonderful event enjoyed by all

5:00 - Charades around the fire - Cathy McLennan
This might be the favorite of all events.

5:30 pm - Reindeer Limbo - Too Cold to get momentum going outside well.
Can use for the Picnic in the Park

6:20 - Everyone enjoyed Santa and loved having pics taken with him

6:45 - Announce the Light Up Winners - 1st 2nd & 3rd & honourable mentions

6:50 - Thankyous, acknowledgements & reminder about the 2027 event!
Additional Hand written cards for all sponsors will be hand delivered this week.

Light Up Winners

Honorable Mention - 5009 - 64 street Robert Lecocq

Honourable Mention - 5012 Crestview Drive Gordon and Helen Gibson

3rd Place - 5029 - 64 Street Arthur and Elizabeth Brochu

2nd Place - 5004 - Crestview Dr. Joanne & Peter Young

1st Place - 6525-50 Avenue - Kelly Gallivan & Edrea Cox

Special Thanks to the Sponsors

- Beachside Grind
- Earthshine
- Ks General Store
- Tim Hortons
- FortisAlberta - Put up lights on tree at Cantin Park
- Andre Brassard - Wagon
- Ken Triekel - Hay
- Al Christiansen - Side by Side
- Brett - Generator
- Jason Madge, Tri Village Regional Sewer commission - Power for Cantin Park
- Bill Hanson - H Factor Productions - Sound System
- Cathy Dion - Donation for basket
- Barrie & Leslie Ronaldson - Lights for Cantin Park Tree & lock for carolling trailer

Volunteers

Brett Spreen, Ralph Korner, Darcie Graham

Committee Volunteers

Al & Jan Christiansen, Butch and Rene' Cadarette, Cathy & Dave McLennan,

Roger & Viv Montpellier

Barrie & Leslie Ronaldson

Marlene Walsh - Social Media, Marketing and Communications

Attendance - approx. 40 people at festival

Budget - \$224.08

(wieners, buns, candy canes, marshmallows, cheez whiz, decorations & prizes)

		<p>vii) Asset Management - Mathewson & Co. Confirmation of participation includes all Summer Villages in SVLSACE and Alberta Beach in this Asset Management Project. Information sharing is underway.</p>
	7.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Administration will prepare Draft 1 of the 2026 Operating Budget for review at the January 21, 2026 Council Meeting.</p>
Res. # 274 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p>2026 Interim Operating Budget Annually, Council must pass an Interim Operating Budget until such time as the final operating and capital budget is passed. (usually in April) This interim operating budget allows the municipality to continue to pay operating costs for that first portion of the year.</p> <p>Mayor Kathy Dion moved that the 2026 Interim Operating Budget be passed at 1/2 of the 2025 Operating Budget, and that this 2026 Interim Operating Budget cease to have any force and effect once the 2026 Operating Budget is approved.</p>
Res. #275 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p>2026 Capital Budget - in accordance with the Municipal Government Act the Capital Budget for the following year is to be passed by December 31st of the previous year.</p> <p>This change is to allow municipalities to have the spending authority at the start of the year for engineering, planning etc. The Capital Budget may be amended in the new year moving forward, this just allows projects that require an early start in the year to move forward.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that the 2026 Capital Budget be approved as presented with the understanding that this Budget may be amended moving forward, depending on project initiation/approval.</p>
Res. #276 25-12-17 CARRIED		<p>3 Year Operating and 5 Year Capital Budget - under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), municipalities are required to create and adopt a 3-year operating financial plan forecast and 5-year capital plans annually. Attached is this budget for Council consideration and approval. Kent Galusha moved that the 3-Year Operating and 5-Year Capital Budget be approved as presented</p>
Res. #277 25-12-17 CARRIED	8.	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>i) November 2025 Financials Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved the November financials be received for information</p>
	9.	Correspondence

	10.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Tony Sonnleitner</p> <p>Attended Committee of the Whole Meeting November 5, 2025 to discuss LUB WWHR</p>
		<p>Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An SVREMP Agency Meeting and a Meet and Greet are being scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Sunset Point Christian Camp. Invitations will be sent to Agency/Advisory Committee representatives.
		<p>Mayor Kathy Dion Report</p> <p>Mayor's Report December 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Resilient Roads Info Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The National Road Resilience Project is a free, government-funded opportunity to help small Canadian communities build resilience to flooding and wildfire risks on priority roads. Offered in partnership with the Canadian Urban Institute, NAMS Canada and AIM Network. Funded by the Government of Canada • Attended Yellowhead Regional Library meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stronger Together Conference very successful, presented to MacEwan University ○ Keeping an eye on potential changes to Alberta Library Act and/or Regulations ○ AB Munis and Edm/Calgary libraries lobbying for increased funding ○ Effective Jan 2 Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Services moved to Public Libraries (Edmonton and Calgary offices closed), 2026 Budget approved • Attended Alberta Beach Library meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canada Summer Job Application submitted ○ 2026 budget accepted will bring for approval at AB Beach Council in January ○ Variety of adult and children programs offered in November ○ New monitors purchased • Attended Winter Festival
		<p>Val Quentin Public Works Report - Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Christmas carolling and Winter Festival organizing committee - equipment and materials from seacan • SV of Val Quentin message board updates • SVVQ road grading/ sanding contractor discussions
		<p>Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Beachwave Park Stakeholder meeting • Attended Committee of the Whole meeting - LUB WWHR & 2026 budget review
		<p>Councillor Kent Galusha Report</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TVRSSC Meeting ● What goes down the drain ● Budget Discussions ● Attended Winter Festival
		<p>Administration - Marlene Walsh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASVA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended December 11, 2025 Meeting ○ Requested support from LGAA/ASVA and possibly AB Munis for implementation of PIPA/ATIA/POPA ○ Discussion regarding collaborative approach for Watershed Management (Ian Rawlinson) ○ 2026 Conference Planning is underway ● Asset Management - Matthewson & Company Proposal for SVLSACE All 12 Summer Villages within the Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne County East (SVLSACE) are participating ● Attended Resilient Roads Info Session - grant application submitted ● Budget 2026 - ongoing work underway ● Bylaw and Policy Review and Updates ongoing ● Emergency Management ongoing ● Land Use Bylaw Updates ongoing ● Watershed Management ● MAATI Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed training provided by Municipal Affairs.
Res. #278 25-12-17 CARRIED		Mayor Kathy Dion moved the reports be received for information
Res. #279 25-12-17 CARRIED	11.	<p>Closed Session: CAO Staffing Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that Council move into Closed Session at 8:12 PM to discuss personnel matters as per Section 17 (Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy) and Section 24 (Advice from Officials) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26.</p>
Res. #280 25-12-17 CARRIED		Moved by Mayor Kathy Dion that Council return to Open Session at 8:21
Res. #281 25-12-17 CARRIED		Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that the CAO contract be accepted as presented.

	12.	Next Meeting Date & Location Committee of the Whole: Virtual Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7 PM Regular Council Meeting - Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office or Virtual
	13.	ADJOURNMENT: As all matters were addressed, Mayor Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Mayor, Kathy Dion

CAO, Marlene Walsh