



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.
HELD Virtually via Zoom:**

ATTENDANCE:	Deputy Mayor, Barrie Ronaldson Councillor, Kent Galusha CAO, Marlene Walsh Janice Christiansen, Regional DEM SVREMP
VIRTUALLY:	Mayor Kathy Dion
GALLERY:	FRI - Fire Chief David Ives

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: Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Res. 282 26-01-21 CARRIED	2.	Approval of Agenda: Councillor Kent Galusha moved approval of the Agenda with the following additional items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Launch Parking • FireSmart Survey • Ice Shacks Move In
Res. 283 26-01-21 CARRIED	3.	Adoption of the Previous Minutes: Mayor Kathy Dion moved the December 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes 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"> • Following meetings and discussions with the Development Officers and the Fire Chief, MPE Engineering has provided the Tri-Village Servicing Standards report for the Committee to review. A request for extension for the 2223-IC-50 Water for Life: Potable Water Distribution Feasibility Study was submitted and has been approved. A meeting will be scheduled to review the Servicing Standards and the additional workplan for the WFDS.

		<p>ii) Animal Control - Violation Tickets Land Use Bylaw No. 218-52, Keeping of Animals This item has been tabled to February 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.</p>
		<p>iii) Signage Ongoing discussions are underway regarding Village Signage. Additional designs and styles are being considered Administration will coordinate an onsite meeting with the supplier and Council.</p> <p>Grant funding has been secured for this project.</p> <p>This item will be brought forward to the February 4, 2026 Committee of Whole Meeting.</p>
<p>Res. 284 26-01-21 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 285 26-01-21 CARRIED</p>		<p>iv) Bylaws & Policies Land Use Bylaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, Val Quentin Council proceed with the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Land Use Bylaw 300-34 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026, at 6 pm Public Hearing Information provided by Brad Macdonald from Municipal Planning Services 300-27 Procedure Bylaw <p>Bylaw 300-27 was shared with legal counsel and will require additional edits prior to 2nd reading. Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that Administration continue to liaise with Legal Counsel to complete the rewriting of this bylaw. .</p> <p>This item is tabled to the February 18, 2026 meeting</p>
		<p>v) Water Application Status Update Administration Update - work is underway on this application.</p>
		<p>vi) LILSA Water Quality and Water Quantity Project Committee Report Update from Steering Committee Member Tracy Beck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A WQ² Kick Off Meeting was held in December 2025 Update from January 20, 2026 WQ² Meeting Discussion on how phosphorus impacts the lake - there was a study done in 1999 regarding water quality and some discreet phosphorus measurements that can be targeted to improve the health of lakes. This was an ad hoc discussion, but one of the committee members posted the study in the team Sharepoint site for reference. Tracy asked if there had been any outcomes from this study (27 years ago), and no one knew the answer to that question, so likely not. Some discussion around grant writing was held, and opportunities to apply for grants.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernie Poulin will be meeting with MLA Shane Getson to discuss opportunities. • The next meeting is Feb 3, 2026 at 7 pm. In Tracy's absence, Deputy Mayor Ronaldson will attend. There will be a survey for Steering Committee members to complete to determine each individual's vision and objective for this project.
		<p>vii) Events</p> <p>Winter Festival Final Debriefing Meeting was held and following are a few recommendations for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the continued use of tarps be supported, as they were identified as a beneficial initiative. • That the use of clear tarps be considered for future activities to reduce the separation of participants. • Deputy Mayor Ronaldson will do some additional research on options related to the most suitable tarps and pricing and share at the February Council meeting. <p>Special thanks to the Organizing Committee, volunteers, and community members for their participation and support, contributing to a successful and enjoyable event.</p>
		<p>viii) <u>Asset Management - Matthewson & Co.</u></p> <p>Project is underway - Information requests are being fulfilled as received. At the recent ASVA Meeting, Membership renewal was approved for (IAMA) Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta.</p> <p>There may be opportunity to showcase this collaborative SVLSACE project at the fall Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta Conference.</p>
		<p>ix) 2026 Operating Budget (Draft 1) Discussion</p> <p>Budget Discussions are underway. Administration provided Draft 1 for review. Council is committed to managing community funds responsibly while ensuring residents' needs and priorities are supported. Upon receipt of additional requisitions, Draft 2 will be presented for review at the February Council Meeting.</p>
	7.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>i) 2025 Audit Update</p> <p>Administration advised that the Engagement Letter with Seniuk & Marcato has been executed, and work is underway to provide the required documentation in preparation for completion of the 2025 Audit.</p>
		<p>ii) 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus - March 26-27, 2026</p> <p>There may be opportunity to meet with Minister Williams at the ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus 2026 in Edmonton. Administration and Deputy Mayor Ronaldson are preparing a WQ² submission for consideration by the approval committee.</p>

		<p>iii) Joint Tri Village Meetings - proposed upcoming meetings are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, February 5, 2026, at 7 pm (Alberta Beach to host) • Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 7 pm (Val Quentin to host) • Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7 pm (Sunset Point to host)
Res. 286 26-01-21 CARRIED		<p>iv) <u>Yellowhead Regional Library Funding Allocation Request</u></p> <p>Mayor Kathy Dion moved Administration sign off and submit the YRL Allotment Form that provides confirmation of the Assignment of Funds from Val Quentin to the Alberta Beach Municipal Library.</p>
		<p>v) Beachwave Park</p> <p>Administration advised that discussions are underway regarding the development of a regional resident survey intended to increase awareness of, and gather feedback on, park usage and resident support. This item will be brought forward for additional discussion at the February 4, 2026 Val Quentin Committee of the Whole Meeting.</p>
		<p>vi) Parking</p> <p>Burton Park Boat Launch Parking</p> <p>Council directed Administration to coordinate with the Alberta Beach Patrol to request increased monitoring and enforcement of parking regulations in this area. Council has asked that particular attention be given to weekend activity, when parking congestion and non-compliance are most prevalent.</p>
		<p>vii) FireSmart Survey</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson suggested a resident survey to increase awareness of the FireSmart Program, and the opportunity for complimentary FireSmart Home Assessments that can be completed through the local Fire Department Fire Rescue International (FRI).</p> <p>Council discussed hosting a Community FireSmart event in the Spring.</p> <p>Administration will connect with Southview Council to discuss their event which was very successful. An update will be provided at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting. Topics noted for consideration include do-it-yourself tip bins, burn spot options, and hazard identification.</p> <p>Administration will also place an increased emphasis on sharing FireSmart information with residents.</p>
		<p>viii) Ice Shacks Movement on Lac Ste Anne Trail</p> <p>Council discussed ice shack transport via Burton Park and directed Administration to liaise with Alberta Beach Patrol to confirm that regulatory compliance, safe handling, and adherence to seasonal removal requirements are being observed and complied with.</p>
Res. 287 26-01-21 CARRIED	8.	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>i) December 2025 Financials</p> <p>Mayor Kathy Dion moved the December financials be received for information</p>
Res. 288	9.	<p>Correspondence</p>

26-01-21 CARRIED		<p>i) Beachwave Park Funding Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved the correspondence be accepted for information</p>
	10.	<p>REPORTS Tony Sonnleitner - Nothing to report</p>
		<p>Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SVREMP Agency Meeting/Meet and Greet was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Sunset Point Christian Camp. • Although there was lower than normal turnout for Agency members, it was very nice to have Advisory Committee Members also in attendance. . • Council extends congratulations to Stephen Wright on his official appointment as Regional Director of Emergency Management (RDEM) for SVREMP. • Hazard and Risk Assessments will be scheduled and organized for all Summer Villages Council; DEM; DDEM; Public Works representatives will be invited to participate • March 16 - 18, 2026 Mock Emergency Regional Exercise rescheduled <p>Val Quentin Council acknowledged Janice Christiansen for her significant contributions and dedicated work in support of Council also recognized Janice Christiansen for her significant contributions and dedicated work in support of SVREMP.</p>
		<p>Mayor Kathy Dion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attended LUB Discussion on January 7, 2026 in place of Committee of the Whole
		<p>Val Quentin Public Works Report - Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Tri-village Regional Sewer Commission bi-monthly meeting • attended LSAC Reeve and Municipality Mayor meeting in Onoway • attended MLA Shane Getson & MP Michael Cooper Town Hall in Riviere Que Barre • attended SVREMP Agency meeting/ Meet & Greet • attended LUB Discussion on January 7, 2026 in place of Committee of the Whole
		<p>Councillor Kent Galusha Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attended LUB Discussion on January 7, 2026 in place of Committee of the Whole • attended Resilient Roads Info Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) Submission Short listed ◦ Snow Angel Work • attended SVLSACE Meet and Greet Meeting

		Administration - Marlene Walsh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASVA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing discussion regarding implementation of ATIA/POPA ○ 2026 Conference Planning is underway ○ ASVA Board Meeting January 20, 2026 ● ASSET MANAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asset Management - Matthewson & Company Information gathering underway. ○ Discussion with IAMA regarding working committee representation ○ ASVA Membership renewal for IAMA ● Attended Resilient Roads Info Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) Submission Short listed ● Budget 2026 - Draft 1 prepared ● Bylaw and Policy Review and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land Use - Public Hearing Approval ○ Procedure Bylaw ● Emergency Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting January 21, 2026 ○ Assisting with RDEM Transition ○ Workplan for SVREMP ● Watershed Management ● SDAB Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registered for Jan 23, 2026
Res. #289 26-01-21 CARRIED		Kent Galusha moved the reports be received for information
	11.	Next Meeting Date & Location Committee of the Whole Wednesday, February 4, 2026 Virtual Public Hearing - Land Use Bylaw - Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Regular Council Meeting - Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office or Virtual
	12.	ADJOURNMENT: As all matters were addressed, Deputy Mayor Ronaldson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson

CAO, Marlene Walsh