



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
 SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN
 Wednesday, February 18, 2026 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.
 In Person at Alberta Beach Council Chambers
 HELD Virtually via Zoom**

ATTENDANCE:	Mayor Kathy Dion Deputy Mayor, Barrie Ronaldson Councillor, Kent Galusha
VIRTUALLY:	Brad McDonald; Municipal Planning Services Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer Marlene Walsh, CAO Resident Ken Cummings Resident Tracy Simons Resident Kevin Dawson Resident Ruth Middleton Resident Leslie Ronaldson (joined at 6:17 PM)
GALLERY:	No Attendees in Gallery

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 6:00 pm
Res. 290 26-02-18 CARRIED	2.	Approval of Agenda: Barrie moved approval of the Agenda with the following additional items: Item 7. New Business iv) FCM Membership v) Alberta Municipal Affairs - 2026 Minister's Awards for Municipal & Public Library Excellence vi) Letter of Support Alberta Beach Seniors & 50 Plus Club vii) Approval of TVRSSC 2026 Approved Budget and Requisition for Val Quentin
Res. 291 26-02-18 CARRIED	3.	Adoption of the Previous Minutes: Kent Galusha moved the January 21, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

<p>Public Hearing Res. 292 - 294 26-02-18 CARRIED</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>Public Hearings: Proposed Land Use Bylaw 300-34 Council held a Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 300-34, Land Use Amendment, as recorded in the attached separate Public Hearing Minutes. Val Quentin PUBLIC HEARING Minutes Wednesday, February 18, 2026</p>
	<p>5.</p>	<p>Delegations: None</p>
	<p>6.</p>	<p>Business Arising i) Water Distribution Feasibility Study Update WFDS Committee Virtual Meeting being organized to review the Servicing Standards and the additional workplan for the WFDS.</p>
		<p>ii) Animal Control - Violation Tickets Land Use Bylaw No. 218-52, Keeping of Animals Council is gathering additional information and working collaboratively with Legal Counsel on this item.</p>
		<p>iii) Signage Ongoing research to explore options for the Walking Trail and Cantin Park signage.</p>
<p>Res. 295 26-02-18 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 296 26-02-18 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 297 26-02-18 CARRIED</p>		<p>iv) Bylaws & Policies 300-27 Procedure Bylaw Mayor Dion moved that Council proceed with approval of Second Reading of Bylaw 300-27 Procedure Bylaw. Councillor Kent Galusha moved Council grant unanimous consent to proceed to Third Reading of Bylaw 300-27 Procedure Bylaw. Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved Council approve Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 300-27 Procedure Bylaw and that Council hereby repeal the existing Procedure Bylaw 225-09 currently in force, effective upon the adoption of Procedure Bylaw No. 300-27.</p>
		<p>v) Water Application Status Update Administration Update - working with the Aboriginal Consultation Team on the requirements for the application. Awaiting confirmation of next meeting.</p>
		<p>vi) LILSA Water Quality and Water Quantity Project Committee Report Update from WQ² Steering Committee Feb 3, 2026 Meeting Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Mayor Ronaldson advised that all 9 participating municipalities, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association endorse the WQ² project, and have named representatives on the Steering Committee.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-Chairs Bernie Poulin and Ray Hutscal will be meeting with MLA Shane Getson to discuss grant funding opportunities. ● Dr. Hughie Jones from Nakota Sioux Nation is managing a survey for completion by the Steering Committee. Bernie Poulin and Ray Huttschal met with MP Michael Cooper to discuss initiatives with relation to Sturgeon Watershed Alliance. ● The next WQ² Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026.
		<p>vii) <u>Asset Management - Matthewson & Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administration attended a Virtual Meeting with participating SVLSACE partners on February 5, 2026 to discuss the project overview and identification of information requirements. ● Administration attended a virtual meeting with IAMA. Discussion on upcoming presentations and conference items. Provided the following two items for consideration at the upcoming conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What low-cost or accessible tools have helped teams move from Asset Management curiosity to real implementation? ○ How do we ensure rural or remote Asset Management innovators have the same access to resources as those in larger communities?
		<p>viii) 2026 Operating Budget (Draft 2) Budget Discussions are underway. Administration and Council continue to make additional edits as information becomes available.</p>
	7.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>i) 2025 Audit Update Administration is assembling the required documentation to Seniuk and Marcato to proceed with the 2025 Audit.</p>
		<p>ii) 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus - March 26-27, 2026 There may be opportunity to meet with Minister Williams at the ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus 2026 in Edmonton. A WQ² briefing was submitted for consideration by the approval committee and we are waiting an update.</p>
		<p>iii) FireSmart Resident Survey Of 19 respondents, 73.7% were unaware of the free FireSmart Home Assessments; none had previously participated. Interest in future assessments is moderate, with 57.9% very or somewhat likely to participate. Participation could increase with clearer program information, flexible scheduling (including weekends), assurance of privacy and no cost, and examples of benefits from other properties.</p> <p>Overall feedback showed risk awareness and appreciation for the program. Survey closes February 28, 2026.</p> <p>Administration will send a reminder to encourage residents who have not completed the survey to do so prior to February 28, 2026.</p>

		<p>iv) FCM Membership Val Quentin has received an invitation to become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Administration is reviewing the benefits of membership in consultation with the other Summer Villages to support an informed decision.</p>
		<p>v) Alberta Municipal Affairs Alberta Municipal Affairs has announced the 2026 Minister's Awards for Municipal & Public Library Excellence. Mayor Dion recommended Administration share this item for discussion at the upcoming Tri-Village Joint Meeting on March 2, 2026.</p>
		<p>vi) Letter of Support Alberta Beach Seniors & 50 Plus Club The Summer Village of Val Quentin provided a letter of support to co-host the Seniors Week 2026 Launch Event.</p>
<p>Res. 298 26-02-18 CARRIED</p>		<p>vii) Approval of TVRSSC 2026 Approved Budget and Requisition for Val Quentin Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved the TVRSSC 2026 budget requisition for Val Quentin be approved as presented.</p>
<p>Res. 299 26-02-18 CARRIED</p>	<p>8.</p>	<p>Financial Reports i) January 2026 Financials Mayor Kathy Dion moved the January 2026 financials be received for information</p>
	<p>9.</p>	<p>Correspondence i) FortisAlberta Grant Applications and Sponsorships are now Open! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will proceed with a grant application for a replacement/upgrade to the existing information sign at Cantin Park. ii) Police Funding Model - Preliminary 5 year estimate for Val Quentin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council acknowledges the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the local CPO Services for service to the community of Val Quentin that contributes to the safety, well-being, and quality of life for residents. Council recognizes the anticipated increases in policing costs under the 5-year RCMP funding model. Administration will continue to ensure Council and the community are informed and that budgeting reflects the delivery of policing services. </p>
	<p>10.</p>	<p>REPORTS Development Officer - Tony Sonnleitner No development activity to date in 2026. DO Sonnleitner will provide an updated contract for Council review at the Working Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.</p>

Emergency Management

Marlene Walsh - Deputy Director of Emergency Management Val Quentin

- Hazard and Risk Assessments are being scheduled for all SVREMP municipalities. Council; DEM; DDEM; Public Works representatives will be invited to participate
- March 16 - 18, 2026 Mock Emergency Regional Exercise

Kent Galusha - Advisory Committee Representative Val Quentin

- [January 2026 SVREMP Workplan Advisory Committee Update](#)

Val Quentin Public Works Report - Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson

- SV of Val Quentin message board updates completed
- Removal of Christmas lights from fence around Cantin park
- Lowered/ raised Burton park flag honouring Tumbler Ridge, BC massacre

Mayor Kathy Dion Report

Kathy, Barrie and Marlene Attended Regional Municipalities meeting

- **Parkland RCMP** - Persons Crimes - up 7% Property Crime - down 8%, Frauds up, working on ensuring that the public is aware of the work they do as they are not visible, aware of the concern about the rural crime and have created new programs to address the concerns.
- **Rural Alberta Sports Association (RASA)** - Modern, inclusive recreation centre and field house, soccer, football, lacrosse, slowpitch, softball, walking track, vision to build in LSAC outside of AB Beach.
- **SANG** - Large upgrade in Lac La Nonne: delivery station, regulators, better positioned for growth, line access and site growth clearance, (threshing) fire prevention, completing line locating, meter changes in spring. SANG is working closely with emergency management groups in the community.
- **Northern Gateway** - Parent Satisfaction is up - highest response in province. Performance improvement in literacy for grade 9 students, teacher shortage - New teacher educational program Apprenticeship Program "Earn While You Learn", resident reminder to not pass the school buses on the highway.
- **SVREMP - Regional Mock Emergency Management Exercise:** March 16-18, 2026

Attended ABMunis Village and Summer Village update

- **FCSS funding** has stayed flat for many years - ABMunis and RMA are advocating for an increase in this funding to match the cost of living increase to meet the needs of the community.
- **Police Funding Model** - understand that we need to financially support our RCMP and appreciate the work they are doing, however, the increase in cost is not sustainable for municipalities to carry that burden alone.

Alberta Beach Library meeting

- **Friends of the Library (FOL)** - Fundraising group for the Library, Open House March 31, 2026
Casino September 10 and 11, 2026 - **volunteers needed.**
Monthly library attendance and programs continue to grow and expand.

Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson Report

- attended LILSA Board meeting Brad Peters - promoting [Lakekeepers](#)
- attended Regional Municipalities meeting
- attended LILSA WQ2 Steering Committee & Touchpoint meetings on behalf of SV of Val Quentin representative Tracy Beck

Councillor Kent Galusha Report

- Jan 29,2026 PM signs meeting with Robbie, Marlene, Barrie to discuss sign options
- Feb 4,2026 attend council Committee of the Whole
- Feb 17,2026 Review SVREMP work plan and highlights with Janice Christiansen

Administration - Marlene Walsh

- **Use of AI for Municipal Management**
 - Registered and attended 10 Ways Municipal Administrators Can Use AI
 - Draft AI Bylaw for consideration
- **AB MUNIS - VILLAGES & SUMMER VILLAGES Online Meeting**
 - Attended
- **Asset Management**
 - Asset Management - Matthewson & Company Information gathering underway. Attended February 5, 2026 virtual presentation
 - IAMA Working Committee Meeting Feb 11, 2026
- **Resilient Roads Information Session**
 - Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) Val Quentin Submission Short listed
- **Budget 2026- Draft 2 reviewed at Working Committee Meeting. Additional updates will be completed upon receipt of additional requisitions and assessment information from Province.**
- **Bylaw Updates**
 - 300-34 Land Use Bylaw - Public Hearing
 - 300-27 Procedure Bylaw
- **Emergency Management**
 - Scheduling of Hazard & Risk Assessments
 - Preparation and submission of documents for LAEMR Audit
 - Workplan for SVREMP
 - SVREMP Website Updates
 - Arranging a meeting with LSAC
- **Waterhsed Management**
 - Discussions are underway with Aboriginal Consultation Office
 - Application for a ACO submitted online
- **SDAB Training**
 - Completed Jan 23, 2026 - Certification valid for 3 years
- **FCSS Annual Report**
 - Submission due by end of February

Res. #300
26-02-18
CARRIED

Kathy Dion moved the reports be received for information

11.	Next Meeting Date & Location Regular Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office or Virtual
12.	ADJOURNMENT: As all matters were addressed, Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Mayor Kathy Dion

CAO, Marlene Walsh