

**MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM  
COMMENCING AT 7:03 P.M.**

**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.

**Attendance:**

Mayor Kathy Dion  
Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson  
Councillor Kent Galusha  
CAO Marlene Walsh  
WQ<sup>2</sup> Steering Committee Member Tracy Beck  
Climate Ready Infrastructure Representative Kiera Tsakonas  
2 Val Quentin Residents

**1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM**

**2. Acceptance of Agenda**

Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved acceptance of the Agenda with the addition of the following item:

**19. WQ<sup>2</sup> Update - Steering Committee Member Tracy Beck**

**3. DELEGATION:**

**Kiera Tsakonas:** Climate Ready Infrastructure Service Project

The following update was provided on the Grant Application:

- Scope of Work
- Opportunity for Expansion of the project to include additional road conditions
- Asset Management
- Grant Funding for project - confirmation of No Fees to the Summer Village

Delegate left meeting at 7:20 PM

**4. Keeping of Animals**

Mayor Dion advised that Council has sought legal counsel on the Keeping of Animals within the Summer Village. Options were discussed on how best to proceed with situations that arise in the municipality.

Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved this item be tabled for decision at the March 18, 2026 meeting.

**5. Signage**

- i. Walking Trail - quotes will be available for review at the March 18, 2026 Council meeting.
- ii. Cantin Park Power and Electronic Message Board

**Power at the Cantin Park Gazebo** would support Community Gatherings and the annual Christmas tree lightup. Power source would be locked and not readily accessible for public use.

**Electronic Message Board**

Discussion on the decision in the August 21, 2024 minutes where Council confirmed that lighting installation would not proceed at Cantin Park at that time.

Discussion regarding installation of an electronic sign at the main entrance to Val Quentin where the power source is closer than at Cantin Park.

To minimize light pollution the sign could be programmed for specific hours of operation

Discussion regarding a citizen survey regarding signage.

Discussion around placing a timer on the lights so they are not on all evening, and lights on gazebo are not required during the summer.

If concerns arise with inappropriate behavior in the park, share with CAO/CPO for assistance

**6. 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus - March 26-27, 2026**

- Status Update message scheduled to send 2026 03 05

**7. Beachwave Park Survey**

Following discussion at the Tri Region Meeting, the survey will not proceed at this time, however, a strong focus will be placed on increasing resident awareness of program offerings and activities at Beachwave Park.

**FireSmart Program Survey**

The Key Takeaway from this survey is that Awareness of FireSmart Home Assessments in Val Quentin is currently low, however, interest is stronger now that more residents are aware the service is free, private, and helpful.

Residents are welcome to contact Fire Rescue International at 1 855-710-3473, or via email at david.ives@firerescueinternational.net and Chief Ives and their team will work to schedule FireSmart Home Assessments.

Visit <https://firesmartalberta.ca/> for additional information on FireSmart!

**8. Emergency Awareness Week - Community Event**

- i. **Resilience Building Network (RBN)** invite representatives to attend Picnic in the Park
- ii. **FireSmart Community Cleanup** - discussion regarding potential dates including the 2nd Saturday in July in conjunction with Picnic in the Park.

**9. Budget Review - March 18, 2026**

Budget scenarios will be presented for discussion and decision

Mayor Dion recommended a \$2,000 budget line item for Beachwave Park be considered.

**10. Police Funding Model**

- i. **2025 CPO Agreement** - Fee for Service \$21,483
- ii. **2026 CPO Agreement** - Fee for Service \$21,483
- iii. **Educational Information to be shared with residents.**

**11. Onsite Hazard & Risk Assessment**

Summer Village Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP) is working with Council to confirm a date to complete a review of Hazards and Risks to identify the hazards most likely to affect the community and to guide emergency planning and preparedness.

Council participation supports informed decision-making, strengthens the municipality's Emergency Management Plan, and helps ensure that emergency preparedness and mitigation efforts align with the community's highest risks and priorities.

**12. Asset Management**

Administration will provide a progress update on the development and implementation of the Asset Management Plan at the March 18, 2026 regular Council Meeting. The update will include activities completed to date for Val Quentin and SVLSACE participating municipalities.

**13. Development Officer Contract Renewal**

Contract will be provided for review prior to the March 18, 2026 Council Meeting

**14. Water Application for Shoreline Weedbed Management**

Administration provided a progress update on this application. Upon completion of the mapping requirements, the remainder of the application will be completed and submitted to the Aboriginal Consultation Office for their review and approval.

**15. Land Use Bylaw**

Discussion regarding accessory buildings, and the recommendation for an update to the inventory. This item will be further discussed at the **Mar 18, 2026** regular Council meeting.

**16. Waste Management Contract Standstone**

Contract provided for review and will be further discussed at the March 18, 2026 Meeting.

**17. Handi Can** privies will be brought back to Burton Park and Cantin Park May 1, 2026

**18. LILSA Water Quality & Water Quantity Project “WQ<sup>2</sup>”**

Tracy Beck, Steering Committee Member, provided an update on ongoing initiatives and operational matters relevant to the municipality.

**19. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Kathy Dion moved the meeting of the Council of the Summer Village of Val Quentin be adjourned at 9:11 PM.

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Mayor Kathy Dion

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CAO, Marlene Walsh

Unapproved