



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 AT THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS OFFICE  
ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

[ZOOM LINK](#)

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Mayor Kathy Dion  Councillor, Kent Galusha CAO, Marlene Walsh Janice Christiansen, Regional DEM SVREMP Shantelle McDermid, Admin Assistant
<b>VIRTUALLY:</b>	Deputy Mayor, Barrie Ronaldson
<b>GALLERY:</b>	1 Resident

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Summer Village of Val Quentin respectfully acknowledges that we are gathered on **Treaty 6 territory**, the traditional meeting grounds and traveling route of the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Stoney Nakoda, and Cree peoples. We further acknowledge that we are within the **Métis Homeland**.

We recognize the profound significance of **Lac Ste. Anne—mânitow sâkahikan**, or Spirit Lake—as a sacred site of gathering and healing for the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and the Cree and Métis communities. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, who have walked this land for generations. The Summer Village commits to walking forward in the spirit of reconciliation, ongoing learning, and mutual respect.

	<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order:</b> Mayor Kathy Dion called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
<b>Res. 315 26-04-15 CARRIED</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Councillor Kent Galusha moved approval of the Agenda as presented
<b>Res. 316 26-04-15 CARRIED</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Previous Minutes:</b> Deputy Mayor Barry Ronaldson moved the <a href="#">March 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes</a> be approved as presented.
	<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Hearings:</b> No Public Hearings
	<b>5.</b>	<b>Delegations:</b> None
	<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>
		<b>i) Animal Control</b> <a href="#">Land Use Bylaw No. 218-52, Keeping of Animals</a> Administration followup with the residents.
		<b>ii) Signage</b> Ongoing discussions are underway regarding Village Signage. Administration will followup with ATS on the status of the street signage order.

<p>Res. 317 26-04-15 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 318 26-04-15 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 319 26-04-15 UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 320 26-04-15 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 321 26-04-15 CARRIED</p> <p>Res. 322 26-04-15 CARRIED</p>	<p><b>iii) Bylaws &amp; Policies</b> <b>Bylaw 300-36 Taxation Bylaw</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved Bylaw No. 300-36 Taxation Bylaw be given first reading.</li> <li>Councillor Kent Galusha moved Bylaw No. 300-36 Taxation Bylaw be given second reading.</li> <li>Mayor Kathy Dion moved that Council unanimously agree to consider Bylaw No. 300-36 for third reading at this meeting.</li> <li>Mayor Kathy Dion moved that Bylaw No.300-36 be given third reading.</li> <li>Mayor Kathy Dion moved that Bylaw No. 300-36 is hereby passed and adopted.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">P-9-2026 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)</a> Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved acceptance of P-9-2026 as presented</p>
	<p><b>iv) Water Application Status Update</b> Administration Update - ACO Application approved DRR Applications are underway for Shoreline Weed Harvesting approvals</p>
	<p><b>v) <a href="#">LILSA Water Quality and Water Quantity Project</a></b> Deputy Mayor Ronaldson advised that the April 7, 2026 meeting was cancelled The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026</p>
	<p><b>vi) Asset Management - Matthewson &amp; Co.</b> Project is on track and updates are being made as information is received. A meeting is being planned for May 13 to discuss 10 Year Capital Planning.</p>
<p>Res. 323 26-04-15 CARRIED</p>	<p><b>vii) 2026 Budget</b> <a href="#">Approval of 2026 Operating Budget</a> Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that Council of the Summer Village of Val Quentin approve the Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2026, as presented, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, as amended;</p>

		<p>and further that Administration be authorized to implement the Operating Budget and incur expenditures in accordance with the approved amounts;</p> <p>and further that any material variances or expenditures exceeding administrative authority be brought before Council for approval.</p> <p><b>2025 Audit Update</b> Virtual Presentation scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM</p>
		<p><b>viii) Website Update</b> Administration will obtain an additional quote for this grant funded project.</p>
		<p><b>ix) Alberta Blue Cross - Community Wellbeing Grant Program</b> Application is being reviewed by Beachwave Park and Alberta Beach Library.</p>
		<p><b>xi) Climate Ready Infrastructure Service Project</b> Quotes have been requested for a local Engineering firm to work on this project.</p>
		<p><b>x) FireSmart Community Cleanup - Saturday, May 30, 2026</b> This is a great opportunity to clean up your property, reduce wildfire risk, and help keep our community safe. Planning is underway. We are working with Fire Rescue International (FRI) to support this initiative.</p>
		<p><b>x) Land Use Bylaw</b> <a href="#">Accessory Buildings Information</a> approved for website and social media upload.</p>
<b>Res. 324 26-04-15 CARRIED</b>	<b>7.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>i) Appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers (Alberta Beach Patrol / CPO)</b> Mayor Kathy Dion moved that Council appoint all Community Peace Officers employed or contracted through Alberta Beach Patrol as Bylaw Enforcement Officers for the Summer Village of Val Quentin, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, for the purpose of enforcing all municipal bylaws.</p> <p>Further, that such appointment is contingent upon each officer holding a valid Community Peace Officer appointment issued under the Peace Officer Act, and remains in effect for the duration of the service agreement between the Summer Village of Val Quentin and Alberta Beach Patrol, unless otherwise rescinded by Council.</p> <p>Administration will invite Lucas Stacey and Bruce Parno to the May 20, 2026 Meeting</p>
		<p><b>ii) <a href="#">YRL Business Case for Proposed Increase to Municipal Levy</a></b> Administration signed off and submitted the Municipal levy increase by \$0.75 per capita in 2027, from \$4.85 to \$5.60 per capita as instructed by Council at the March meeting.</p>

		<p><b>iii) Quantum Recreation:</b></p> <p><b>Playground Inspection &amp; Asset Management Proposal</b></p> <p>(sample proposal agreement requested for Council review)</p>
		<p><b>iv) Joint Tri Village Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 7 pm (Val Quentin to host)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Res. 325</b> <b>26-04-15</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>i) March 2026 Financials</b></p> <p>Mayor Kathy Dion moved that the March 2026 financial statements be received for information.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson moved that a transfer in the amount of \$40,000 be made from Savings Account to the Operating Account. This transfer will be reimbursed upon receipt of grant funding for projects that have been submitted and are currently pending approval.</p>
<p><b>Res. 326</b> <b>26-04-15</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><a href="#">Alberta Transportation - Fire Rates for Callouts Bill 28</a></p> <p>Clr Kent Galusha moved the correspondence to be received for information.</p>
	<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Development Officer Tony Sonnleitner</b></p> <p><a href="#">April 2026 Report</a></p>
		<p><b>Emergency Management - Janice Christiansen</b></p> <p>Janice provided an overview of recent discussions and activities related to FireSmart initiatives, emergency preparedness, and coordination with regional partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op (SANG) will work with the Village to implement fire mitigation measures around gas shut-off valves (“fireguarding”) to enhance infrastructure protection. Residents are encouraged to report any unusual concerns directly to SANG.</li> <li>Discussion occurred regarding the potential establishment of an Emergency Line of Credit to support timely response to emergency situations.</li> <li>Council discussed the importance of FireSmart programming, noting the increasing risk of uncontrolled fires and the need for proactive mitigation measures within the community.</li> <li>Hazard &amp; Risk assessment completed. A site review was completed by Council / SVREMP. The purpose of the review was to review hazard concern key areas, in order to continue developing a remediation approach.</li> <li>Targeted FireSmart focus areas were identified, including lands south of 63 Avenue to 66 Street. Input from FireSmart representative Michael Coutu will be incorporated into next steps.</li> </ul>

## **Mayor Kathy Dion Report**

### **Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne County East**

- Presentations from Alberta Summer Villages Association (Advocating: LGFF funding, Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force and Local Authorities Election Act.) and ABMunis (Provincial Budget Impacts, Infrastructure Funding/Property Taxes Reimagined, FCSS funding, Police Funding).
- Common Municipal Plan, Agreements and Frameworks Presentation.
- 2026 Budget approval.
- Reports: Highway 43 Commission, LSA Foundation, LSA East End Bus, Wild Water Commission, LILSA, NSWA and Yellowhead Regional Library.

### **Alberta Beach 50+ Club 50th Anniversary**

- Represented and acknowledged our appreciation at the Alberta Beach 50+ Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on behalf of Val Quentin. Presented Congratulations - Soft Launch

### **Alberta Beach Library Board**

- Discussion of Bill 28 changes to the Library Act and specifically how they impact small rural libraries. Supported through Yellowhead Regional Library and the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries. Canada Summer Student position approved. Friends of the Library Open House at the Library was a good success.

### **ABMunis Webinar Draft Analysis of Bill 28**

- ABMunis hosted a member webinar on Bill 28, a complex piece of legislation requiring extensive regulatory development over the coming months. The bill reflects an improved collaborative relationship with the province, with most provisions enabling future regulations rather than being prescriptive from the start. Members provided feedback to inform ABMunis' analysis before Executive Committee review on April 16th, with ongoing engagement expected throughout the regulatory development process. They provided a high level overview of the following topics Councillor Accountability Framework, Governance of Viability Reviews, Municipal Transparency, Enabling Growth and Housing, Assessment and Property Taxes Residential, Public Institutions and Utilities, Aggregate Pits (Environment and Protected Areas, Seniors Lodge Program, and Changes to the Library Act.

### **Val Quentin Public Works Report - Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson**

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

### **Deputy Mayor Barrie Ronaldson Report**

- Attended LILSA Board meeting
- Attended SVLSACE Regional Municipalities meeting
- Attended LILSA WQ<sup>2</sup> Steering Committee & Touchpoint meetings on behalf of SV of Val Quentin representative Tracy Beck
- Application for grant funding - Tracy Beck - outstanding
- March Annually Culvert
- Manhole Covers - Jason Madge - Tri Village - Barrie - next TVRSSC
- Street Sweeping - Alberta Beach work together - Administration will connect with Public Works to schedule this work

**Councillor Kent Galusha Report**

- March 18, 2026 - Inspected flooded areas with Mayor Dion
- March 18, 2026 - Worked with resident volunteer to address flood areas
- March 19, 2026 – Assisted Administration and Mayor Dion with coordinating/documenting/monitoring flood conditions and Contractor work being completed
- March 21, 2026 - Attend SVLSACE Meeting
- March 21, 2026 - Attend SVREMP meeting to complete Hazard & Risk Assessment
- April 1, 2026 - Attend Committee of the Whole meeting

**Administration - Marlene Walsh**

- **Artificial Intelligence Training (AI)**
  - March 19, 2026 Attended AI for Professionals with Grant Writing Case Study - Pilot
- **ASVA**
  - Ongoing discussion regarding implementation of ATIA/POPA
  - 2026 Conference Planning Meeting on April 13, 2026
  - ASVA Board Meeting March 31, 2026
- **Asset Management**
  - Asset Management - Matthewson & Company Information Sharing
  - Capital Planning Information session being organized
- **AUMA**
  - Attended Bill 28 Analysis Virtual Meeting
- **Budget 2026** - Prepared for Council Approval
- **Bylaw and Policy Review and Updates**
  - Bylaw 300-36 Creation of Taxation Bylaw for Council Review
  - P-9-2026 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- **Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, April 1, 2026**
- **Emergency Management**
  - [Workplan for SVREMP](#)
- **SVLSACE**
  - Attended Meeting Saturday, March 21, 2026 AB Seniors
- **Water Feasibility Distribution Study (WFDS)**
  - MPE is finalizing the proposal for the "Phase 2" of the project which will likely be available by the end of April.
  - The final "Business Case", (Phase 1 final deliverable) is being prepared by MPE Engineering for internal review.
- **Watershed Management**
  - Attended Meeting with AB Environment regarding Shoreline Weed Management Processes

Res. 327  
26-04-15  
CARRIED

Clr Kent Galusha moved the reports be received for information

11.	<b>Next Meeting Date &amp; Location</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 7:00 PM</b> 2025 Financial Audit Presentation (Virtual)</li><li>● <b>Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 7:00 PM</b> Working Committee Meeting (Virtual)</li><li>● Regular Council Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Alberta Beach Council Chambers Office</li></ul>
12.	<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b> As all matters were addressed, Mayor Kathy Dion adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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Mayor Kathy Dion

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CAO, Marlene Walsh

Unapproved