

# FOCUSED ON FARO

OCTOBER 2024

## 2024 Faro Municipal Elections

Candidates have completed their nomination forms and nominations closed at noon on Thursday September 26th. (A complete list of candidates is included on Page 2 of the newsletter.)

This municipal election will be a bit different in that all previous municipal election terms were only for three (3) years, whereas the Yukon Government changed the legislation and now all future election terms are four (4) years. This municipal election term is from October 2024 to October 2028. While some people were worried about making such a long commitment, it is important to understand that all other provinces and territories have long since moved to four-year terms, and the Yukon was last jurisdiction with the shorter term.

Faro's **Municipal Election** takes place on Thursday, October 17th, from 8:00am - 8:00pm in the Town Office Council Chambers.

For those unable to vote that day, an **Advance Poll** will be held on Thursday, October 10th, from 8:00am to 8:00pm, also in the Town Office Council Chambers.

Remember, Town Councillors are elected to represent the best interests of the members of the community, so make very effort to get out and vote for the people you believe will best represent you and your family.

**Get out and vote!**



## Council Meeting

Council Chamber is open to the public. The next regular meetings are:

October 8, 2024  
October 22, 2024  
November 5, 2024

Copies of meeting agendas are posted at the Town Office, Post Office, and at [faro.ca](http://faro.ca).

The public package will be available on the Town's website at the time of the meeting at:

[faro.ca/p/council-meetings](http://faro.ca/p/council-meetings)

Remote attendance is available with the Zoom App.

To join a Zoom meeting go to :

<https://zoom.us/join>

**Meeting ID:** 506 321 8045

**Passcode:** 641202

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# COUNCIL CANDIDATES



## Who's running for Council?

The following people have put their names forward for positions on Faro Town Council:

### For Mayor (1 position)

Lisa Snyder  
Jack Bowers

### For Council (4 positions)

Sarah McHugh  
Neil Yee  
Michelle Vainio  
Trevor Noseworthy  
Leonard Faber  
Gary Jones  
Taylor Fetterly  
Wendy Michell-Larocque

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

October 7, 2024

All Candidates Forum  
in the Sportsman's Lounge  
at 7:00 p.m.

October 10, 2024

Advance Poll

October 17, 2024

Municipal Election Day

October 22, 2024

Council Meeting

The "All Candidates Forum" is scheduled for Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Sportmans' Lounge in the Recreation Centre. Come to ask questions and learn more about what each candidate has to offer.

An Advance Poll will be held on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town Office Council Chambers.

Municipal Election Day is Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to

## To be eligible to vote you,

- ◆ must be 18 years of age or older on polling day,
- ◆ must be a Canadian citizen, and
- ◆ must have resided in Faro for the period of one year immediately preceding polling day.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Julia Salo, our Returning Officer.



# OCTOBER IS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The Town of Faro lucked out again this year when it comes to wildfires. Thankfully, Faro's experience with wildland fires in 2024 seemed to only involve smoke and some occasional ash falling from the sky. We were also lucky in 2023. But as Oprah Winfrey said, "Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity."

Faro has escaped wildfire issues again but the reality is we need to be prepared to continue with that 'luck'. Council had concerns about better preparing Faro in the event of a wildfire and other emergencies. Issues of evacuation (both from other communities into Faro, as well as evacuating out of Faro) were discussed at an emergency exercise, along with the need for more fire breaks around the community.

The current inadequate YG funding available for FireSmart work around the community was discussed, along with the need for funding assistance to provide a better kitchen facility in our Recreation Centre. After all, while we can accommodate people in the Recreation Centre for an emergency, we don't have the capability to feed many.

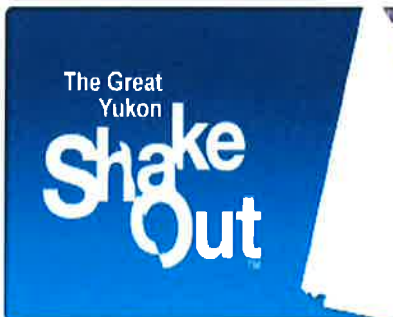
The Town is planning another Emergency Plan tabletop exercise with our local emergency responders this coming January. We also want to test our **VoyentAlert!** emergency notification system. In the case of a real emergency, we don't want people asking questions about how to download the app. We want the app to be in use and providing up-to-date information to our residents.

If you haven't already, please register with **VoyentAlert!** If you need help contact the Town Office.

By every indication, 2025 will be another year of wildfires and emergencies for North America. It is amazing how fast 20 minutes can pass when you're only given that amount of time to prepare to evacuate your family.

Council wants residents to be better prepared. Watch future newsletters as we again review the importance of having '72 Hour Emergency Kits' ready for your families, and what you should consider including in those kits.

Remember the motto:  
**"Don't be scared. Just be prepared."**



## Will You Feel the Earthquake on Thursday?

Actually, there is no big earthquake anticipated, but on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10:17am, many places in the Yukon will join the worldwide Great ShakeOut earthquake drill. So, what is the reality of an earthquake happening in Faro, and do we really

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need to prepare? Surprisingly, the possibility is much higher than most people think because this region is on a fault line. In fact, in 2024, there were 433 earthquakes, recorded in the Yukon, 50 with a greater magnitude of 3 or above. Any earthquake around magnitude 5.0 is considered serious.

As with any major emergency or disaster, it is important for each resident to be prepared. One difference with an earthquake is that, we need to be our own first responders as everyone will be affected, including police, fire, ambulance, and health unit.

# OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

LARRY BARAN

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FARO

As we near the end of another fiscal year, Town staff are very busy. Finance staff are preparing for the final months of 2024 and ensuring we have everything in place for annual audit and budget preparation cycles. The Public Works Dept is busy preparing the underground infrastructure for the coming cold weather. The Recreation Dept is busy preparing for another busy winter programming season. Everyone remembers that we are operating a multi-million dollar corporation (the Town of Faro) under the direction of a Board of Directors (Council) who is accountable to the investors (citizens).

What's different THIS year is that we are soon going to have a new slate of elected officials who will also be busy learning their roles and responsibilities as Town Councillors, and that orientation includes learning about the projects that the out-going Council was unable to complete before the end of their term. Another thing that is going to be different will be the reality that we will be recruiting new staff for some key positions in the community. Like the new Council, that new staff will be busy, too, as they come up to speed and become fluent with the projects underway.

When you come fresh into a municipal position (as a Mayor, Councillor, CAO, Operations Manager, Manager of Recreation & Culture, or Manager of Finance), there are always projects underway that need to be picked up and carried to the finish line. Sometimes, the 'hand-off' from one person to the next person is clean and the transition is smooth, and sometimes ... not so much. I remember one NWT community where I was called in to work on short notice. It was NOT a smooth transition because the previous Administrator selfishly had a heart attack & died. In all seriousness, in that situation Council, staff, and the NWT was supportive as I was required to pick up the pieces of a community that was left in shock and disarray.

This leadership transition for Faro will be much smoother. While a few important staff positions will be replaced in the next few months, due to retirement and relocations, Mayor & Council has a great Town staff team to help in the transition. Plus, their extended support resources also include the Association of Yukon Communities (who will provide Council support training starting in November), and the YG Community Services (who has assigned a competent Community Advisor ready to support both Staff & Council in the transition).

To become fully fluent with all of the current aspects of the operations and background issues in the Town of Faro, yes, Mayor & Council will be on a steep learning curve for the first while. I am confident though, the Faro Staff Team will provide them with great support and assistance so they can be an effective 'Board of Directors' for this multi-million dollar corporation that we call the 'Town of Faro'.

## TOWN OF FARO JOB POSTINGS

**Manager of Operations**

**Finance/Executive Assistant**

**Full Job Postings and Job Descriptions available at [faro.ca](http://faro.ca)**

# H A P P Y Thanksgiving

The Town Office will be CLOSED Monday, Oct. 14

The Rec. Centre and Landfill will be CLOSED  
Tuesday Oct. 15 in lieu of Thanksgiving Day.

## Town of Faro Properties for Sale

The Town of Faro has a number of properties for sale in the community. Some are a result of property tax recovery, whereas others are new residential lots that are ready for development.

### Three-plex

35, 37, & 39 Hoole Street - Lot 127

### Residential Building Lots

180 Dawson Drive - Lot 441

188 Dawson Drive - Lot 442

Keep watching the website for updated information about more properties for sale.

### Scan Here

for the Property  
Listings Page



If you have any questions, contact the  
Town Office.

## Street Naming (Date Extension)

Council is looking to name three roadways in Town that currently do not have names.

The sections of roadway needing names are:

1. Johnson Lake Campground from Airport Road;
2. Arena from Bell Cres North; &
3. Water Treatment Plant from Mitchell Road.

If you have a suggestion for one or more of these roadways, submit the Street Naming Application Form to the Town Office by Thursday, November 14 at 12:00 p.m.

### Scan Here

for the Street Naming  
Application Form



## Recycling Center Information

The Faro Bottle Depot is located at the corner of McQuesten Rd. and Ross Rd.

Hours are

Tuesday to Thursday

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Phone 994-3022

**Please keep your pets on a leash when not on your property.**

Call 994-2728, during regular business hours, to report a dog at large. Be sure to have all relevant information including location and description of the animal in question.

**To report a dangerous animal after hours please call the RCMP at 911**

## MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

Tina Freake

### Upcoming Events:

#### Raven ReCentre Reuse Fair:

Exciting news! Raven ReCentre is hosting a ReUse Fair in Faro on Saturday, October 5th, from 1-5 PM at the brand-new Community Services Building. Join us for a variety of fun workshops, including block printing on textiles, glass demonstrations with Lumel Studios, and zero-waste displays on fast fashion and glass recycling. Plus, don't forget about our clothing swap!

#### Youth Group Paintball and Pizza Party:

Get ready for an action-packed evening! Join us at the Rec Centre on Friday, October 11th, for an epic paintball adventure followed by a delicious pizza party. We'll meet at the Rec at 5 PM to gear up, so please come dressed for the weather in coveralls or layers you don't mind getting splattered with paint! After our game, we'll gather back at the Rec Centre for pizza and chat about our winter plans, including the Kettle Café and upcoming fundraisers, and more!

**Drop-in Sports:** Archery is back! Join us on Tuesday evenings starting October 8th from 6-8 PM for guided sessions with Peter—don't worry, all equipment is pro-

vided! Floor Hockey will also kick off on Tuesday, October 8th, for teens and adults from 7-9 PM, and we have extra sticks for anyone interested in trying it out. We've received requests to start a basketball program, and we're excited to keep it going as long as we get a good turnout! This program is geared towards teens and adults and takes place every Wednesday from 7-9 PM.

**Pickleball Try-it:** Come out and give Pickleball a try, all ages and abilities welcome!

**Seniors Events:** Carpet Bowling has returned for the season! If you're curious about trying it out, stop by the Rec Centre on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons to join in on the fun.

**Kids Club After-School Program:** We're thrilled to announce that we've received a fantastic \$3,000 in funding from YG's Sport and Rec Branch Active Yukon After School Grant! This support will enhance our beloved after-school Kids Club program by covering costs for food, supplies, and wages. The Kids Club program kicked off on Thursday, September 5th, focusing on active play, creative crafts, and a nutritious snack at each session.

Stop by the Rec Centre for registration information!

**Halloween Crafts:** Join us on Wednesday, October 30th, for some spooky Halloween crafts and a chance to build your very own edible haunted house! The cost is free, but registration is required so we can ensure we have enough supplies for everyone. All ages are welcome, but kids aged 5 and under must have a parent or guardian with them.

**Halloween Party:** Don't miss our Annual Halloween Party at the Rec Centre on Friday, October 25th, in the gymnasium! We have a ton of fun planned, so keep an eye out for posters with more details!



**In Review:**

**New Horizons for Seniors:** On September 12th, we submitted a funding application for programming aimed at seniors, slated to run from April 2025 until March 2026. Our seniors' group truly values the programming we can provide with these funds, and we're hopeful for a positive outcome!

**Youth Group Trip to Whitehorse:** From September 20th-22nd, our Youth Group embarked on an exciting trip to Whitehorse! They enjoyed a guided tour of YukonStruct, learning about all the amazing programs and services offered, followed by a night of glow bowl-

ing and pizza. The next day included a painting class, golfing lessons at Mountainview Golf Course, thrilling laser tag at Sergeant Greg's, and ended with swimming, skating, and sports at the Canada Games Centre. It was a fantastic trip filled with fun and educational activities, sponsored by the Youth Investment Fund and the Town of Faro.

**RPAY's Annual Fall Recreation Gathering:** RPAY hosted its annual fall Rec Gathering on September 24th and 25th in Whitehorse and Marsh Lake. The workshop featured sessions at the Wildlife Preserve and presentations from YG's Sport and Rec Branch, Yukon University, Recreation North, Lotteries Yukon, YFNED Mobile Thera-

peutic Unit, Y2C2, Arctic Winter Games Host Society, and more! This annual gathering is a wonderful opportunity to gain information and support, and we had two representatives from Faro in attendance who thoroughly enjoyed the conference, learned a lot, and made valuable connections.



# Faro Reuse Fair

October 5th at the Firehall (New Community Service Building) 1pm-5pm



Glass blowing demonstration with Lumel Studios! Try for free and take home your creation!



Raven ReCentre Zero Waste Team's display on Fast Fashion and Glass Recycling



Block printing on reused textiles with Leslie Leong! Bring clothes to print!



Clothing swap! Bring clean clothes to swap!



# October 2024

Sun/Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Rec Closed Sundays &amp; Mondays</p> <p>6/7 All Candidates Forum Sportsman's Lounge 7-9 pm</p> <p>13/14 Happy Thanksgiving</p> <p>20/21 TOWN OF FARO</p> <p>27/28</p>	<p>1 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm</p> <p>8 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm</p> <p>15 Rec Closed in lieu of Thanksgiving</p> <p>22 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm</p> <p>29 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm</p>	<p>2 Basketball 7-9 pm</p> <p>9 Senior's Mindful Movement 2 pm Basketball 7-9 pm</p> <p>16 Senior's Mindful Movement 2 pm Basketball 7-9 pm</p> <p>23 Senior's Mindful Movement 2 pm Basketball 7-9 pm</p> <p>30 Halloween Crafts &amp; Edible Haunted House 3:15-5pm Basketball 7-9 pm</p>	<p>3 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm</p> <p>10 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm</p> <p>17 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm</p> <p>24 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm Kids Club 3:15-5 pm</p> <p>31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT</p>	<p>4 Senior's Fitness Fun 2 pm Youth Group Pizza &amp; Paintball Party</p> <p>11 Senior's Fitness Fun 2 pm</p> <p>18 Pickleball Try-it 1pm Senior's Fitness Fun 2 pm</p> <p>25 HALLOWEEN Senior's Fitness Fun 2 pm</p>	<p>5 Raven ReCentre's ReUsed Fair 1-5pm Community Services Building</p> <p>12</p> <p>19</p> <p>26</p> <p>2</p>



# Cooking safety starts with YOU.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



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## New Water Well for Faro

The Faro Public Works staff accepted the challenge of developing a new community water well after one of Faro's two main water wells failed last winter. The decommissioned water well was installed around 2017 as a YG Project, and has caused Town staff grief from the day it was installed. When it finally failed in late 2023, it brought relief to the Town staff as it would no longer be a source of frustration.

Mark Vainio led this project starting in late 2023. He initiated the necessary applications right through to arranging for drillers from BC, and cranes to both de-commission the old well and develop the new water well for the community. By utilizing the wide range of Faro Public Works staff skills, instead of contracting the project out, they ensured the finished product worked properly and saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by completing the project 'in-house'.

It appears Water Well #6 will provide excellent water, with minimal treatment being required. Other water wells in that area of the water table have provided consistent and reliable water for decades, so we are confident this new well will do the same. Water Well #6 will officially come on stream in mid-October 2024.

The Town thanks Yukon Energy for their support in accessing the services of their crane contractor while here. The coordinated use also helped reduce the cost of our water well project.

Finally, few Yukon communities staff capable of completing a project of this magnitude. It is a compliment to Mark Vainio and the Faro Public Works staff, who take pride in caring for their community.



*Faro Public Works employee Chris Wilkinson demonstrated his welding skills during the installation of new Water Well #6. He was standing on pallets because he was so close to the water table. The two pipes to the left of Chris were remnants of decommissioned wells from 2017. When the area is backfilled and brought back to grade, the ground level will be about 6' above the truck roof.*

# PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UPDATES



## MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mark Vainio

### Public Works Crew

Production delays on our Distribution Pumphouse 3 Backup Generator project means we won't see the generator until December. However, it will give us time to have all other work completed and be ready to plug it in.

Our new Water Well #6 is ready for commissioning. Public Works has completed adapting the pitless well pump into the new well casing and tying in the water main and electrical. We will properly decommission the old well #5 as per Yukon CSR Protocol 7. Flow testing and sampling remain and we'll be putting it into service soon.

We also have projects to clean-up/upgrade the power to our Water Treatment Plant, electrical upgrades to Well-House #1, pump replacement and install a bleeder into this well as it has no frost protection and would otherwise have to run continuously all winter. Hydrants have been inspected, repaired, and winterized.

### Landfill Operations

We drilled 3 new monitoring wells and one replacement well this year. ; all are now in service.

In 2024, we'll be training some of our crew on Solid Waste Management and do some more improvements on how we handle our solid waste. The crew has installed shelving into the electronic waste container which helps with sorting considerably. Please don't pile up your

electronics at the door - put them on the shelves or in the bins.

We're accepting hazardous household waste in a shed beside the Office. We accept this material (paint, aerosol cans, etc.) year-round. Hazardous Household Waste day is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th.

Our new Landfill Operator/Bylaw Enforcement Officer is tasked with ensuring waste goes in the proper areas. Household waste, animal parts and excrement get bagged and put in the garbage dumpsters. This is not a new Bylaw, but is now being enforced. If it gets dropped with construction debris, it becomes an animal attractant which is something we must avoid.

### Projects

Ladue Drive property update - all work is completed with the exception of realignment of the Golf Course access road. Lots are currently for sale by Lottery with YG Lands.

Faro has been developing a local Contractor List to assist us in upcoming projects in collaboration with Yukon Govt or with our own projects. The Town will accept applicants throughout the year.

Construction of a new Animal Shelter will be starting sometime late this fall once the design is completed. With the latest changes to the building codes, it is now required to be an Engineered design.

### Gardening

Reminder to not drive ATV's or vehicles on the grass areas of town as it can severely damage the grass and can take considerable time and effort to repair.

Once funding approval comes through, we'll be posting for FireSmart again this year. Active seniors are invited to apply, but of course we won't turn away younger people.

Irrigation is being drained and blown down for the winter season. Final mowing is complete, and flowers are being pulled.

We've been doing considerable brushing around our buildings, reservoirs, and some trail work this year.

### Roads

We'll be preparing the roads for winter over the next few weeks. We didn't have time this year for asphalt. We've added some crush to Douglass and while it needs more, we need YG to pay for this work as it is a Phase 2 deficiency. We're going to try to make Campbell Street, McQuesten, Lapie, and Kitza presentable before winter as they're a little rough.

This will be my final report as I'm retiring October 24th. The Town of Faro has been an amazing place to work. Council, Administration, and the Public Works crew have shown tremendous support and the willingness to go the extra mile, and even think outside of the box in the best interests of the Town of Faro.



**Legend**  
 - - - Project Area  
 Developable Area  
 = ± 9.57 ha. (23.65 ac.)

Small Lots 0.25 ha. to 0.50 ha.  
 Medium Lots 0.50 ha. to 0.75 ha.  
 Large Lots 0.75 ha. to 1.0 ha.

**PLANNING CONCEPT  
 OPTION-1A**  
 Mitchell Road Industrial Master Plan

## Mitchell Road Industrial Park

Reservations are now being accepted for those persons interested in acquiring a lot in the proposed Mitchell Road Subdivision.

This subdivision is currently in the planning stage with construction expected to begin in early 2025 and lots being completed in late 2025.

Lots will be available in three sizes:

Small Lots of 0.25 ha. to 0.50 ha.

Medium Lots of 0.50 ha. to 0.75 ha.

Large Lots of 0.75 ha. to 1.0 ha.

## Landfill Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9a.m. – 4p.m.
Wednesday	1p.m. – 4p.m.
Thursday	Collection Day (landfill closed)
Friday	9a.m. – 4p.m.
Saturday	9a.m. – 4p.m.
Sunday	Closed

The Landfill is closed all holidays.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Rec. Centre is closed  
Monday, October 14  
Tuesday, October 15

The Town Office is closed  
Monday October 14

The maximum speed limit in  
Town is 30 km, unless other-  
wise posted.

**Do Not Speed, Children at Play.**



If you fail to STOP for a school  
bus you can be fined up to  
**\$500 & 8 Demerit Points.**



**Questions for the  
Del Van Gorder School?**

**Call 867-994-2760**

You can contact  
the school during  
business hours  
with any concerns  
or questions.



## TOWN OFFICE

Public hours are Monday to  
Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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