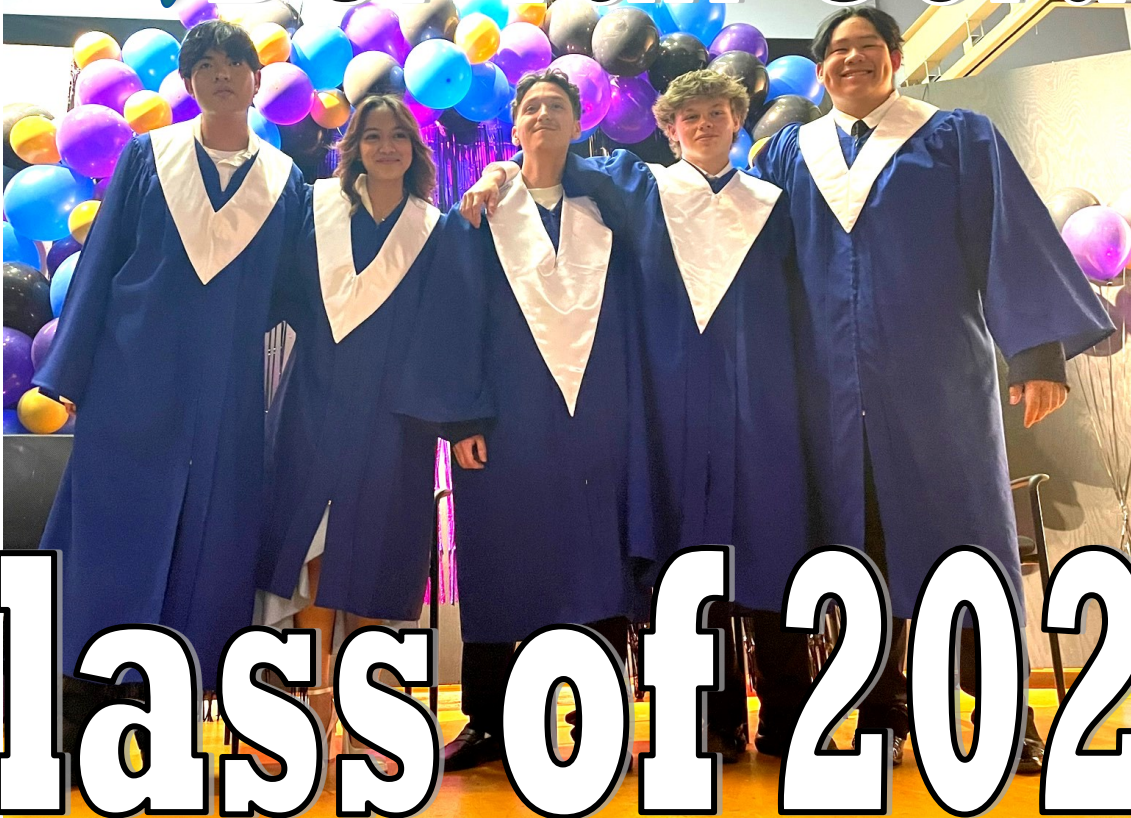


FOCUSED ON FARO

JUNE - JULY 2024

Congratulations Del Van Gorder



Class of 2024

Council Meeting

Council Chamber is open to the public. The Next Regular Meetings are:

June 4, 2024
June 18 @ 6 pm—Special Meeting
June 18, 2024
July 9, 2024

Copies of meeting agendas are posted at the Town Office, Post Office, and at 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

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



COUNCIL UP-DATES



DEL VAN GORDER GRADUATION

By Jennifer Brooker

On the last day of May, the Del Van Gorder Graduation Class of 2024 walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. It is always a special day when Faro is able to send the next set of grads out into the world, but this day was extra special for Mayor Jack Bowers, as his grandson was one of the grads.

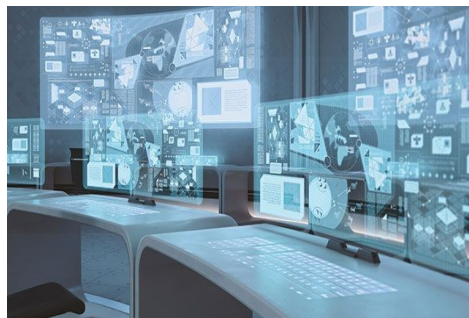
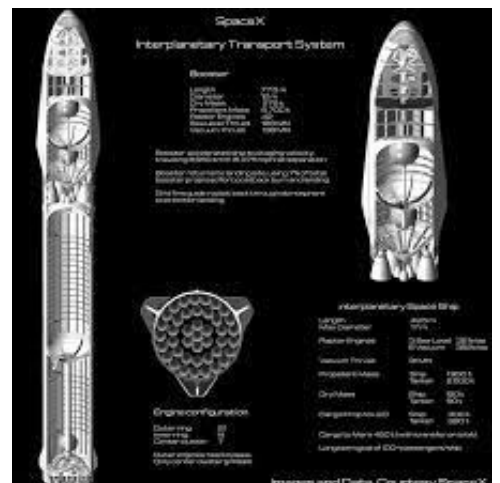
Our Mayor was asked to do the honour of presenting the keynote address at last Friday's Graduation ceremony, and he gave an inspiring speech about how times have changed since he graduated 55 years ago. In the summer of 1969, you may recall, NASA launched the Apollo 11, put humans on the moon for the first time, and in the coming years we can predict that that SpaceX will be traveling to the Mars.

So much has changed in the last 50 years, and so much will change in the next 50 years, as the Mayor recounts words of wisdom given at his High School Graduation.

"Mr. Friesen encouraged us to become involved in our community, wherever you may be, and to take an interest in what is happening in our province, in our country and in the world at large... he also apprised us to become volunteers in our communities' clubs or organizations, for in doing so you will be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem."

We all have the ability to change the future, whether it be a seemingly small change in your community, or changing the course of history by curing cancer or fighting climate change right here in the Yukon. The Mayor implored the graduates *"It is your responsibility, nay (your) duty, to be a constructive partner in whatever the future is to hold for your generation."*

The Town of Faro Mayor, Council, and staff all wish the very best to the 5 Graduates in the class of 2024 and can't wait to see what they will do next, as they travel to college, university, and the world.



OPEN HOUSE

Mitchell Industrial Development

YG Land Development will be hosting an Open House for the public to learn more about the proposed industrial land development in Faro. The industrial park development will be accessed off of Mitchell Road, just east of the current landfill location.

YG Land Development will be seeking comments and concerns to help them develop the area in a way that will benefit both local business needs and support continued economic development of the Town of Faro.

All are welcome to attend, and Council encourages all residents and business owners to participate in this process.

Date: June 25, 2024

Time: 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Location: Sportsman’s Lounge

“This is a project that Council initiated in late 2022 and Town staff have working closely with the Yukon Government to encourage and support more industrial land development within Faro to meet the needs of our growing business population. We are pleased to see this project is moving forward and that we may be able to see new industrial lots available next year.”

~Mayor Jack Bowers

WATER/SEWER/REFUES RATES as of July 1, 2024

Residential

Water	\$	160.92
Sewer	\$	48.28
Refuse	\$	69.78
Total Quarterly Fees	\$	278.98

Basic Commercial

Water	\$	160.92
Sewer	\$	48.28
Refuse	\$	145.39
Total Quarterly Fees	\$	354.59

For rates specific to your commercial property, please contact GM of Finance, Lenka Kazda at finance@faroyukon.ca

JOB POSTINGS

Landfill Operator / Bylaw Enforcement Officer
F/T Recreation Programmer
Seasonal Casual Assistant Gardener

Pool Seasonal Postings

Head Lifeguard Junior Lifeguard

Full Job Postings and Job Descriptions available at faro.ca

PROPERTY SALES

The following properties have been put up for sale by council by way of request for proposal. The complete RFP packages are available on the Town’s website at faro.ca/p/bids-and-tenders or by scanning the link to the right.



- 245 DAWSON DRIVE
- THE OLD FIRE HALL



Picture of the Old Fire Hall

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ~ DUE JULY 2, 2024

10% penalty and interest as of July 3, 2024.

Payment Options:

- ◆ E-Transfer to finance@faroyukon.ca
- ◆ Cheques dropped in the drop box at the Town Office or mailed to: Town of Faro, Box 580 Faro, YT Y0B 1K0
- ◆ Cash and Debit available in person at the Town Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Credit Cards are **NOT** accepted for Property Tax Payments

MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

Preparing for Another Interesting Summer

Larry Baran

On a relatively quiet Friday afternoon, last May 10, almost all of our cell phones went silent, and so did the internet. As we now understand, a portion of the fibre line on the west side of the wildland fire near Fort Nelson burned and service was lost to the Yukon, the NWT, and Northern BC. Service was not restored until late Saturday evening.

For about 26 to 28 hours, most of us were forced back into the 1980s. ATMs and debit cards didn't work, so unless you had some cash in your pocket, you couldn't even buy a candy bar, let alone gas to get home.

There were rare exceptions. Anyone with an active Starlink system continued without interruption. If your Apple phone was linked to your Starlink, you were still talking to family in Ontario. But those without ... were without.

On a more serious side, the loss of the internet played serious havoc with our Town computer-controlled systems. You see, our water treatment system is computer monitored every few milliseconds, with treatment auto-magically adjusted as required. Our buildings have security and fire monitoring systems that ensure everything and everyone is safe. This was all lost and off-line for that period of time, so staff were called out during ALL hours to monitor and ensure the safety of the community.

I always joke that technology is wonderful; when it works. Whether a tap at the cash register with

your debit card, an automatic deposit of your pay cheque into your bank account, or something as simple as sending a text message to a friend, there is this casual sense of freedom we have today. Technology makes everything seem like simple tasks.

That changes, though, when we are forced back to the 1980s. When was the last time you wrote a cheque? (Do you even know where your cheque book is?) When was the last time you unfolded a map to get directions? How do you call someone if you (or they) don't

have a landline?

As a result of the recent communication outage, the Town of Faro is reviewing our operating and emergency notification systems. While we still encourage ALL residents to register our Voyent Alert Emergency Notification System, we want all residents to know, in the event of a similar emergency happening again (where we lose ALL normal forms of cell phone and internet communication) the Town will post regular bulletins on the doors of the Town Office and, should we need to prepare for an emergency evacuation, we will be sending people driving around and use the emergency Public Address systems in the fire trucks and RCMP vehicles. Not high-tech, but it worked in the 1980s.

In almost every recent after-action study completed by a community, after an emergency event, the single biggest challenge the Emergency Response Coordinators note is the amount of INCORRECT information circulating on social media. Yes, social media can be a valuable tool for some things, but only if the information that is circulated is correct. Today, there are SO many ways to contact someone. Yet, in an emergency, it is TOO easy to miss one of those ways. If, however, everyone knows to go to ONE PLACE for accurate information, it makes it easier to get CORRECT information out.



It is important to remember the chances of losing internet and cell phones again are now even more remote, so the standard method of notifying Faro residents of an emergency will continue to be through the Voyent Alert System. Please, please, please ... if you haven't already, register for Voyent Alert so we can provide you with the correct & timely information if there is an emergency. If you have any questions about it, just call the Town Office.

Finally, I want to compliment Yukon EMO, because they recognized that emergency communication is a serious concern while they are preparing for another bad fire & flood season. They now have daily Emergency Coordination Centre updates for CAOs, as well as weekly Emergency Measures Organization meetings with the Chiefs, Mayors, and CAOs.

And, out there someplace are a few unknown NWTel emergency response workers who had to wait until wildland fire fighters said it was safe to enter the fire burn area to locate and commence the fibre line repairs on May 11. I have every belief those working conditions were NOT pleasant, so I appreciate their extra effort to help make everyone safe. I hope they know their efforts are appreciated.

It was once said behind every product warning label is an interesting backstory. Many changes will be made as a result of the event that occurred on the afternoon of May 10, and I am confident Yukoners will be a little bit safer as a result. Please, register for Voyent Alert.



VOYENT ALERT!
TAKES LESS THAN
A MINUTE!

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

The image shows a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a blue denim jacket over a light-colored top. She is sitting at a table outdoors, looking at a laptop. There are several potted plants on the table, including a pink one and a yellow one. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

RESPECT VOLUNTEER SERVICE by Larry Baran

During a recent municipal conference held in Dawson City, Mayor Wade Williams from Yellowhead County in Alberta spoke to the Yukon Mayors and Council's about the 2023 wildfire season and the issues the Yellowhead County firefighters experienced during last year's fire season.

In 2023, Yellowhead County faced over 2.2 million hectares of loss due to wildland fire. Whether fighting wildland fire, or assisting in many evacuations, Mayor Williams expressed his respect for the many volunteers who assisted in the various capacities during those months.

During the vast majority of the time, Mayor Williams noted the general public expressed appreciation for the firefighters, whether volunteers from the various community departments in Yellowhead County, or Provincial firefighters, or firefighters who came from other parts of Canada. He added even though probably 98% of people were grateful for the firefighters efforts, he was taken back by the 2% who complained about everything. He recounted some of the poorest examples of a negative public reaction, including someone who spit on a lady when they found out her husband was a volunteer firefighter. Mayor Williams was quick to note others were there to defend and support the firefighters' actions and efforts. Sadly, he also noted the biggest critics did not offer volunteer support in any capacity.

Although, personally, I can only imagine the stressed mindset of someone who has lost their home, or even had their home at risk. At the same time, I can only respect the role and efforts of volunteer firefighters during events like that. I remember hearing, during the 2011 disaster in Slave Lake, of a

firefighter who was fighting to save one subdivision while he could see his own home in the distance being consumed by flames.

One constant theme during the conference in Dawson City, though, for Yukon residents was "Being Prepared". In Yellowhead County, Mayor Williams noted that about 90% of their residents had NOT heard of 'FireSmart', nor how to FireSmart their homes. Many had heard about having a 72 Hour Emergency Kit, but few had taken the time to prepare one.



Create a 1.5 m wide non-combustible space around your entire house and any attachments like decks. This can be as simple as clearing vegetation and flammable material down to the soil.

Yukon

FireSmart

The graphic features a blue house with a red roof and a red circular area around its base. A magnifying glass is focused on a pile of autumn leaves and a rake, with a red arrow pointing from the house towards the leaves. The background is a light blue sky with a white cloud.

Learning from their experience, the Town encourages ALL Faro residents to take the time to FireSmart their homes to help minimize risk due to wildland fire. So, what happens if you don't know much about the FireSmart process? YG has published a guide with lots of information and illustrations explaining how to fire smart your home. This has been linked to the Faro website under FireSmart or by scanning the code to the right.



If you still have questions, the Town of Faro - Volunteer Fire Department may be able to help you complete a FireSmart Assessment of your property. As for the 72 Hour Emergency Kit, simply check the last issue of the 'Focused on Faro' newsletter.

The Town of Faro is crossing our fingers that wildfire will not be an issue again for us in 2024 but, just in case, let's get everyone prepared.

LANDFILL & RECYCLE



Recycling

The following Items are to be taken to the Recycling Depot located at 71 Ross Road

Paper Products

- ◆ Cardboard
- ◆ Clean Paper & Newspaper
- ◆ Mixed Paper

Plastics

- ◆ Clean Plastic Food Containers
- ◆ Empty cleaning bottles
- ◆ Empty Shampoo & Soap Containers

Tin Cans

Please rinse and take beverage recycling to the Faro Bottle Depot

- ◆ Aluminum Cans
- ◆ Plastic
- ◆ Glass
- ◆ Tetra
- ◆ Dairy

Due to new regulations the Faro Bottle Depot will **no longer** be able to collect **Soft Plastic**, including:

- ◆ plastic bags,
- ◆ overwrap,
- ◆ bubble wrap,
- ◆ pouches,
- ◆ plastic envelopes, and
- ◆ any other stretchy material.



E-waste

E-waste recycling happens at the Landfill. Ask the Landfill Attendant for more information.

- ◆ Computers
- ◆ TVs
- ◆ Old Cell Phones

Small Appliances

- ◆ Coffee Maker
- ◆ Toaster
- ◆ Air fryer
- ◆ Crock Pot
- ◆ Anything that plugs in!



Hazardous

Household Hazardous waste is collected at the landfill.

- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Cleaning
- ◆ Aerosols
- ◆ Car Batteries
- ◆ Household batteries
- ◆ Any and all other hazardous waste

Note: Business Hazardous waste requires special arrangements to dispose of hazardous waste in Waukegan, IL where.

Recycling Center Information

Faro Bottle Depot:

Located at the corner of McQuesten Rd. and Ross Rd.

Summer Hours

Tuesday to Thursday - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Winter Hours

By Appointment Only

Phone Number

994-3022

LANDFILL INFORMATION



Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste is accepted at the Landfill year round.

- Aerosol Cans
- Cleaning Supplies
- Gasoline cans
- Batteries
- Car Batteries (AAA-D)
- All Batteries

Residents must make arrangements for the disposal of hazardous waste at Whitehorse or elsewhere.



Household Garbage

Household bagged garbage is to be placed in the Brown bins around town.

- ◆ Food waste
 - ◆ Glass
- ◆ Food soiled paper & Cardboard
- ◆ Soft Plastics
 - ◆ Diapers
 - ◆ Styrofoam

Note: only residents with refuse accounts are to use the Household Garbage bins. All residents living out of Town need to take their bagged household garbage directly to the Landfill.



Landfill

Garden Waste

- ◆ Grass Clippings
- ◆ Brush

Construction Waste

- ◆ Non-hazardous construction, demolition, and renovation waste*

Vehicles

- ◆ Tires (off rims)*

Metal

- ◆ Large Appliances**
- ◆ Refrigerators or freezers*

Other

- ◆ Furniture

*Rates Apply for Certain Special Waste

Landfill Hours

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

The Landfill will be closed all holidays.



TOWN OF FARO

PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UP-DATES



MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mark Vainio

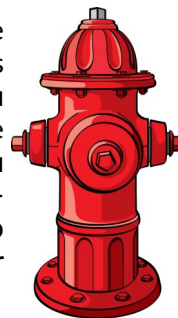
Roads

- ◆ RCMP are actively enforcing the 30 km/hr speed limit in town.
- ◆ We've been approved by YG Hwys for 2 km of BST work in town starting mid-June. Areas being replaced include Lorna Blvd, Ladue Drive, and Maynard Crescent. As an added bonus, we're hoping to get part of Douglass by the Lorna intersection replaced as well.
- ◆ We have a plan to do some asphalt patching in Town. Particularly on Campbell Street and part of Bell Avenue. There may be traffic delays, detours, and exposed Manholes.
- ◆ Please be careful driving around our equipment and people. This road preparation work began in May.
- ◆ This BST work does not include Douglass Drive or Yates Crescent as those are YG projects.



Water Systems

- ◆ Yukon Water Board has approved our Water License amendment to drill a new replacement well. Drilling is scheduled for this June.
- ◆ Our Distribution Pump-house Backup Generator plans are complete, and the new Generator is on order. The generator is expected in September.
- ◆ We have projects to upgrade the power to our Water Treatment Plant, to Well-house One will receive electrical upgrades and a new bleeder will be installed into this well.
- ◆ We have installed a Data Logger to record the power into our Distribution Pump-house and have now relocated this to our Water Treatment Plant so we can understand exactly what equipment we need to protect our infrastructure.
- ◆ Public Works will be flushing hydrants starting in June. You may see water in the ditches and if you experience dirty water, just run the tap until it comes clear again.



Landfill Operations

- ◆ This year we'll be drilling 3 new monitoring wells, replacing one failed well and completing a Hydrogeological Study at our Landfill to meet regulation requirements. Our new Operating Permit is getting final signatures now.

- ◆ In 2024, we'll be training some of our crew on Solid Waste Management and doing more improvements on how we handle our solid waste. The crew has installed shelving into the electronic waste container which helps with sorting considerably.

- ◆ We're accepting hazardous household waste in a shed beside the Office.

See page 6&7 for more information.

Projects

- ◆ Tents will be up at the Driving Range in late May to accommodate the Golf Club supporting the Grads this year.
- ◆ Ladue Drive property update – Yukon Energy has completed the power line installation. Ditching, culvert and driveway installation to be undertaken by Town of Faro. This work will happen over the next few weeks before the BST work on Ladue Drive.
- ◆ The Town of Faro has been developing a local Contractor List to assist us in upcoming projects in collaboration with YG or with our own projects. The Town of Faro will accept applicants throughout the year.

More information is available on our website, or by contacting Jennifer at 994-2728 ext. 5 or admin-faro@faroyukon.ca

- ◆ Construction of a new Animal Shelter will be starting over the summer.

Community Services Building

- ◆ The new Rescue Truck is now in town though it'll be a while before it's put into service. Paint and conversion work will be happening over the summer.

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**When passing workers:
Slow Down, & give them lots of
space when passing.**

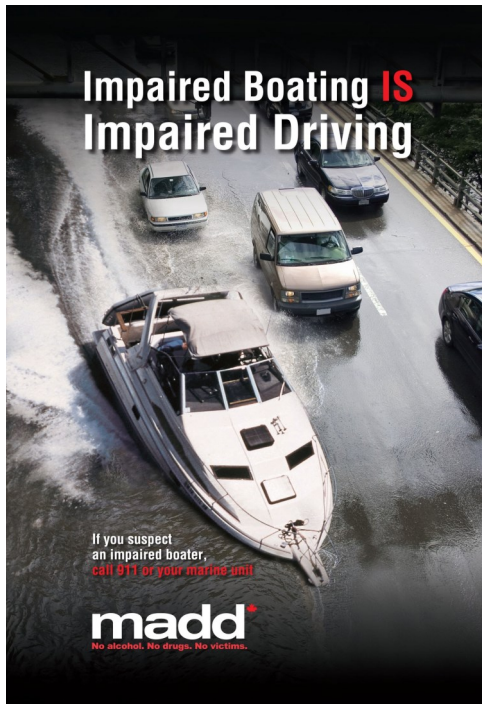
Keep our Workers Safe!

Infrastructure Upgrades

- ◆ Phase 2 project work will not be completed this year, though we expect that the deficiencies to date will be addressed. Bell Avenue and remaining Phase 2 work will be completed in 2025.

Gardening

- ◆ Summer Staff and Students are out and about. There will be mowers and people out with trimmers so please watch out for them.
- ◆ Mosquito Control started in April and the aerial application happened in mid-May. Seems like the timing was good again this year. Public Works will still be doing hand applications of Vectobac 200 in selected areas.
- ◆ 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 effort to repair.



You Can Turn your Bleeders Off on June 15

If you have any questions,
please contact
Mark Vainio at 994-2728 ext. 7
or Email: operations@faroyukon.ca

Thank you, for your cooperation
regarding this important matter!



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



Call 994-2728 to report a dog
at large during regular business
hours.

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.

MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP Campfires

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

- ◆ Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check the fire rating for your current location.
- ◆ Campfires need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- ◆ Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- ◆ Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- ◆ **Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.**
- ◆ Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- ◆ Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- ◆ Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- ◆ Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- ◆ If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- ◆ Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

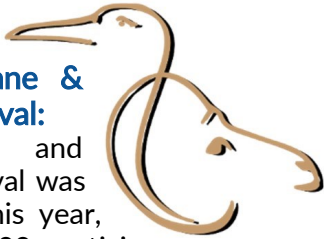


MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

Tina Freake

20th Annual Crane & Sheep Festival:

The Crane and Sheep Festival was a success this year, with over 200 participants. I would like to express my gratitude to the dedicated Rec and CRIC staff who led the event and did an amazing job. I would also like to extend my appreciation to all of the volunteers and organizations who generously offered their support. If you would like to provide any feedback to help in planning future events, please send us an e-mail – we'd love to hear from you!



Annual Spring Aquatics Workshop:

This week-long event, organized by the Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon (RPAY) and YG, with assistance from our Rec Department, brought together approximately 25 aquatics, recreation, and public works professionals from across the Territory. The workshop offered pool operator training, rescue skill development, community-based information, and opportunities for team building and networking. We were excited to host this group at the Rec Centre and showcase all Faro has to offer.



Youth Investment Fund:

I am thrilled to share we have secured \$5000 for our Riverside Rhythms project through the Youth Investment Fund. This project aims to provide our youth with an exhilarating and enriching adventure that combines water sports with cultural and educational opportunities. Activities such as white water rafting on the Tatshenshini, sailing, water bikes, and stand-up paddleboarding will be included. Through this journey, our youth will develop new skills, deepen their understanding of the natural world, and forge lasting connections with their peers and the community.

Youth Group Summer Trip:

We will be hosting a planning meeting for the Youth Group on Wednesday, June 5th at 3:30pm at the Rec Centre. Come and join us to discuss plans for the upcoming summer trip, employment opportunities, the Kettle Café, and more!

Seniors Activities:

We will be hosting a planning meeting for Seniors on Wednesday, June 5th at 1pm at the Rec Centre. Come and join us to discuss the Summer Seniors' Trip, as well as programming and events scheduled to take place throughout the next year.



Staffing at the CRIC:

I am delighted to welcome Sandra Bargold as this season's Facility Attendant at the CRIC. Her friendly personality and eagerness to learn about Faro will undoubtedly contribute to providing a warm welcome to our guests. I would also like to welcome back Jackie Irvine and Andrea Hofer, who will remain on-call and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. The job posting for on-call opportunities is still open for anyone interested.



Faro Pool:

I am pleased to announce that Nadia Loder has returned as the Pool Coordinator for the 2024 season. Nadia started her term on Tuesday, May 14th, and has been diligently working on pool start-up, assisting with the aquatics workshop, conducting lifeguard interviews, creating schedules, and planning events. We are excited to have her enthusiasm and extensive aquatics experience at the Pool.

Our team is actively engaged in the recruitment process for additional lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. We have received funding from CPRA, which will enable us to provide training and on-

the-job experience to individuals interested in obtaining certifications. Exciting opportunities to get training and lifeguarding experience is still available, stop by the Rec Centre to inquire.

Pool/Summer Programming Updates:

A big thank you to the Public Works department for their maintenance and upgrade efforts at the pool, ensuring a smooth opening. The pool is open for the season and available for private bookings. We are excited about all of the programs and courses scheduled to be offered this summer!

CRIC & Markets:

In our commitment to foster a vibrant arts community, we plan to host regular markets throughout the summer. Building on the success and positive feedback from last year, we are excited to continue implementing the innovative structure we introduced during the 2023 season. Sabine has developed this season's market schedule, and posters have been distributed throughout the community. Inquire at the CRIC at 994-2288.

Town of Faro
ART & CRAFT MARKETS
CAMPBELL REGION INTERPRETIVE CENTRE
\$5 PER TABLE
PLEASE REGISTER
YOUR TABLE IN
ADVANCE
HANDMADE ITEMS • ART •
JEWELLERY • BAKED GOODS
WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-8 PM:
MAY 29, JUNE 19, JULY 17,
AUGUST 7 & AUGUST 28
TO REGISTER: E-MAIL CRIC@TOWNOFFARO.YUKON.CA OR PHONE 867-994-2288

Focused on Faro

Rec Centre Renovations:

Exciting developments are underway as we embark on the process of renovating the Rec Centre. We have been in communication with several architectural companies to assist us in space planning for the first phase of renovations, with a specific focus on the kitchen area. Simultaneously, in alignment with the Rec Plan, this approach will allow us to gather valuable feedback from community groups and individuals. By involving the community in the decision-making process, we aim to have a revamped Rec Centre that reflects the requirements of Faro's residents and user groups.

A message from our local fitness professional: Cyndy Bekk

Congratulations to our "Step Into Spring with a Spring in Your Step" participants. They walked a whopping 933.33 kilometers in 10 weeks. You are "Walk Stars".



Thank you to our sponsors, RPAY, New Horizons, Tina, and the Rec staff.

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO FILL THE FARO POOL

By Larry Baran

Each May, the Rec Manager calls on the Public Works Department to fill and prepare the swimming pool for the new season. And, each year, the Public Works Department does an excellent job assisting in getting things ready, from filling to getting all the chemicals balanced. This year, they installed new filtering systems and pumps for 2024. Brian & Cyndy Bekk even volunteered to clean & get the pool ready for water.

It usually takes a few days to fill the pool before PW can start the filtering and stabilizing the water. This year, because the PW Foreman, Adam Minder, (who is ALSO the Fire Chief) thought "there's gotta be a way to do it faster". You see, time isn't on the PW Department's side this summer because, along with all the other Spring projects that the PW Crew has to deal with, they have to start ripping up roads in preparation for the application of new chipseal pavement in June.

So, Adam viewed the problem from a Fire Chief's perspective and brought over the Fire Department Pumper. In about half of a day, the pool was filled with warmer water and was ready for our Pool Coordinator, Nadia Loder, in a fraction of time. Several days of work were condensed into less than a day.

Rec Mgr, Tina Freake notes that in 2023, the pool opened one full week earlier than normal to meet the demands of groups from the schools in Faro and Ross River. And then later in the season we were able to hold the required lessons to train a new round of lifeguards from Faro, Ross River, and all the way from Carcross. In 2024, the pool opened one week earlier than in 2023, because the Town was hosting recreation and PW workers from throughout the Yukon for training sessions regarding swimming and pool maintenance.

This is a compliment to the Town of Faro staff who are both creative as well as providing leadership training in the Yukon Territory. Well done, folks. You make us all look good!



Picture by Sally Lee Baker

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

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The Source of official Town information and notices:

www.faro.ca

www.facebook.com/TownofFaro

Be Bear Aware

- ◆ Secure Garbage & Recycling
- ◆ Do Not Leave Dog Food or Bird Feeders Outside
- ◆ Clean Grills After Use
- ◆ Make Noise When Walking



TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Friday, June 21

Town Office Closed June 21

Landfill Closed June 21 & 22

Rec Centre & Pool Closed Jun 21
Open June 22

CANADA DAY

Monday; July 1

Town Office Closed July 1

Landfill Closed July 1
Open July 2

Rec Centre Closed July 1 & 2

Pool Open July 1
Closed July 2



TOWN OF FARO

Focused on Faro



25th Annual Faro Golf Tournament

July 18 - 20, 2024

Volunteers Needed!

It takes many volunteers to make an event like this happen. Volunteer for 4+ hours and receive a **free dinner ticket**. Dinner by the Smoke & Sow.



To volunteer visit our webpage at: farogolfclub.ca/tournament-volunteers or scan above

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