

FOCUSED ON FARO

DECEMBER 2024



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Left We Forget



Council Meeting

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

December 10, 2024
January 14, 2025
February 4, 2025

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



Town Office will be operating with *Special Holiday Hours*, between December 23rd to January 2nd. Please ensure all utility payments are received by December 31st. If you have any questions, call the office at 994-2728

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

JACK BOWERS

In September, our member of parliament Brendan Hanley, announced a \$40 million dollar "Pre-feasibility study" to advance a 765-kilometer long, 200 kV high voltage transmission line, from northern BC to link up with the Yukon's electrical grid. With the associated environmental and impact studies, this line, if it were to go ahead, could expect to see an actual completion date at least 10 to 15 years away. Such a project would lessen Yukon's reliance on diesel generated power and perhaps lower our cost for electricity. Meanwhile, in winter we continue to rely on diesel generated electrical power to supplement our hydro generated power. With the limited existing high voltage transmission line grid, there are only a few locations where diesel generated power can be reasonably added into the electrical supply. Faro is one such location; others include Whitehorse, Dawson and Mayo. Other communities' power, such as Watson Lake, is solely produced by locally situated diesel generators.

Yukon Energy and Yukon Government are moving forward and investing in a small hydroelectric plant near Atlin, B.C.. This project would provide eight megawatts of power available to the Yukon and contribute up to 8% of the Yukon's electrical needs. This project is at least ten years away from completion. Many other renewable projects are being considered as is a massive battery storage system. All these projects are very expensive and will take some time to complete.

When our family arrived in Faro in 1980, the hum

of the Mirrlees diesel generator, located in Yukon Energy's yard, was certainly noticed on Harper Street where we lived at the time. We soon got used to it, such was life then and is still in Faro. While the Mirrlees generator is now gone, the hum of other generators frequently can be heard. Such is the case for those who come to make Faro their home. Without the generator bank situated in Faro, much of the Yukon connected to the grid would be at risk of power brown out or black outs. I believe most Faroites are willing to endure some level of inconvenience to ensure interruptions to the power supply don't happen.

So, what's to be done? We've asked Yukon Energy to come to Faro to discuss their operational plan for the coming months and to tell us what they are doing to help mitigate the noise and emissions levels. We know Yukon Energy has engaged WSP Engineering to monitor noise and emission levels in Faro while the generators are running. We've been promised a preliminary report, with the results of this survey, in the coming weeks as well as a date (yet to be determined in December) to meet with Council to review the operational plan and data.

While we appreciate everything Yukon Energy is doing to provide a safe reliable source of electrical power throughout Yukon, we also expect they will do everything possible to reduce the noise and emissions levels emitted while the units are operational. We are looking forward to hearing more from them in the coming weeks.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAO



MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

LARRY BARAN

I am soon coming to the close of my 36th month as the Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Faro. In fact, this will be my last posting as a CAO as I plan to retire in 2025. All in all, I've been a Chief Administrative Officer (or Senior Administrative Officer as they call it in the NWT) for about 30 years of my life, but Faro is the only community where I have served twice. As most know, I was the CAO here between 2004 and 2006.

When I returned to Faro in 2022, there were a lot of changes I noticed in the community. Yes, Faro is still situated such that there are some of the most beautiful vistas and views that can be seen in the Yukon. But, it's the people who make up the personality of a community.

Recently, during the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Recreation Centre, I looked around to see faces that I remembered from 20 years ago. Some were sitting in the audience, and some were participating in the ceremony. Others didn't live here 20 years ago or weren't even born then. But I could see the pride they felt in the ceremony, and in their community. Whether it was in acting the MC, reading a poem, or laying a wreath, each person volunteered because they have pride in the community and the country we live in.

Although I was born a Canadian, I grew up in Southern California, so there is a reason I love Canada's North. I used to joke that most Californians are uncomfortable up here because they don't trust any air they can't see. Years ago, my sister lived in North Hollywood and she and her 11 year old son drove up to the Yukon to visit Janet and I. When she arrived, she was dumbfounded why we live in the North because, as she said, "There's nothing here". I smiled and said, "Yes, isn't it wonderful?" To this day, our extended family (on both sides) believes it is shorter for us to drive down to visit them, than it is for them to drive up and visit us.

Canada's North is changing though. Although there are some people who don't like the term 'Climate Change', the reality is things are changing ... year after year. We can get into endless debates whether it is man-made or not, but the reality is earth continues to evolve. It has for millennia before, and it will continue to do so for millennia to come. It will be the task of those on the earth today to prepare and deal with that evolution. We need to prepare today, so our grandchildren will have something decades from now.

The Yukon Government has been hosting a series of workshops and training sessions for CAOs, and elected officials, to discuss the preparation needed to make each community more resilient. Whether it is the massive fire break the City of Whitehorse is creating, building protective flood dikes around the Village of Teslin, or ensuring that Faro's water wells are encased and protected from various forms of contamination, Yukon communities are learning about options and ideas to ensure residents are safe and protected, for now and into the future.

Whether investing in FireSmart projects, emergency training and preparation, or emergency communications, the Town of Faro is preparing more and more each year to make the community safer for Faro residents, for now and for decades to come.

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Well. Done.

About this time last year, the Public Works Department advised Council that one of the two main potable water wells had failed and the Town's entire water system was effectively functioning on one primary well and one backup well. The Public Works Department was experiencing a sincere 'High Level of Stress', so was Mayor & Council, as was the Finance Department, because contracting out development of a new Water Well would really hammer the already tight budgets.

Then Operations Manager Mark Vainio proposed something that wouldn't have been considered a few years ago: Let's drill the well ourselves. Over his term with the Town of Faro, he helped the Public Works Department get better equipment, and to develop their skills and confidence which gained their support. Mayor & Council supported the idea and started the political process to fast-track and acquire the necessary permissions.

After dealing with months of necessary paperwork, and securing approvals, the Faro Public Works Department started drilling a new well in July. Paul Medvid took over from Mark at the end of October and he is proud of the Public Works Department's efforts. After water testing was completed mid-November, the new Water Well #6 was put into service for Faro. Congratulations to the crew in the Public Works Department. They successfully completed a project that

could only be completed by few professionals. In about 12 months, from concept to operational, a new well was done. Or should we say: Well. Done.

Delays & Adjusting Schedules

Each year Town Staff make great plans for the coming year and, each month after, the Town Staff are forced to adjust those plans to accommodate any 'unplanned' emergencies.

In 2024, the Public Works Department was going to focus on completing a backup generator project in the Pumphouse by the Town Office. It was a YG project that was started in 2022, but progress was stalled in late 2023; Town Staff took the project over in 2024. When the Town ordered the new generator in early 2024, we were told it would be here in late June. Last word is we should have it delivered in January 2025. Similarly, we expected to take delivery of a newer street sweeper last June and we now understand it'll be here in mid-December.

This was not the result of poor planning, poor suppliers, or poor consultants. It is just the reality that outside influences can, and do, impact our best-laid plans. And unexpected delays are not limited to our Public Works Department. Sometimes a misfortune in another community can also impact us.

It happened this summer when our Operations Manager developed an excellent plan to complete road re-

surfacing in Faro. Careful planning to coordinate activities for the 8 weeks leading up to the paving crews' scheduled arrival, had the Public Works crews in a great position for 2024. Then they got a call from the paving crew explaining one of their other jobs fell through and they would be arriving in Faro several weeks earlier than planned. Worse, it was either take them when they could come or wait another year. The Public Works Department had to reshuffle several other projects to make the paving a reality. However, it was well worth it and we appreciate how our crews accommodated the change in scheduling.

The residents of the Town of Faro have reason to appreciate the Town Staff, whether in Public Works, Recreation, or the Town Office. Town Staff take pride in the community and are constantly trying to learn how to do things better. That pride shows because, each year, Faro is in better condition than the previous year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IT IS TIME
TO TURN ON YOUR
WATER BLEEDERS**



If You Have Any Questions, Please Contact
Paul Medvid at 994-2728 ext. 7 or
email operations@faroyukon.ca

Thank you, for your Cooperation
Regarding this Important Matter!





TOWN OF FARO COMMUNITY SLEDDING PARTY

EVERYONE WELCOME!



**JANUARY
1, 2025**
NOON - 3:00 PM
GAZEBO &
SLEDDING HILL

HOT CHOCOLATE,
S'MORES, SMOKIES, &
HOT-DOGS!

JOIN TOWN OF FARO MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR A FUN OUTDOOR PARTY AT THE SLEDDING HILL & GAZEBO. THE FIRE WILL BE GOING TO KEEP YOU WARM. GOODIES AND WARM BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED!

MAYOR & COUNCIL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FARO COMMUNITY POTLUCK AND KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

12PM-1PM FOR THE COMMUNITY POTLUCK
HOSTED BY THE FARO BIBLE CHAPLE. PLEASE
BRING ONE OR TWO DISHES!

FOLLOWED BY

1PM-4PM ALL CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER WILL
RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT DELIVERED BY SANTA
AND MRS. CLAUSE! GAMES, SNACKS AND HOT
CHOCOLATE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

DECEMBER 14TH 2024

Everyone is Welcome!



ALL KIDS WILL
GET A CHANCE
TO GET A
PRINTED
PICTURE WITH
SANTA AND
MRS CLAUSE!

Faro's Annual CHRISTMAS MARKET

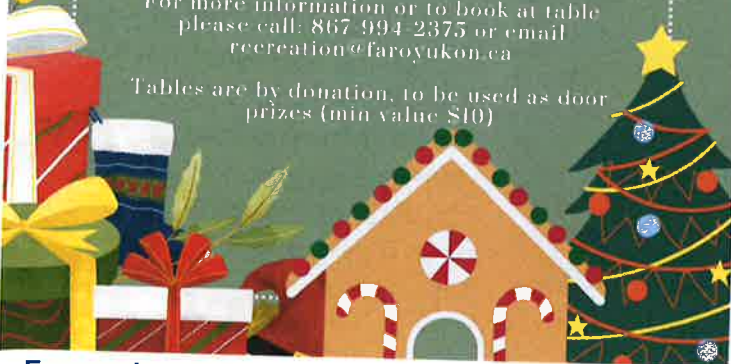
AT THE REC CENTRE

Saturday, December 7, Noon - 3pm

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS - HANDCRAFTED
ITEMS, HAND-MADE DECORATIONS, LUNCH
ITEMS, BAKING, AND MORE!

For more information or to book at table
please call: 867-994-2375 or email
recreation@faroyukon.ca

Tables are by donation, to be used as door
prizes (min value \$10)



Focused on Faro

December 2024

Annual Christmas Light Contest

First Place	\$100
Second Place	\$ 75
Third Place	\$ 50

Judging will take place on
Monday, December 9, 2024
Have your lights on by 6 p.m.



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MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

WAFL Lending Library

We have picked up skis and snowshoes from Whitehorse and items are available for pick-up at the Rec Centre. If anyone missed the deadline and would like to make a request, you still have a chance! RPAY will be accepting requests as long as there is equipment available. This initiative aims to encourage residents of rural communities, schools, and organizations to experience the beauty of a Yukon winter. To borrow cross-country ski gear or snowshoes, please contact the Recreation Centre by phone or email with your request. We also have Kicksleds available, in a variety of sizes, that can be signed out on a two-week basis.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was scheduled for Monday, November 11th, at the Recreation Centre Gymnasium. The event featured presentations, a wreath-laying ceremony, followed by a potluck lunch. This event had a great turn out. Thank you to Ted Baker for doing a great job as MC, to our speakers Gregg and Pamela Janiga, Mayor Jack Bowers, Olive Passmore, Lilou Lefebvre, Kelsey Belling, as well as to Jeanne George and Helena MacVane for leading the songs and providing live music. Also, thank you to our

local organizations such as the RCMP, CO Services, Canadian Rangers, and Junior Rangers for their involvement. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who sponsored wreaths for the wreath laying ceremony:

RCMP • 1CRPG - Faro Ranger Patrol • Faro Volunteer Fire Department • Bella's Home Sweet Home • Betty Boops B&B • Boreal Engineering • Campbell Ridge Guest House • Canadian Industrial Power • Catholic Church of the Apostles • Faro Conservation Officer Services • Del Van Gorder School • Discovery Store • Dr. Gordon & Marie Frey • Far-O-Way Guest House • Faro Bible Chapel • Faro Golf Club • Faro Guest House Rentals • Faro Woodwork & Bottle Depot • Faro Health Centre • Faro Mobile Autoglass • Mark & Michelle Vainio • Morgan Manuel & Hannah Fudge • Parsons Inc • Phyllis Restaurant • Pilgrim's Landscaping & Snow Removal • Town of Faro • VanGorda Enterprises • WR Wood - Bud's Furnace Service • Yukon University



TINA FRAKE



The Faro and Ross River Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Faro Canadian Ranger Patrol and Faro Junior Canadian Rangers.

Yukon Quest

Representatives from Yukon Quest were in Faro on Friday, November 22nd for presentations at the school, as well as an open house at the Rec Centre. If you were not able to make the meeting, but would like to be involved with the Yukon Quest in February, 2025, contact us with your email address and we will make sure to pass on your contact information.

Christmas Market

We are thrilled to announce our annual Christmas Market is taking place on Saturday, December 7th, from noon to 3 PM. This popular event highlights the talents of artists and vendors from Faro and Ross River, supports the local economy and encourages community engagement. Attendees can also view and purchase our new Town of Faro merchandise. Anyone interested is encouraged

to call or e-mail the Rec Centre to book a table.

Community Christmas Potluck Lunch & Children's Christmas Party

The organizers have combined these two annual festive celebrations into one community event. The Christmas Potluck will occur on Saturday, December 14th, followed by an afternoon of fun at the Children's Christmas Party. Please refer to their poster on page 5 for further information.

Weight Room

We have been taking inventory and assessing equipment in our weight room. If any regular weight room users have any requests or ideas for the space, please reach out to us. We have been focusing on developing a maintenance plan for the weight room and a schedule for regular maintenance and equipment upkeep. We hope to obtain funding soon to replace some dated cardio equipment that hasn't been functioning properly, as well as some gaps in weights, kettle bells, etc.

Parson's Sports Night

We are pleased to announce that Parsons has reserved our gymnasium to resume Thursday Sports Nights. **This program is open to all community members of all ages, not just Parsons employees.** We appreciate Parsons for utilizing our facilities and promoting active lifestyles within the community.

Strength Training & Conditioning Session

We are excited to offer community members the opportunity to

participate in strength and conditioning sessions led by two experienced coaches from Whitehorse. These hands-on workshops will cover essential exercise science topics including safe movement, strength building, and injury prevention. Participants will learn to create personalized workout routines tailored to their individual fitness goals, whether for sports training, strength enhancement, or general physical activity. This initiative aims to empower participants to use the community weight room confidently and safely, promoting physical health and mental well-being. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact us to join the interest list; further details will be provided shortly.

Interested in Hosting the Faro Youth Group in your home?

The Faro Youth Group is planning a Dinner-on-the-run for January. How it works: community members host them in their home for drinks, salad/soup, appetizers, main meal, or dessert. They spend about 45 minutes in each location, travelling to the next stop for their next course. If you'd be interested in hosting the Youth Group in January, please reach out to us to sign up. We can cover the costs of your food and supplies.

Ice Worm Squirm 2025

Tentatively we have scheduled this event for Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1st, 2025. Fingers crossed that Mother Nature agrees and the weather is agreeable for us to host this annual outdoor event.

Crane & Sheep Festival 2025

Mark your calendars: our next Crane & Sheep Festival is scheduled to take place from May 2nd to 4th, 2025. We have started planning some aspects of this festival. We will be calling out to local organizations, volunteers, and Town staff and representatives to join the planning committee for this event in February, once the Yukon Quest and Arctic Ultra events have completed.

Youth Group Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Group members! We need your help and you need volunteer points! We're looking for assistance on Dec 6th & 7th to assist with the Market, on Dec 13th & 14th to assist with the Children's Christmas Party & Potluck, as well as during other events and programs in December. Stop by or call us to sign up!



Faro Minor Hockey
Faro Minor Hockey is currently looking for a coordinator to ensure youth hockey can run this season. If you are interested or have any questions please reach out to Dawn Collins at dawncollins@gmail.com.

Faro Minor Hockey generally runs from January until mid-March, with approximately two practices per week, lead by talented local coaches.

December & Holiday Season Events

The holiday season is here, and the Faro Recreation Centre has a fun-filled lineup of activities for all ages! Whether you're looking to stay active, get creative, or just enjoy the festive spirit, there's something for everyone this December. Check out the exciting events happening throughout the month:

Drop-in Pickleball

Come join us for some fun and friendly competition at Drop-in Pickleball! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, everyone is welcome. All equipment is provided!

- Dec 11th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- Dec 18th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- Dec 28th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Jan 4th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM



Kids Club Christmas Cookie Decorating & Crafts

December 20th, 3:15 - 5:00 PM: Join the Kids Club for a festive afternoon of cookie decorating and holiday crafts! This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and create sweet treats to take home.

Youth Group Last Day of School Celebration

December 20th, 5:30 PM: After the Christmas Cookie decorating, enjoy a special dinner followed by an exciting game of Laser Tag. It's the perfect way for the youth to kick off the Christmas break in style!

Community Sledding Party

December 21st, 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Gazebo: Get ready for some winter fun to start the Holiday break! Head to the Gazebo for an afternoon of sledding, hot chocolate, and delicious s'mores. Don't forget to bring your own sled! Children 5 and under must have adult supervision and assistance.



Christmas Movie, Popcorn, and Hot Chocolate

December 24th, 12:00 - 2:00 PM: Join us in the Youth Lounge for a Christmas movie, complete with popcorn and hot chocolate. It's a perfect way to unwind before the big day!

Open Gym, Pickleball, & Volleyball

Looking to stay active over the holidays? Join us for open gym times and volleyball at the Rec Centre.

- Dec 11th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM (Pickleball)
- Dec 18th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM (Pickleball)
- Dec 24th, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Open Gym)
- Dec 27th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Drop-in Volleyball)
- Dec 27th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM (Open Gym)
- Dec 28th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Pickleball)
- Dec 28th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM (Drop-in Volleyball)
- Dec 31st, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Open Gym)

- Jan 3rd, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Drop-in Volleyball)
- Jan 3rd, 3:00 - 6:00 PM (Open Gym)
- Jan 4th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Pickleball)
- Jan 4th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM (Drop-in Volleyball)

New Years Eve Movie, Popcorn, & Hot Chocolate

December 31st, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Join us for a special New Year's Eve movie in the Youth Lounge with popcorn and hot chocolate. It's a perfect way to relax before ringing in the New Year!

Family Nerf Battle / Laser Tag

January 2nd, 2:00 PM: Start the New Year with some high-energy fun at the Family Nerf Battle/ Laser Tag! Bring your own Nerf guns and get ready for a friendly competition. Kids 5 and under must have adult supervision, so bring the whole family for an action-packed afternoon!



We hope you join us for these festive activities at the Rec this December and start the New Year with plenty of fun and excitement. Happy holidays from all of us at the Rec Centre!

Please note that children 5 and under must be accompanied by and have assistance from an adult.

Town of Faro Recreation Centre

DECEMBER

Open Tuesdays 1-9 pm, Wednesday to Saturday 1-6pm

2024

Sun Mon

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1/2
Rec Closed
Sundays &
Mondays

3
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Archery 6-8 pm
Floor Hockey 7-9 pm

8/9
10
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Archery 6-8 pm
Floor Hockey 7-9 pm

15/16
17
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Archery 6-8 pm
Floor Hockey 7-9 pm

22/23
24
Open 10 am-2 pm
Christmas Movie with hot
chocolate & popcorn
12-2 pm
Open Gym 11 am-2 pm

29/30
31
Open 10 am-2 pm
Christmas Movie with
hot chocolate &
popcorn 12-2 pm
Open Gym 11 am-2 pm

4
Basketball 7-9 pm

11
7pm
Pickleball 5:30 - 7pm
Basketball 7-9 pm

18
DCG School
Christmas
Concert 7pm
Pickleball 5:30 - 7pm
Basketball 7-9 pm

25
Rec Closed
Merry Christmas!

1
Rec Closed
Happy New Year!
Sledding Party at the
Gazebo hosted by
Mayor & Council
Noon-3 pm

5
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Parsons Sports Night
7-9 pm

12
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Parsons Sports Night
7-9 pm

19
Playgroup 10:30 - Noon
Carpet Bowling 1-3:30pm
Kids Club 3:15-5 pm
Parsons Sports Night
7-9 pm

26
Rec Closed
Boxing Day

2
Open 1-6 pm
Family Nerf Battle &
Lazer Tag Noon - 2 pm

6
Gymnasium Closed
for event set-up

13
Gymnasium Closed
for event set-up

20
Last day of School at DVG
Christmas Cookie
Decorating &
Crafts 3:15-5 pm
Youth Group Dinner &
Lazer Tag Party 5:30 pm

27
Open 1-6 pm
Volleyball 1-3pm
Open Gym 3-6 pm

3
Open 1-6 pm
Volleyball 1-3pm
Open Gym 3-6 pm

7
Christmas Market
Noon - 3pm

14
Christmas Potluck
and Children's
Party Noon - 4pm

21
Sledding Party at
the Gazebo with
Hot Chocolate &
S'mores
2-4 pm

28
Open 1-6 pm
Pickleball 1-3 pm
Volleyball 3-6 pm

4
Open 1-6 pm
Pickleball 1-3 pm
Volleyball 3-6 pm

*Children 5 & under must have adult supervision and assistance.

Party

CHRISTMAS
MERRY



PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UPDATES



MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

PAUL MEDVID

Public Works Crew

- Work has slowed on our Distribution Pumphouse 3 Backup Generator project as production delays means we won't see the generator until January. However, this will give us time to have all other work completed and be ready to plug it in.
- Our new Water Well #6 has been commissioned. Flow testing and sampling were completed, and we are awaiting the final sample results to put this new well into service.
- Our ongoing projects include clean-up/upgrade the power to our Water Treatment Plant, electrical upgrades to Well-house One, Pump replacement and install a bleeder into this well as it has no frost protection.
- Hydrants have been inspected, repaired and winterized.
- We have begun various internal safety and operational audits of our infrastructure and process along with best management practices associated with the activities or tasks we complete.

Landfill Operations

Our 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. We're accepting hazardous household waste in a shed beside the office. We accept this material (paint, aerosol cans etc) year-round. 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.

Projects

- The Town of 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 of Faro will accept applicants

throughout the year.

- Construction of a new Animal Shelter will be starting once the engineered design is completed.
- We are planning to have our new electronic access gate installation completed shortly, along with the additional waste shed. This is however dependent on weather.
- In an effort to reduce our energy consumption and costs, we are retrofitting many of our buildings with LED lighting and looking at many other ways to conserve.
- Crews are working diligently to ensure buildings and trails are ready to welcome both the Yukon Quest and the Yukon Arctic Ultra Marathon in February. We are excited for the opportunity this presents to Faro.

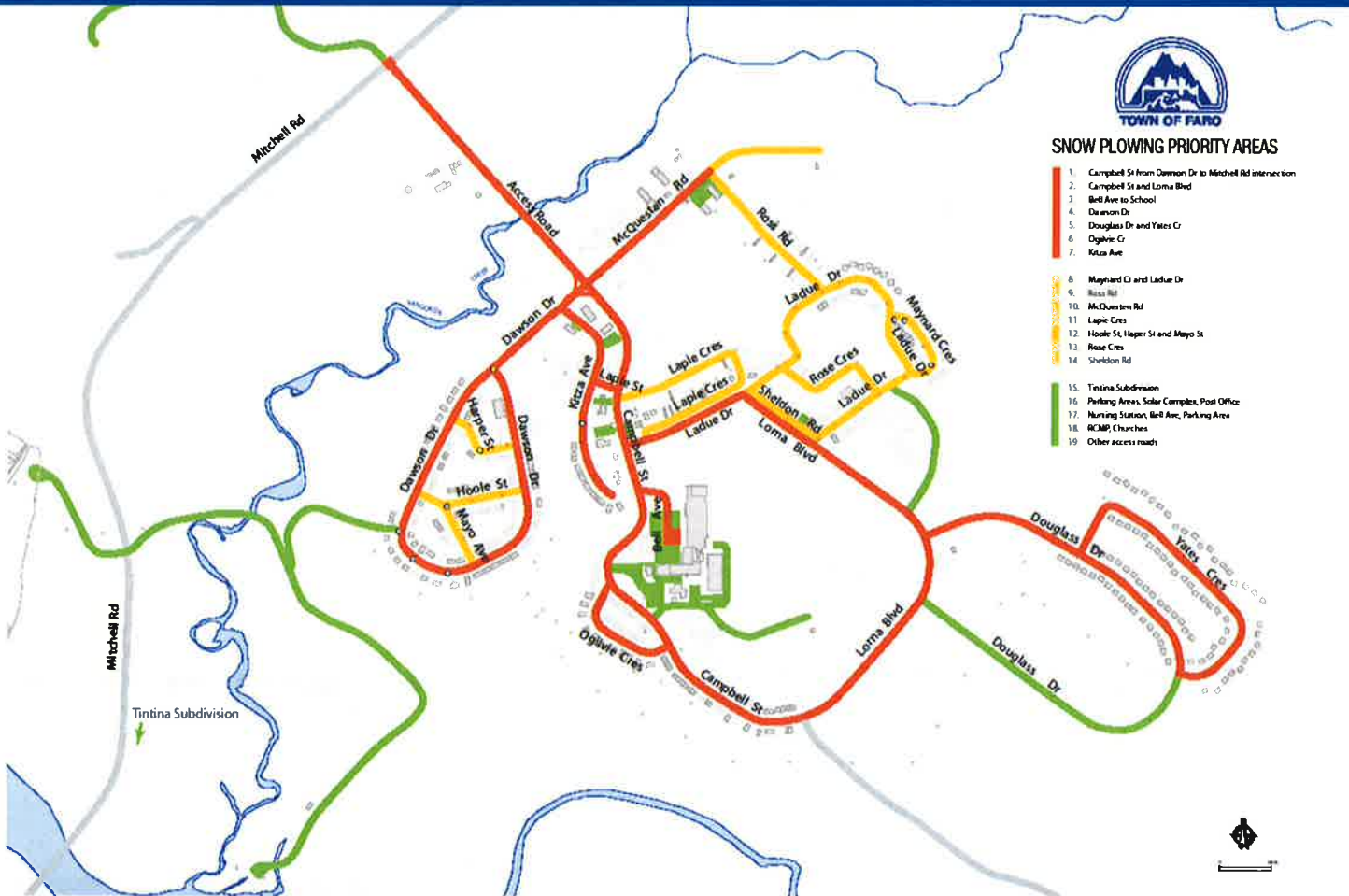
Firesmart

Crews have been hard at work protecting the community with the commencement of the 2024 FireSmart program. This year has provided the opportunity for a couple of new workers to gain skills through training and mentorship. The team of 4 are currently working on lower Douglass and are utilizing traffic management signage and other administrative controls to maintain a safe work zone and interface with anyone using the trail network. The public can expect to see 3 slashers and an excavator with mulcher head working during normal hours. We would ask the public to please be aware of the dangers of approaching any equipment or workers and maintain a safe distance for both themselves and their pets.

Roads/Snow Removal

Reminder to please be mindful of heavy equipment completing snow removal. Give equipment operators room to work and be aware that during snow events, snow is removed in a priority sequenced manner. We would ask that citizens try to park off of main roadways and also to avoid parking vehicles in designated snow dump areas.

FIRESMART NOVEMBER 2024



This is the current **Snow Removal Priority Map** Council approved for the Public Works Department a few years ago which needs to be reviewed. The Town Office is seeking your comments about what changes in priority for snow removal you would like to see.

Please send an email to admin-faro@faroyukon.ca with your recommendations.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FARO'S LOCAL VENDOR & CONTRACTOR LIST!

Faroites are a talented bunch! The Town of Faro would like to know what skills you have to offer. From time to time, we require specialized skills which our union employees may not possess. In addition to these skills, on occasion the Town requires equipment not in our inventory to complete projects.

In the past, the Town of Faro has often hired outside contractors to fill these gaps. The process of finding the right contractor can be timely and, in an emergency, the Public Works Departments doesn't have the time to call all contractors with business licenses to find out what equipment they have. For these reasons, each year we create an **Approved Vendors List**.

Vendors include Artists, Musicians, and Crafters; people with computer skills & advanced MS Office; Equipment Operators; Instructors; Licensed Trades people; and other specialized skills, To be considered for the 2025 list, please fill out a **Local Vendor/Contractor Expression of Interest** application

In addition, the Town creates an inventory of equipment located in the community, for emergency situations; it will save our staff time locating equipment we may not have. If you have equipment for rent in the community, please complete the **Contractor/Vendor Inventory & Price List**. Additionally, if you have a specialized Trade license, please include your license and hourly rate in the form.

Both the **Local Contractor/Vendor Expression of Interest** and the **Contractor/Vendor Inventory & Price List** are available on the Town's website. Filling out these forms is not a guarantee of work, however, we will review all local applicants before seeking contractors and/or vendors from outside the community. The Town will review the list and, in accordance with our purchasing policy, award the contract to the lowest price whenever prudent to do so.

The Town of Faro residents are remarkably resilient and are prepared to be here for generations to come. For Faro to be stronger, and more economically viable, we need to **grow** our local businesses. We believe this new process will help make that happen by **supporting** those local businesses. Having a list of Local Businesses, and their resources, will help strengthen our local economy.

TOWN OFFICE

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

Regular Landfill Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	1pm - 4pm
Thursday	Collection Day (landfill closed)
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	Closed

The Landfill will be closed all holidays as per the union agreement.

December Holiday Schedule

Dec. 23	Closed
Dec. 24	Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Dec. 27	Collection Day
Dec. 28	Open 9am - 4p.m.
Dec. 29	Closed
Dec. 30	Closed
Dec. 31	Open 1 pm to 4 pm
Jan. 1	Closed
Jan. 2	Collection Day
Jan. 3	Resume Reg. Schedule