

# FOCUSED ON FARO

MAY 2024

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK



**Emergency Preparedness Week is May 5-11.**

More information about how the Town is prepared in the even of an emergency, and how you can prepare is listed on pages 6 & 7.

### Council Meeting

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

**Special Meeting - April 29**  
May 7, 2024  
May 23, 2024  
June 4, 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



# COUNCIL UP-DATES



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Jack Bowers

For those who may have missed it, Saturday April 20th was the newly formed Four Paws Rescue Society's Kick-off Celebration. Thanks to Teresa's leadership, Faro now has a volunteer group to provide care and find homes for captured or surrendered dogs and cats. And a big thank you to those who support their efforts through your generous donations as well as volunteering your time to help.

Also of interest, I will share with you that Chiefs and Mayors from across the Yukon gathered on Thursday April 18th in Whitehorse for our second forum to discuss issues common to both First Nations communities as well as the Yukon's municipalities. We found shared many common challenges and, by establishing a common front, we believe we can expect to see positive changes. Topics discussed included Wildland Fire Protection, Canada Community-Building Fund and other funding sources, as well as mutually beneficial land development.

In other good news, we received confirmation the Town's application for CDF funding to construct a commercial grade kitchen in the Rec Centre has been approved. We can start the detailed engineering/architectural design immediately with construction to happen next year. Tina can confirm this has been over ten years in the planning and now it's coming to fruition.

The 2024 operating budgets are done; it appears we will be getting BST work done this summer, and the Official Community Plan is in the final stages of approval. Yes indeed, it's been a busy start for 2024.



**POTHOLES & PAVING**  
In case you didn't notice, we have a few potholes on some roads in Faro. (Was that too sarcastic?) Anyway, everyone should be aware

the Faro Public Works Department is asking that we continue to dodge potholes until after the Crane & Sheep Festival (May 3, 4, & 5).

After that, the Faro Public Works Crews will start ripping up about 2 kilometres of Town roads in preparation for BST (chip seal) application that will start in mid-June. To keep the costs of the BST application down, Town crews will be preparing the roads for treatment, so the YG Highways Department will only need to come in and apply the BST material to the prepared roads.

The work this summer will be in addition to the BST work planned for Yates and Douglass in 2025. That work can't be done until the summer of 2025 due to the need for road settlement after the underground excavation completed in 2022 and 2023.

The Faro Public Works Crews will also be preparing to apply asphalt in some intersections where BST doesn't seem to hold up.

Unlike a lot of other Yukon communities, Faro can take pride in being unique due to the amount of paved streets in our community. Although we may have the occasional detour to deal with a few times this & next summer, it will be worth it because the roads will soon be less dusty and a lot smoother.

## JOB POSTINGS

### F/T Recreation Programmer

#### Pool Staff

- ◆ Pool Coordinator
- ◆ Head Lifeguard
- ◆ Junior Lifeguard Positions
- ◆ CRIC Summer Assistant

### Summer Gardening Positions

- ◆ Summer Student
- ◆ Mature Summer Student
- ◆ Assistant Gardener
- ◆ Casual Assistant Gardener

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

# WHAT DOES THIS YEARS BUDGET MEAN FOR RESIDENTS?

## SOME FEES ARE GOING UP (at least a little, anyway)

While balancing the municipal budgets for 2024, Council had to make the difficult decision to increase some fees and charges. The reality is the costs associated with providing services have been increasing faster over the last few years. In many cases, the fees for those services haven't kept pace.

This creates what is sometimes called the Rubber Band Effect: Council tries to keep the fees the same year over year, then, when the rubber band has been stretched for too long, it snaps and there has to be a significant increase all at once. In reality, it is easier on everyone's pocketbook to have a small increase every year than it is to keep fees the same for several years and then have a huge jump to move budgets and fees to where the Town needs to be.

It is often said municipal governments are supposed to be like a non-profit business, but municipal gov-

ernments shouldn't be losing money either. If a service costs \$100 to provide, there should be fees enough to cover that expense. The only exception might be in recreation, where it is better for the health and welfare of the community to provide programs at a subsidized cost.

Some of the fees that will see an increase in 2024, include the Cemetery, whose fees haven't increased in a few decades. Many Public Works services, like turning curb stops on/off will be increasing from \$25 to \$100, however, those needing the water off to do quick repairs will only need to pay the fee once. Even camping fees will be increasing, along with contractor rates for bulk water & wastewater hauling.

Starting July, it will cost a few dollars more for water, sewer, and refuse. Just as electricity, gas, oil, tires, and insurance cost more in 2024 than it did in 2023, the Town needs to meet those increased costs. Trying to figure out when to

have an increase in fees, or when to let the rubber band stretch, is never easy, especially if you have ever felt the sting of a snapping rubber band.

Some of the more noticeable fee increases that community members will need to consider in their personal budgets are:

### Public Works Fees

- ◆ Curb Stop Fees increased to \$100.
- ◆ W/S/R fees increased by 10%.
- ◆ Equipment Fees increased to meet Market prices.
- ◆ The landfill will no longer be accepting oil tanks that are not drained of fluids.
- ◆ Non-Resident bagged household garbage increased to \$10 per bag. **Reminder:** Garbage bins around Town are for Residents ONLY.

### Recreation Fees

- ◆ Seniors age increased to 60+.
- ◆ Membership fees increased.
- ◆ New rates for non-residents.
- ◆ Definition of a "Family" has been up-dated.

### Administration

- ◆ Photocopying fees increased to include staff's time.

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

### Residential

Water	\$	160.92
Sewer	\$	48.28
Refuse	\$	69.78
<b>Total Quarterly Fees</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>278.98</b>

### Basic Commercial

Water	\$	160.92
Sewer	\$	48.28
Refuse	\$	145.39
<b>Total Quarterly Fees</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>354.59</b>

For rates specific to your commercial property, please contact GM of Finance, Lenka Kazda at [finance@faroyukon.ca](mailto:finance@faroyukon.ca)

**ALL BUDGET BYLAWS (INCLUDING THE FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE) ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE**



## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ~ DUE JULY 2, 2024

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

### Payment Options:

- ◆ E-Transfer to [finance@faroyukon.ca](mailto: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

Larry Baran

### Every Tornado Starts as a Slight Breeze

A few years back, I remember reading how people would hardly notice the signs of winds changing, with leaves gently moving across their path, yet later that day a tornado came through. Sometimes the cycle of change happens while we aren't noticing until it is a surprise, even though the warning signs were right in front of us.

That's happening in Faro right now. Since our last Official Community Plan was approved in 2015, housing wasn't issue, nor was the need for commercial or industrial land. There were slight changes, here and there, with the costs of products or services, but it was usually minor.

Suddenly, it seems, inflation is a real thing (again) and everything just costs more. Whatever your personal stance is in responding to Climate Change, increased carbon taxes and pressure to convert from fossil fuels to electric is like that tornado. Change is being demanded everywhere, and everything seems to cost more, both at home and at work.

That is the pressure Council felt as they were working on the 2024 Budgets. Everything costs more,

yet the funds coming from grants and other sources isn't keeping pace. The only other alternative was to raise taxes and fees, which Council did their best to minimize. Yes, some fees and taxes in Faro ARE going up. Maybe not to the degree needed to match the costs of operations, but Council reviewed the cost of providing all sorts of services.

In Alberta, and a few other provinces, the costs for operating water & wastewater services must be self-financing. In other words, a municipality can't use some of their property taxes to cover the costs of delivering potable water to a home, the utility fees levied must do that. This is why utility bills may be higher in some Alberta communities than others. It all depends on each community, the age of their system, and the amount treatment required for the raw water available.

The reality is you can't compare one Yukon community to another and say one is more efficient than the other by simply reviewing their costs of services. As the old adage goes, "You see one Yukon community, and you've seen ONE Yukon

community". Each community is unique, as are the costs associated with operations.

Council made these difficult decisions in 2024, by using a combination of increased fees & charges, as well as drawing a little from surpluses, to balance the budget and maintain the service levels the community needs. Just as the cost of living at home is increasing (electrical, insurance, food), so is the cost of operating a municipal government.

In the future, residents may see Council choose to focus on maintaining the facilities and services we already have as opposed to building new facilities or increasing the level of services. The Town will soon be under increased pressure to start migrating our vehicles and heavy equipment from fossil fuels to electric vehicles. Similarly, buildings that use heating oil may need to be changed over. As these changes happen, remember the winds of change sometimes feel like a gentle breeze, and other times they may feel like a tornado, but change is happening. Faro is evolving and preparing for the future.



## VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND HOURS

Town Office

Closed May 20, 2024

Landfill

Open Regular Hours all weekend

Rec Centre

Closed Tuesday, May 21, 2024



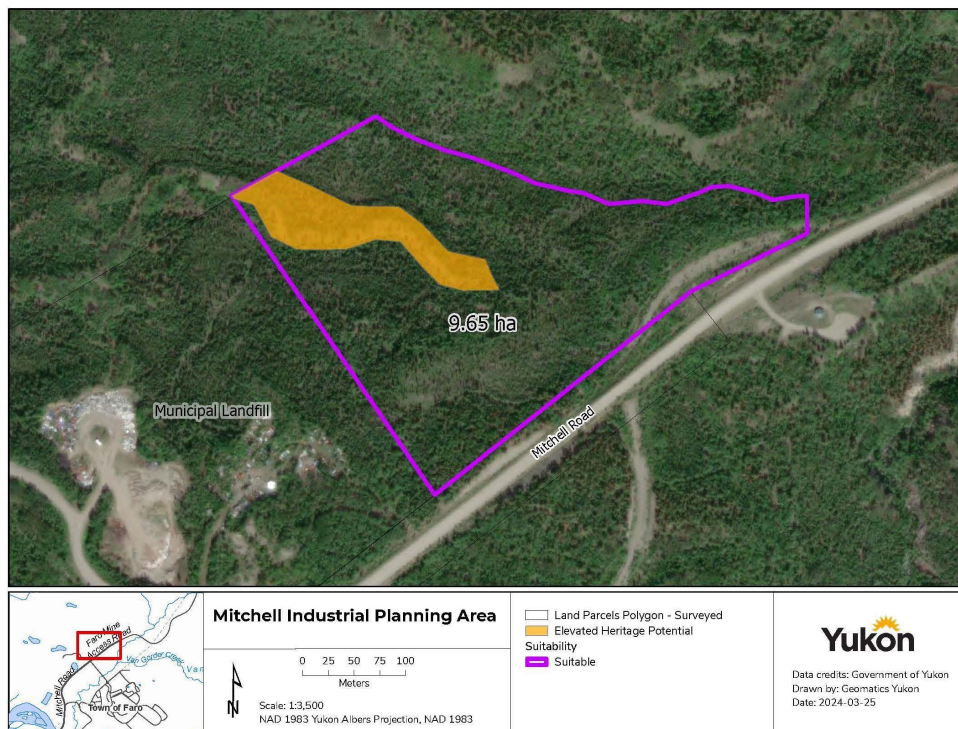


# CAN YOU PLEASE DIRECT ME TO THE MITCHELL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT?

In just a few years, this will be a normal question. As Faro's Town Council has been working with YG Land Development since August 2022 to create a new industrial park. In early 2022, after their election in 2021, Council developed their first Strategic Plan and one of their goals was to create more industrial land for the Faro.

YG Land Development has been working closely with Faro to that end. In fact, in December 2023, it was confirmed the studies will be completed in 2024, including initial subdivision design options.

Along with the industrial lots, additional residential building lots, owned by the YG which had been sitting dormant for years, are



Because the Town did not own land that could be developed for that purpose, the Town approached the Yukon Government. After extended discussions, both the Town and YG settled on investigating a parcel of land just up the hill from the current landfill area. This proposed site, with an access off Mitchell Road, is undeveloped, it may be easiest to pass all of the geotechnical, historical, and environmental assessments that must first be completed before consideration.

being brought to market and will be available in mid-2024. Discussions are also underway for another Country Residential subdivision like Tintina. Council appreciates the support Faro is getting from YG Land Development.

Meanwhile, if you have a business that is (or will be) in need of industrial or commercial land, please contact the Town Office so we can put you on the list. As this early stage of planning, we may even be able to design in a lot size to meet your needs.

# THANK YOU, FROM THE



## TINTINA GUN CLUB

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making our first annual Snowmobile Poker Rally a success!

Congratulations to all the participants who were able to go home with a prize! The top three prizes to mention are Lester Boyle, who won best hand overall. Trevor Noseworthy who won worst hand overall. Nadia Loder who won the ice fishing tent for the Wild Card draw.

A big thank you to our volunteers who without them this event would not have been possible! Jay Kaminecki, Jay Hambleton, Ronnie Meers, Trevor Piercey, Russell Truman, Lorraine Besner, and Kathy Bowers.

We asked and our sponsors delivered! All our sponsors are local and Yukon businesses, community members, and artists who all gave generously in support of our event. We thank you!



We really enjoyed putting this event together. It came together on short notice, with such support from everyone. We look forward to doing another one and making it even better!

Sincerely,  
Tintina Gun Club Executive  
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# BE PREPARED, NOT SCARED

## IS THE TOWN OF FARO PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

In 2022, Town Council approved an updated Community Emergency Management Plan for Faro. The plan addresses how Council would respond to a variety of emergencies, including wildland fire, evacuations, earthquakes, and more. Although Town Council ensures Town staff and other emergency responders practice and exercise the Plan, one of the more important parts of the plan is out of their control: **You, and your own preparedness.**

Every Emergency Preparedness media release encourages each resident to have their own **72 Hour Kit**. Each of us needs to take care of ourselves for about 3 days in case there is a delay in an organized response to the Emergency.

Think about it for a minute. Almost every emergency responder in Faro has a family and, when a disaster hits, their first priority is to ensure their family is safe. Only after their own family is safe can any emergency responder work effectively. So, it is important for all of us to be self-sufficient for a short period of time until organized help arrives.

What are the worst emergencies for responders to deal with? Seriously, it's when **everyone** in the territory is at risk. A wildland fire usually impacts only one or two communities at a time. An earthquake can impact a huge part of the Territory. Some emergencies are over quickly, like a power outage. Some can take weeks or months to resolve, like a landslide or road washout.

**Regardless of the emergency, everyone needs to be prepared! Develop a 72-Hour Emergency Kit.**

## DRONES INTERFERE WITH WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE

In 2024, there have already been 148 wildfires extinguished in Alberta, with 50 still burning. When an evacuation alert was issued for the small northern Alberta community of Saprae Creek Estates, the wildfire response was temporarily halted when personal drones were noted flying over the area.

RCMP said personal drones flying near the fire were interfering with firefighting efforts, grounding helicopters meant to be fighting the fire. The risk of damage to helicopter blades and pilot safety meant that the firefighting response was delayed for hours until the drones could be called back.

## PRIVATE-PROPERTY BURNING RULES TAKE EFFECT AS LEGAL FIRE SEASON STARTS

*Wildfire bulletin 24-1*

Yukon's legal wildfire season starts on Monday, April 1. Whether there is snow on the ground or not, people who plan to burn brush have extra responsibilities each year between April 1 and September 30.

If you burned any brush last fall, check the area for any trace of heat that might have survived beneath the snow. Checking your old piles reduces the chance that residual heat could warm up, ignite dry ground litter and become a wildfire.

People who live inside Whitehorse, Dawson or Watson Lake city limits need to follow their municipal government's burning rules. If you live outside of these areas, you need to call your local Yukon Government wildland fire office for permission to burn. You do not need a paper burn permit anymore.

Permission to burn is only given during days where the fire danger is low, and can be taken away at any time. You need to supervise any burning you do and have the tools on hand to put it out.

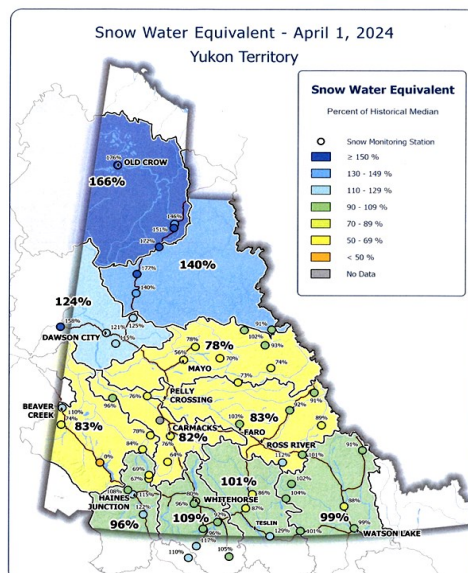
## Tatchun Wildland Fire Management Office

Phone: 867-863-2408

This wildfire bulletin is also available online at [yukon.ca/en/private-property-burning-rules-take-effect-legal-fire-season-starts](http://yukon.ca/en/private-property-burning-rules-take-effect-legal-fire-season-starts)

## Snow Water Equivalent as of April 1, 2024

The Yukon Government provided an update of the Annual Snow Water Equivalent, which is used to estimate the probability of community flooding and the moisture content in the mountains. Faro's totals are estimated to be about 103% of the normal snowpack, whereas Ross River had about 112%. Interestingly, the central band region (from the eastern border at Beaver Creek, through Pelly Crossing to Faro) experienced much less. For example, Mayo received about 56% of their normal snowpack. In comparison, Old Crow received about 176%.



To read the full Snow Report visit: [yukon.ca/en/news/april-1-snow-survey-shows-snowpack-ranges-below-average-record-setting-north](http://yukon.ca/en/news/april-1-snow-survey-shows-snowpack-ranges-below-average-record-setting-north)



## MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

An emergency plan helps everyone in your family know what to do in an emergency, how to contact each other, and where to meet.

### Your emergency plan should include:

- ◆ 2 ways out of each room in case of fire
  - ◆ Emergency exits from your home
- ◆ Escape routes from your neighbourhood
- ◆ Meeting places for your family to reconnect
  - ◆ Designated caregivers of all children
  - ◆ Meeting special health needs
  - ◆ Shelter/Plan for pets
- ◆ Emergency contacts and important information
- ◆ What is your family's plan in event of wild fire?
- ◆ What is your family's plan in event of an Earthquake?
- ◆ What is your family's plan in event of a landslide?
  - ◆ Location of emergency equipment
  - ◆ Utility shut offs and home instructions

The Government of Canada has a simple form you can fill out to and print off at [www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/plan/mrgnc-pln-en.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/plan/mrgnc-pln-en.aspx). This link will also be on the Town of Faro website along with more emergency information.

**The Town of Faro would like to thank all emergency personal who keep our Town safe.**



**VOYENT ALERT!**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

## WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR 72 HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

### Basic Emergency Kit Checklist:

- ◆ Water – two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles)
- ◆ Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace once a year)
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight
- ◆ Wind-up or battery-powered radio
- ◆ Extra batteries
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Extra keys for your car and house
- ◆ Cash, including change
- ◆ Important family documents such as identification, insurance and bank records
- ◆ Emergency plan – include a copy in your kit as well as contact information

### Consider These Additional Supplies:

- ◆ Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- ◆ Candles and matches or lighter (place in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- ◆ Change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- ◆ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- ◆ Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- ◆ Hand sanitizer, toilet paper and garbage bags
- ◆ Prepaid phone card, mobile phone charger
- ◆ Pet food and supplies
- ◆ Infant formula, baby food and supplies
- ◆ Activities for children like books, puzzles, and small toys
- ◆ Prescription medications, medical equipment
- ◆ Utensils, plates and cups
- ◆ Water purifying tablets
- ◆ Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, pocket knife)
- ◆ Small fuel-operated stove and fuel
- ◆ Whistle (to attract attention)
- ◆ Duct tape

# RECREATION & EVENTS



## MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

Tina Freake

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I am thrilled to share some updates and exciting news with you all.

### 20th Annual Crane & Sheep Festival:

We are eagerly anticipating this year's event and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the organizations and individuals who attended our planning meetings. Your support and input have been invaluable. We are delighted to announce Kirby Meister will be joining us as our Keynote Speaker. We have an amazing lineup of activities planned; including presentations, guided hikes, art workshops, demos, sales, and much more. The festival schedule is now available on the Town's website, and we have promoted the event extensively through Up Here Magazine, social media, and posters throughout the area. Printed copies of the schedule are also available. We are sending a call-out to artists to participate in the *Pop-Up Art Shop*; phone the Rec to register a table or you can participate through ARAS. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with all of you.

**Volunteers Needed:** Be a part of something special! We are calling out to all the kind-hearted individuals in our community to lend a helping hand at the upcoming 20th Annual Crane and Sheep Festival. This incredible event brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate the beauty of nature and the diverse traditions of our town.

Volunteers play a crucial role in making this festival a resounding success. Whether you have a passion for event planning, guiding hikes, assisting with art workshops,

or simply spreading joy and positivity, we have a volunteer opportunity that suits your interests and skills.

Join us in making the 20th Annual Crane and Sheep Festival an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. To register as a volunteer, please stop by or call the Rec Centre!

### Annual Spring Aquatics Workshop:

Faro has been selected to host this year's Aquatics Workshop, organized by RPAY and YG. We are expecting around 20 participants from across the territory, including individuals with aquatics backgrounds and representatives from Public Works departments who will attend the Pool Operators portion of the workshop. Upon completion, they will receive certification. We are excited to showcase our Recreation Centre and local amenities to the participants, and we hope that this event will pave the way for future workshops and similar events in our community.

**Human Resources:** We extend a warm welcome to our newest team members at the Rec Centre: Therese Guevarra, Ann Gabat, Taylor Minder, and Monica Kazda. They are currently undergoing training in recreation programs and running the Kettle Café. Additionally, we have several job postings available at the Rec Centre, Pool, and CRIC. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit the Town's website or check out the postings throughout the area. On a bittersweet note, we bid farewell to our Recreation Assistant, Berkley Malchow. We are grateful for Berkley's dedication, passion, and creativity during her

time with us. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

### Athletics and Nutrition Program:

Our new program at the Rec Centre, focusing on athletics and nutrition, is off to a great start with excellent participation. This program offers weekly athletics sessions at the Rec Centre, including weight room workouts and trying out different sports. The nutrition classes take place at DVG's kitchen, where participants learn to create healthy meals and snacks to take home. We have limited spots available, so if any youth are interested, please visit the Rec Centre to register.

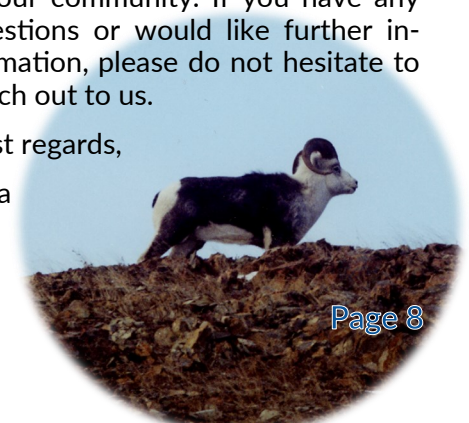
### Pool & Summer Programming:

Our team is currently in the process of recruiting staff for the upcoming summer season at the pool. We are also collaborating with the Public Works department to ensure necessary maintenance and upgrades are completed before the pool's opening. Our goal is to be open to the public at the end of May. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Public Works department for their hard work and commitment to ensuring a smooth and timely opening of the pool for the season.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our recreational programs and events. We value your presence and contributions to our community. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best regards,

Tina





# May

## REC CENTRE WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Tuesdays

10:00-11:30am.....Parent & Tot Playgroup  
3:15-5:00pm..... Kids Club  
7:00-9:00pm..... Adult Floor Hockey

### Wednesdays

1:00-2:00pm .....Seniors Games & Walks  
2:00-3:30pm..... Chair Yoga & Deep  
Relaxation for Seniors  
2:30-3:30pm ..... Pickleball  
3:30-5:30pm..... Volleyball

### Thursdays

10:00-11:30am .....Parent & Tot Playgroup  
3:15-5:00pm..... Kids Club  
3:30- 5:30.....Youth Nutrition Program  
7:00-9:00..... Community Sports Night  
*hosted by Parsons*

### Fridays

1:00-2:30pm ..... Pickleball  
2:00-3:30pm .....Fitness Fun for Seniors  
2:30-3:30pm ..... Open Gym  
3:30-5:00pm .....Basketball

### Saturdays

1:00-2:30pm .....Pickleball  
3:00-4:30pm ..... Open Court Basketball  
4:30-6:00pm ..... Open Gym

### Sundays & Mondays

#### Rec Centre Closed

After Hours Weight Room Access Available

#### FARO REC. CENTRE HOURS

Tuesday - 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Saturday - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Holiday Closures

Tuesday, May 21st in recognition of Victoria Day.

#### Contact Information

Email: [recreation@faroyukon.ca](mailto:recreation@faroyukon.ca)

Phone: 994-2375

Schedule subject to change without notice.



# 20th Annual CRANE & SHEEP FESTIVAL



Migration massive!  
Faro each year  
Planer comme une grue

Born to race the rocks  
Des grimpeurs nés!



TOWN OF FARO

**MAY 3-5, 2024**  
**FARO, YUKON**

SCAN FOR



SCHEDULE

KEYNOTE BY KIRBY MEISTER | ART POP-UP SHOP | GUIDED  
HIKES & TALKS | WORKSHOPS | AND MUCH MORE!



# 20th Annual CRANE & SHEEP FESTIVAL



## MEET OUR KEYNOTE



**KIRBY MEISTER**  
Retired Yukon CO Officer

**SATURDAY**   
4 May 2024

**START AT**   
8:00 PM

### BIOGRAPHY

*Kirby Meister, a resident of the Yukon since 1988, is a passionate lover of the great outdoors. He has explored the diverse regions and mountain ranges of Yukon, indulging in activities such as fishing, hunting, backpacking, snowmobiling, and photography. With 30 years of service as a Yukon Conservation Officer, Kirby has been stationed in six different districts, including eight years in Faro from 1998 to 2006. Now retired, Kirby and his spouse Karen have settled in Dawson City, and spend much of their time introducing their 3 grandchildren to travel and various outdoor pursuits.*

[recreation@faroyukon.ca](mailto:recreation@faroyukon.ca) | 867-994-2375





# 20TH ANNUAL CRANE AND SHEEP FESTIVAL



# POP-UP ART SHOP

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 3-9PM  
REC CENTRE GYMNASIUM



ARAS Sale →

Handmade Items →



Unique & Creative Gifts →

Shop for Mothers Day! →

Phone the Rec Centre to book your table (limited space available), or contact ARAS if you would like to sell your art through them.

recreation@faroyukon  
867-994-2375



# AIR NORTH'S CRANE & SHEEP FESTIVAL

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Judges will decide on May 8. By entering the contest, you give Town of Faro the right to use the photos for commercial purposes.

**PRIZES!**  
Travel  
Certificates  
1st \$800  
2nd \$250  
3rd \$100



We want to see your captured moments! Like 'Town of Faro, Yukon Territory' on facebook, post your best photos with #C&S2024 or email them to [rec-programmer@faroyukon.ca](mailto:rec-programmer@faroyukon.ca).

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MONDAY, MAY 6TH @ MIDNIGHT**

# PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UP-DATES



## MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mark Vainio

**Public Works Crew:** Our Distribution Pump-house Backup Generator plans are almost complete. The new Generator is on order, construction schedule has been developed, with the 34 week wait for the generator, we've time to have everything else complete and ready to plug in.

Yukon Water Board has our Well Replacement Project under public review right now. Faro should have an answer in May, whether it's approved or some conditions placed on the project.

We also have projects to clean up the power to our Water Treatment Plant, electrical upgrades to Well-house One and install a bleeder into this well as it has no frost protection and must run continuously all winter. We have installed a Data Logger to record the power into our Distribution Pump-house and then to our Water Treatment Plant to understand exactly what we need to protect our infrastructure.

We have been told Norcope will be back again this year to complete Phase 2 deficiencies, but there is still no schedule or plan yet to complete their work.

We've been approved by YG Hwys for 2 Km of BST work here in Faro starting mid-June. Areas include Lorna Blvd and Ladue Drive along with Maynard Crescent. Our crews will be out preparing the roads and it may be messy for a bit. We also have a plan to do some asphalt patching in Town, particularly on Campbell Street and part of Bell Avenue. Please be careful driving around our equipment and people.

This preparation work will begin around May 6. This BST work does not include Douglass or Yates because those are YG projects scheduled for 2025.

**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 Regulators 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 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.

**Projects:** Ladue Drive property update - Yukon Lands Branch has hired Surveyors to replace missing property pins, and Yukon Energy to do the power line installation. Ditching, culvert and driveway installation to be undertaken by Town of Faro. This work will happen this spring to be ready for a sale later in the year.

Future residential property development may include Lower Douglass or Rose Crescent.

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.

Construction of a new Animal Shelter will be starting in the spring.

**Community Services Building (PW/FH):** Radio & telephone are installed in the new building and SCADA is working.

Public Works is mostly moved into the new building. We are finding deficiencies as we move along and dealing with them. It continues to be a long, painful, and stressful process but we're working through it.

We are also in the process of purchasing a newer Fire Rescue Truck.

Infrastructure Upgrades:

Phase 3 project work has not yet been outlined, although apparently the money has been set aside. This will be delayed until Phase 2 is complete.

**Gardening:** We are happy that Marissa is back again as Head Gardener starting April 15th this year. Dawn will also be back with us again in May. It will soon be time to start up the greenhouse and pick up the plants which are started in Whitehorse.

We have postings up for students again this year as well as Seasonal Labourers to help us with our projects.

Mosquito Control will be starting in April depending on the melt. Public Works will be doing hand applications of Vectobac 200 in selected areas. Aerial application will happen sometime in May.

**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.**



# Public Works Hard at Work!

With the BST Projects happening this spring and summer, you will see the Town Crews working on the road more than normal.

**Slow Down,  
Give them Room,  
& Drive Slow!  
Keep our Workers Safe!**



## MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP Barbeques & Grills

Always use barbecue grills outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Grills can produce carbon monoxide (CO) gas. Never use grills inside the home or the garage, even if the doors are open.

Generally, a minimum of 3 feet (1 metre) provides enough distance between the grill and anything that can burn (deck, railings, walls, for example) so that heat from the grill does not pose an ignition hazard.

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**It is getting warm, but  
the ground is still cold.  
Water Bleeders should  
STILL be turned**

# ON

**If you have any questions,  
please contact  
Mark Vainio at 994-2728 ext. 7  
Email: [operations@faroyukon.ca](mailto:operations@faroyukon.ca)  
Thank you, for your cooperation  
regarding this important matter!**

## 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 will be closed all holidays as per the union agreement.

## RECYCLING CENTER INFORMATION

### FARO BOTTLE DEPOT:

Located at the corner of  
McQuesten Rd. and Ross Rd.  
**Summer Hours Starting May 7:**

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

**Phone Number**  
994-3022



## Yukon Recycling Club

**Registration for the 2024 recycling  
club is now open.**

Remember these important dates,  
they cannot be extended!

**Point Collection Occurs**  
May 4, - November 9, 2024

**Last day to order prizes**  
December 11, 2024  
**Last day to redeem certificates**  
January 11, 2025

**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.**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annually Faro Golf Tournament

July 18 - 20, 2024

- ◆ Scramble format,
- ◆ Two Rounds of 9-Hole,
- ◆ Dinner Included, and
- ◆ A prize for every golfer.

Register your Team at: [farogoldclub.ca/tournament](http://farogoldclub.ca/tournament)



## TOWN OFFICE

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

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## OR THE WILDLIFE

## Funders Gathering

Carmacks Recreation Complex

Funding to support and grow your business

Are you an existing business looking for next steps?

Do you sell a product or service and want to expand?

Friday, May 24  
10:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Light lunch at 11:30 am

Business Planning Workshop:  
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Registration is required.  
Email [recreation@carmacks.ca](mailto:recreation@carmacks.ca) to register.

Participating funders include:  
Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce  
CanNor  
Yukonstruct  
Yukon University  
Government of Yukon  
And more!

For more information visit:  
[facebook.com/yukongov/events](https://facebook.com/yukongov/events) or email: [arbor.webster@yukon.ca](mailto:arbor.webster@yukon.ca)

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