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YOUTH GROUP TRIP

Council Meeting

Council Chamber is open to the public. April Council Meetings:

April 4 - 7 p.m. Public Hearing April 4 - 8 p.m. Special Meeting April 9 - Regular Meeting April 23 - Regular Meeting 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 for Regular meetings 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

Calling all wannabe pilots! We had an interesting meeting with representatives from Alkan Air on March 6th, to listen to their request for support for a project to train four Kaska members to be professional pilots. Lacia Kinner, Chief Operating Officer, for Alkan, and three senior Alkan staff members were here to fill us in on the CanNor/CDF funded project that would provide training here in Faro over a 14-month period to train four persons to becoming professional pilots. Faro was chosen as the preferred site because of both its airport and municipal services.

Given the Canada wide shortage of pilots, this is welcome news indeed. We asked Lacia if there could also be opportunities for other non-Kaska persons to receive training as well, separate from the NorCan funded project. The short answer is yes. Lacia thought this could be accommodated as well if sufficient interest was found. Interestingly, some of these training costs may also be eligible for EDF funding to support the cost instruction for both ground school and flight instruction. Follow-up is needed to see how this opportunity might be brought into fruition. We will keep you posted.

In other news of importance, council's been busy finalizing our departmental and capital budgets together with administration and our department heads. As of March 26th, we still have two more budget meetings scheduled to complete the process. The third reading of the bylaw to adopt our budget must be moved by no later than April 15th to meet the requirements of the municipal act, which I'm certain we will meet.

Other pressing issues we've been working on includes hopefully soon gaining both the YESAB and Water Board approvals for our new water supply well, which we plan to be drilling this spring, and as well finalizing the Phase II Sewer Replacement contract work with the Infrastructure Branch. Also in the works are the negotiations with YG for Faro to become one of eight Yukon regional landfills, which has been on YG's wish list for some time. We've clearly said that the Town of Faro would only agree to this if it were of some benefit to the town. We will keep you posted as all of these challenges are settled.

CANADA POST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S GRANT

Town of Faro Recreation Centre—2023 Grant Recipient

At the March 5, Regular Meeting of Council, Faro's Post Master, Rachel Rodnunsky, presented Council with a cheque and picture on behalf of the Canada Post Community Foundations grant that the Recreation Centre applied for in the fall.

This Grant allowed the Town to purchase much needed sports equipment for our after-school Kids Club program. "Canada Post is proud to help organizations and projects that make a difference in the lives of Canadian chil-





Fondation communautaire de Postes Canada

dren and youth. Through the generosity of our customers and employees, the Canada Post Community Foundation is able to fund important programs in communities across the country every year," says Doug Ettinger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post."

About the Canada Post Community Foundation

The Canada Post Community Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of children and youth in communities across Canada. The Foundation oversees an annual giving cycle that provides about \$1 million in grants each year to registered charities, school programs and grassroots organizations that benefit children and youth. Since 2012, it has granted \$13.5 million to more than 1,100 community projects nationwide.

OFFICAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Wrapping up the Town of Faro's OCP process: Did we get it right?

Hello Faro residents! We are on the tail end of the Official Community Plan (OCP) process. Thank you for being part of the journey. You are the stewards of your town so it is the collection of your hopes, aspirations, values and ideas reflected through your Town Council that will shape the future of Faro tomorrow and for future generations.

After multiple public engagement sessions, research, and work with your Town Council, the Town of Faro has a draft OCP and is seeking public input to validate the draft directions.

This Draft OCP is the Council's best attempt at setting a direction for the municipality to create a foundation for a sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Faro for residents today and tomorrow.

We need your help to understand: did we get it right?

Phases	Focus	Date
1.	Where are we starting from today and why?	November 2022
2.	What we heard, what we are proposing, are we on track?	2023
3.	>>> Here is the proposed Draft OCP: did we get it right?<<<	April 2024

Questions for residents:

- 1. What is your Draft OCP overall impression?
- 2. Will these Draft OCP directions lead to the future our community wants?
- 3. What scaffolding does the OCP need for success?
- 4. What advice would you give to Council to consider and approve the OCP?

How you can participate:

Option #1: Open House
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Town Office
Drop-in between 4-8 pm
Light refreshments provided

Option #2: Public Hearing Thursday, April 4, 2024 Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

Option #3: In Writing

Submit your comments in writing before April 2.

Mail: Town of Faro
Attention: OCP Comments
P.O. Box 580, Faro, YT YOB 1K0
Email: cao-faro@faroyukon.ca

Refresh: what is an OCP and why does it matter?

Municipal governments make decisions that impact the lives of residents daily.

Municipalities develop periodic OCPs which, along with the Zoning bylaw, set a vision and direction over the short and medium term.

- OCPs are arguably a municipal government's most important policy tool.
- Generally, all Town actions should go towards supporting the overall OCP goals.
- The OCP is the foundation of planning and development for the municipality.
- ◆ The planning horizon of an OCP document is typically 10 years.

This OCP process is being led by a team of independent consultants with guidance from Council. The consultant team includes Jordan Stackhouse of Elevator Yukon as the project lead in partnership with Denis Shewfelt Planning & Consulting, John Glynn-Morris as the public engagement lead, and Mammoth Geospatial for mapping and surveying.

Questions? Please contact John: johnglynnmorris@gmail.com

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you next week!

OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

Larry Baran

Why does it take SO long?

There is an old joke that government likes to cut the red tape ... lengthwise. Coming from a construction background myself, I fully understand the frustration when it can take SO long to get some things done.

I was reminded about that again this year when the Finance Department was preparing for an important new municipal auditing requirement. We had to research details about our recreation leases that we previously didn't have to worry about, and that's when we found out a few of those leases had actually expired. While the process to rejuvenate an old lease may be a bit faster, I was told all new land leases can now take up to 2 years to wind its' way through the many departments of the Yukon Government. (BTW: For those wonderful YG employees who do struggle to provide Faro with a timely response and assistance, God Bless You!)

If you regularly review the reports I provide to Council, you will note at any given time, we have many projects in process but sometimes I can only report I have no new information to report on that topic. Most often, it is because I am waiting for someone else to make a decision or confirm funding availability.

While the average citizen may feel Town decisions may take time, we are still faster and easier to deal with than our Territorial or Federal counterparts. Still, some of the rules we have to follow to get to a decision are not set by us. A good example is the Official Community Plan (OCP) process, which has timelines defined by the Yukon Municipal Act. Under normal conditions, developing an OCP will easily take a year or more because of all the required timelines and steps we have to follow.

That said, we are almost finished with the newest version of the OCP, and we are really pleased with how it is shaping up. This new OCP replaces a plan from 2015, and which was developed when Faro was struggling just to survive. In 2024, Faro is struggling again, but for very different and very positive reasons. Housing is a serious issue because the community is growing and people are looking for accommodation. Businesses are looking for commercial space. Contractors are looking for industrial property.

The OCP contains over 100 recommendations this, and future, Town Councils will need to be mindful about over the next 5 to 8 years. These recommendations cover topics like protecting our assets during a changing world climate; maintaining affordable service delivery; employment; economic development & tourism; housing & land development; recreation; emergency planning; water & wastewater infrastructure; and road systems.

Council will be hosting a public information session for people to view the DRAFT Official Community Plan, and we encourage everyone to take a few minutes to attend and review the plan being proposed. Mayor & Council look forward to your comments.

THE 10TH EDITION of the

FARO GUIDE

will be out this May, in time for the

CRANE & SHEEP FESTIVAL!



Thanks to the support from our local advertisers we were able to fund over 50% of this 2-year guide which will help promote Faro and the Campbell Region as a tourist destination.

2024 COMMUNITY WILD- FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

The Faro Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was developed through a collaborative effort between the Town of Faro and the Government of Yukon Wildland Fire Management Branch. Ember Research Services Ltd and Forsite were contracted and provided significant contributions towards the technical assessments and recommendations herein, as well as the writing of the plan.

The CWPP addresses the wildlandurban interface (WUI) surrounding the community of Faro. The area of interest is within the traditional territory of the Ross River Dena Council.

Using the best available spatial data and fire science research, this CWPP identifies the wildfire risks surrounding the community, the potential consequences of a wildfire to the community, and recommends possible ways to reduce that risk. Although wildfire threats cannot be eliminated within the area of interest, this CWPP can significantly build on existing efforts to reduce the risk and potential impacts.

Faro
Community Wildfire Protection Plan
2024
Wildland Fire Management

Yukon

The recommendations are based on a review of best practices from other jurisdictions, gaps identified through community engagement, the local wildfire risk analysis, prevention of human-caused ignitions, and integration of FireSmart program principles.

Of 20 Action Items detailed in the CWPP, some of the highest priority recommendations include:

- 1. Community engagement: The public needs to know about the Plan.
- Ongoing awareness: Conduct annual community meetings in support of the CWPP and community preparedness.
- 3. Promote FireSmart Principles.
- 4. Organize community clean-up days for properties. Prioritize properties based upon FireSmart Home Assessments done and proximity to forest fuels.
- Organize Wildfire Preparedness Days in identified high risk areas, collaborate with Yukon Wildfire and local fire department.
- Design a fuel management plan to reduce fuel loads in high coniferous areas, particularly conifers in the old burn scars.
- 7. Support community members to clean up vegetation in their Home Ignition Zone.
- 8. Pursue and coordinate cross training opportunities.

In the last few years, Yukoners have seen the devastation that wildland fires have wreaked across Canada. Often, by the time the danger is identified, it is often too late to do anything but evacuate. The 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan that has been developed for the Town of Faro, recognizes the problem areas and provides recommendations to reduce those risks. It also proposes training more people to work to protect our region.

JOB POSTINGS

Rec. Programmer

On-Call Janitor

Summer Gardening Positions

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

Full Job Postings and Job Descriptions available at faro.ca

SPELLING OF STREET NAMES

McQuesten or McQueston?

According to Bylaw 80-8, Section 7.1

"The highway heading northeast from Campbell Street between Lots 71, 91 and 153 to the northeasterly limits of Lots 219 and 225 shall be named "McQuesten Road"."



This map is from Google and McQuesten is spelt wrong.

This serves as a reminder that we need to remember we can't believe everything we read online, and we need to double check and verify the information we are getting.

The Street in Faro is in fact McQuesten Road.



RECREATION & EVENTS



MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

Tina Freake

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am delighted to share with you some exciting updates and events happening in our community this April.

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who participated in the recent youth group trip. It was a tremendous success, filled with adventure, learning, and unforgettable memories. The enthusiasm and positive energy displayed by our young participants was truly inspiring. We take great pride in affording our youth opportunities to explore and connect with nature, fostering personal growth and a sense of community. I extend special thanks to chaperones Parker Antal and Dawn Collins, whose invaluable assistance and unwavering support contributed to the seamless execution of our jam-packed itinerary.

Looking ahead, we have an array of upcoming events and programs tailored specifically for our youth. One program I am particularly excited about is the Youth Nutrition Program. We believe in the importance of promoting healthy eating habits among our youth, and this program will offer educational sessions, cooking demonstrations, and practical tips to empower our young individuals to make informed food choices that contribute to their overall well-being. Our first session was held on Tuesday, March 26 at the DVG School and was a success! Participants prepared several nutritious breakfast items that they were able to take home and enjoy or freeze for later. Spaces are still

available in the program, and individuals aged 12 and above are encouraged to visit the Rec Centre to complete the registration process.

In addition to the nutrition program, we will be launching the Youth Athletics Program. This program aims to encourage physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among our youth. From basketball and soccer to volleyball and weight room sessions, our dedicated leaders will provide a safe and supportive environment for our young athletes to develop their skills and passion for sports. Watc for the upcoming registration announcement.

Furthermore, I would like to update you of recent additions to our weekly schedule at the Recreation Centre. Parsons has secured the gymnasium for hosting weekly community sports nights every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm. We extend a warm invitation to all community members to drop by and explore new sports or indulge in their favorite athletic pursuits. We have purchased new equipment, with more on the way, to enrich your experience.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bread Baking Workshop with Marilyn Boyle, scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Marilyn, a seasoned expert in the art of breadmaking, will share her exceptional skills and techniques. All necessary equipment and supplies will be provided, and participants will have the pleasure of taking home their delectable creations. We have limited spots available, with priority given to seniors. How-

ever, individuals over the age of 10 are welcome to sign up on our waitlist for any available spots. Please visit the Rec Centre to secure your spot.

Excitement is building as we prepare for our 20th Annual Crane and Sheep Festival. Planning is well underway, and we greatly appreciate the invaluable feedback and suggestions received during our first community planning meeting on Tuesday, March 27th. If you were unable to attend, fear not, as we have scheduled a second planning meeting for Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm at the Rec Centre. We encourage you to join us and share your creative ideas and suggestions as we finalize the festival schedule.

Faroites have long prided themselves on the cleanliness and upkeep of our community. In this spirit, we are delighted to host our **Annual Town Spring Clean-up Day** on Wednesday, April 24th at the Faro Rec Centre. Starting from 3:30 pm, feel free to drop by anytime to collect garbage bags and gloves, and select a section of town to tidy up. All participants are invited back to the Rec Centre at 6 pm for a well-deserved appreciation barbeque.



The Youth Groups' **Kettle Café** is thrilled to announce they are in the process of expanding their services and hoping to resume regular hours soon. We have some exciting plans in store, which we eagerly anticipate sharing with the community in the near future. Stay tuned for updates!

My apologies to all of our local hockey and skating enthusiasts, sadly we have to announce the closure of our arena for the season. Despite our hopes of extending the skating period, uncooperative weather conditions, including unseasonably warm temperatures, have expedited the melting of the ice. Please stay tuned for a season wrap-up hosted by Minor Hockey.



Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Elenita Unrau for her remarkable 15 years of service with the Town of Faro. We extend our deepest appreciation for her unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to our team. Thank you, Lenny!

As always, we value your input and encourage you to reach out to our staff for any suggestions or questions. Together, let's continue to create a vibrant and active community for all. Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling month of April.

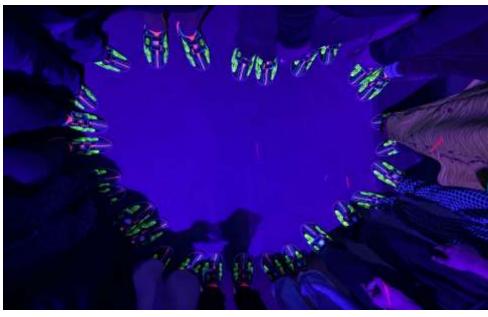


Annual TOWN CLEAN-UP

Wednesday, April 24th, 3:30 pm Recreation Centre

Appreciation barbeque to follow at 6pm

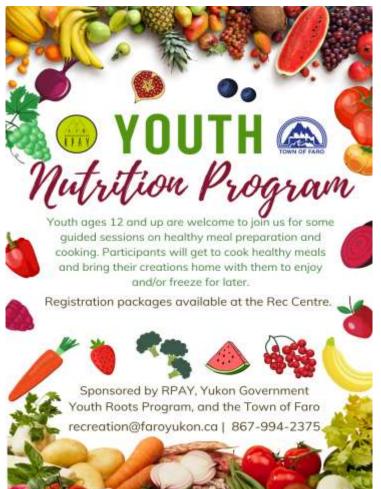


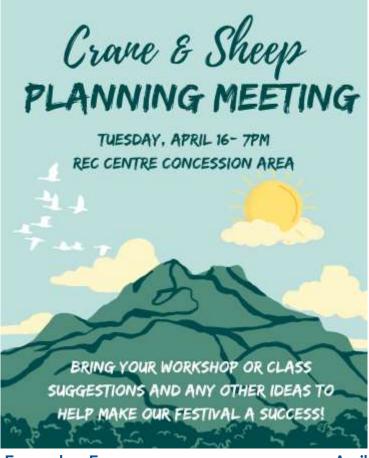


Bread Baking Workshop

with Marifyn Boyle SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1-6PM











REC CENTRE WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tuesdays

10:00-11:30am	Parent & Tot
1:00-2:30pm	Seniors Carpet Bowling
3:15-5:00pm	Kids Club
6:00-8:00pm	Archery
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
1:00-2:30pm	Seniors Carpet Bowling
3:15-5:00pm	Kids Club
7:00-9:00	Community Sports Night
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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 Center Closed

After Hours Weight Room Access Available

FARO REC. CENTER HOURS

Tuesday 1:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Closures

March 29 & April 2 ~ the Rec. Center will be closed for Easter

Contact Information

Email: recreation@farovukon.ca

Phone: 994-2375

Email: recreation@faroyukon.ca Schedule subject to change without notice.

PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UP-DATES



MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mark Vainio

Public Works Crew

Our Distribution Pump-house Backup Generator plans have changed. As we're required to have the unit placed outside of the building (Engineering code C282 for emergency backup generators). This will actually simplify the project considerably, but there is a 32 week lead time which is fine as we have many projects to do this spring/summer and we'll have everything ready for when the genset arrives.

We're waiting for final approvals from the regulator for our Water Well #5 Replacement Project which has completed the YESAB process with no conditions (rare event). Soon I hope to schedule drillers.

Other projects include cleaning up the power to our Water Treatment Plant, electrical upgrades to Wellhouse One and install a bleeder into this well as it has no frost protection and must run continuously all winter. We'll be spending considerable time and effort this year preparing our streets for BST in the future.

The Town of Faro will be managing many of our projects with local workers and contractors. If this continues to prove successful, we'd like to project manage as much of our own infrastructure work as possible.

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 likely all happen this spring to be ready for a sale later in the year.

Future property development may include Lower Douglass or Rose Crescent.

The Town of Faro has been developing a local Contractor List to as-

sist 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 in the spring.

Community Services Building

The Fire Department has now moved in, but we are still waiting on some electrical work which is still outstanding. Manual Overhead Door overrides are installed on the Emergency Services side.

Snow Removal

We're pulling snow off the streets now and hauling away to our snow dumps. Please be sure you haven't parked boats, trailers etc. in our snow dumps. Avoid parking on the streets, especially during the day. In some areas, particularly Douglass and Yates, we'll be pulling as much snow out of the ditches as possible to minimize damage from runoff once the melt starts.

MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP - Fire Safety for Rental Units

- All rental housing must have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Maintenance and installation of the smoke alarms is the responsibility of the landlord/property owner. Be sure to maintain the smoke alarm in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other loca-

tions where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

 Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room & outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in the basement.

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Reminder from our Fire Chief—Adam Minder

The lowest floor of the house needs to have a carbon monoxide detector as well, especially if the building is heated by an oil-burning device and/or has an attached garage.

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PLEASE AVOID PARKING ON THE ROAD WHILE THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW CLEARS THE SNOW



We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause & thank you for your cooperation.

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 or Email: 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.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM PUBLIC INFORMATION

Initial surveying and monitoring for the annual Town of Faro Mosquito Control Program is scheduled to begin as early as the week of April, 8 2024. The consulting firm working with the Town in the management of mosquito populations is Duka Environmental Services Ltd., an environmental services firm with over 35 years of experi-

ence. All mosquito larvicide applications by Duka Ltd. and certified Faro public works personnel would be completed under Pesticide Service Permit # 21 -004 (Duka) and Pesticide Use Permit # 22-008 (Faro).

The goal of the annual program is to reduce adult mosquito annoyance for residents and visitors. The best way to achieve this through effective control of larval mosquito populations. Control program efforts are focused on the identification and treatment of developing mosquito larvae using the biological larvicide VectoBac 200G (PCP #18158) containing the heat-killed bacterium,

Bacillus thuringiensis var. isrealensis (Bti). This product is specific in its control of mosquitos and biting flies. It has no effect of nontarget insects, fish, birds, or mammals, including humans, livestock, and pets.

Larval development occurs with surface water accumulations from

Mosquito Life Cycle

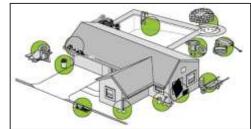
snowmelt and precipitation in shallow ponds, nonflowing ditches, depressions, and tire **Proposed** ruts. treatment dates are from 8 April 2024, through to early August 2024, depending on conditions. VectoBac 200G would be only applied when and where mosquito larvae are present.

Treatment site locations are little changed from past seasons and all details are summarized for the Town of Faro and Yukon Environment in a summary report submitted by Duka Ltd. at season end.

While the larval mosquito control program will reduce overall mosquito populations, residents and visitors should still be prepared to protect themselves from adult mosquitos by using repellents and wearing loose, light coloured clothing. Avoid perfumed skin care products and shampoos. Regularly drain and refill wading pools, livestock watering troughs and empty waterfilled boats, tires, canoes, or other containers. Eliminate waterholding tire ruts and depressions.

For more information on VectoBac 200G, the program, mosquitos and their control please visit www.valentbiosciences.com or www.duka.consulting You can also leave a message, including your name, address and a daytime contact telephone number for the control program biologist or public works applicators at Town offices or directly for Duka Ltd. at

Phone: 1-604-881-4565, Toll Free: 1-800-681-3472 Email: duka@telus.net



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