

FOCUSED ON FARO

NOVEMBER 2024

Meet the Town of Faro's New Council



Congratulations on their election to Council

Pictured here after their swearing-in at the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting (left to right) Councillor Neil Yee, Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, Mayor Jack Bowers, Councillor Michelle Vainio, Councillor Gary Jones. They now begin their four year term as Council to represent the best interests of the Town of Faro.

Council Meeting

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

October 22, 2024
November 5, 2024
November 19, 2024

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

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

faro.ca/p/council-meetings

Remote attendance is available with the Zoom App.

To join a Zoom meeting go to :

zoom

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 506 321 8045

Passcode: 641202

MAYORS' MESSAGE



by Mayor Jack Bowers

I look forward to working with our new council. Individually each member brings skills, experiences and connections to interest groups throughout the community. Collectively, when working together as a team, we can achieve much. Our first gathering on October 28th was to attend a council workshop to review important bylaws relating to how we as a council work together and what the function of the mayor and council are. We first reviewed our Procedures Bylaw followed by our Code of Conduct By-law, and our Workplace Harassment Policy. It's important to get off on the right foot.

Already our calendars are filling up with meetings and tasks that will keep us busy well into the new year and beyond. We begin by attending a two-day orientation meeting at the end of November in Whitehorse hosted by Association of Yukon Committees for all Councils and CAO's, followed by drafting a provisional budget, a Strategic Planning Workshop, a Community Emergency Measures Planning exercise. The heavy lifting begins in February with several meetings to finalize our 2025 capital and operational budgets.

Our CAO, Larry Baran, has given notice that he will be retiring on May 31st so, in January, we will begin recruitment efforts to find a new CAO. The advance notice gives us time to fill the position. Normally this effort can take a few months.



Local Notary Public, Deb Carreau, performed the duty of administering the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance for the in-coming Council on October 22nd. She first administered the Oaths to Mayor Jack Bowers (pictured left), and then to the four Councillors. Councillors Neil Yee, Wendy Michell-Larocque, Michelle Vainio, and Gary Jones then took their seats for the balance of the meeting. Councillor Vainio later accepted the first one-year term as Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Jones accepted the first one-year term as the Association of Yukon Communities representative for the Town of Faro.

Also in attendance, and representing the Yukon Government, was Ms Amanda Janssens, Community Advisor for the Town of Faro.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

LARRY BARAN

Elections and Other Changes

First, I want to express my appreciation to Julia Salo, Amanda Mackenzie, and Sandy Bargold for coordinating Faro's municipal election this year. There was a lot of preparation work, culminating with them working 12 hour days during the Advance Poll and on Election Day. I can't think of the number of times that I have heard someone say something like "Well, that fell together nicely" without recognizing that it only 'fell together' because people worked hard to make good things happen. In this case, these three ladies worked very hard to make the election look seamless and easy, and I am grateful for their professional efforts. Thank You!!!

Second, I want to express appreciation to everyone who put their names forward as candidates for the Mayor and Councillor positions. It takes a great deal of courage just to do that, remembering that you are declaring that you are prepared to make a significant commitment of time and effort on behalf of the community. While not all were successful, you demonstrated courage that many others in community do not have. Thank you for putting your name forward. And, of course, congratulations to the newly-elected Mayor & Council.

Then, to the retiring Councillors, I want to say Thank You for your service these last three years. Only elected officials know the actual time that must be dedicated in being an effective Council, and meeting the challenge of working cooperatively together.

Now that the municipal election is over, though, it is time for a new set of challenges to begin. Town Staff will spend the next few months bringing the new Mayor & Council up to speed on the current projects underway, assisting Council in developing Strategic Plans and operating & capital budgets, reviewing and updating bylaws, negotiating new agreements with the Yukon Government, and becoming familiar with the challenges facing Canadian communities, because all municipal governments have so much in common.

Which brings me to my final **Thank You**, which I extend to Mark Vainio. Mark retired as our Operations Manager effective October 31st, and Paul Medvid is stepping into the role. When I came to Faro in January 2022, the community had gone through a few Operations Managers and I arrived to learn that we were going to lose yet another. It turned out that Mark had moved back to Faro and was working part-time with Yukon Energy. After some coercing, Mark agreed to come back to work for the Town. What a blessing! Not only did he push for more equipment, resources, and training for his staff, but his crew successfully took on challenges that may not have otherwise been possible. Mark was incredibly proud of his Team. Then, after he announced a retirement date and learned that Paul was coming on board, Mark agreed to stay an extra week so he could work with Paul to ensure a smoother transition. That's the calibre of the man. Thank you, Mark. It has been my honour to work with you. Twice. Twenty years ago and, again, these last three years. And, yes, you were as much fun this round as you were in 2004-2006.

So, 2025 will be learning and growing process for the new Mayor & Council and Administration. We all will grow & learn together this next year, all to the benefit of the Town of Faro.



Town of Faro

Properties for Sale

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

Three-plex

35, 37, & 39 Hoole Street - Lot 127

Residential Building Lots

180 Dawson Drive - Lot 441

188 Dawson Drive - Lot 442

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

Scan Here

for the Property Listings Page



If you have any questions, contact the Town Office.

Street Naming

(Date Extension)

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

The sections of roadway needing names are:

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

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

Scan Here

for the Street Naming Application Form



Recycling Center Information

The Faro Bottle Depot is located at the corner of McQuesten Rd and Ross Rd. On-Call Hours during Winter. Please call 994-3022 for an appointment

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

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

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



MESSAGE FROM THE REC. MANAGER

Tina Freake

October Events in Review

Halloween Party Highlights:

What a spooktacular success our Halloween Party turned out to be! The community came together in droves, and we're thrilled to hear your rave reviews—"This was the best Halloween Party ever!" was heard from a number of participants. A massive shout out to our cake-making wizards, Kara, Monique, Becky, & Morgan, whose delicious creations made the Cake Walk a hit! Our winners left with sweet treats and smiles. A heartfelt thank you to our fabulous volunteers, Michelle, Glenis, and for an amazing turn out from our Faro Youth Group—your support made all the difference! And let's not forget our amazing Rec Staff; your teamwork truly shone! We're so grateful to have such a wonderful community at the Rec Centre!

November Events

WAFL Ski Lending Library: Get ready to embrace the great outdoors, Faroites! The Winter Active for Life (WAFL) Equipment Library is now open for requests! We want everyone in rural communities, schools, and organizations to enjoy the beauty of a Yukon winter. If you'd like to bor-

row XC ski gear, snowshoes, &/ or a kick sled please give us a call at the Rec by Tuesday, November 5th to secure your spot on the list. Short-term loans for kick-sleds and both long- and short-term snowshoe rentals are also available. Early requests help ensure we have the right sizes and quantities for you!

Archery Announcement: Please note that archery classes will take a break in November, but don't worry—we'll be back in December, and we can't wait to see you then!

Youth Group Meeting: Calling all youth ages 12+! Join us at the Rec Centre for dinner and an engaging discussion about upcoming winter activities. We'll cover strength training sessions, fundraisers, Kettle Café plans, BYTE workshops (your feedback is crucial!), and an exciting ski and snowboard trip. Don't miss out!

Strength Training and Conditioning Session: We have the opportunity to bring in two strength and conditioning coaches to help folks in the community boost their fitness, athletic performance, and overall health. These hands-on sessions will cover the

essentials of exercise science—safe movement, strength building, and injury prevention—while guiding you through creating workout routines tailored to your goals, whether that's training for sports, building strength, or staying active. You'll also build the skills to feel confident using the equipment in your community weight room, ensuring you can work out safely and effectively. Exercise has incredible benefits: it can enhance energy, focus, mood, & sleep, all helping you feel & perform at your best. This is a unique chance to develop skills that support your physical health and mental well-being for the long term. If you're interested in a youth or adult session, give us a call to add your name to the interest list. More details will follow soon!

Parson's Sports Night: Join us every Thursday at 7 PM for Sports Night hosted by Parsons! Choose from a variety of activities that cater to all ages and skill levels. It's a fantastic way to stay active and have fun!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Join us at the Rec Centre on Tuesday, November 11th, for our Remembrance Day ceremony. Doors open at 10:30 AM, and the ceremony kicks off promptly at 10:45 AM. If you or your business would like to sponsor a wreath, please reach out as donations go to support the Canadian Legion. We also invite you to bring a dish to share for a heartwarming potluck lunch!

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December Events

Christmas Market: Join us for a festive afternoon at our Community Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7th, from noon to 3 PM! Discover a delightful array of handmade crafts, local goodies, and unique gifts that are perfect for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Enjoy the cheerful atmosphere filled with holiday spirit, delicious treats, and the chance to connect with friends and neighbors. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support local artisans and celebrate the season with our community! See you there!

Community Christmas Potluck Lunch & Children's Christmas Party: Mark your calendars! These two festive events are coming together for a community celebration. Join us at noon on Saturday, December 14th, for the Christmas Potluck, followed by an afternoon filled with fun at the Children's Christmas Party.

Details are being finalized, so stay tuned for more information!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN
SPOOKY PARTY

TRICK OR TREAT

YUKON QUEST 2025

The Yukon Quest is thankful for the opportunity to host a Yukon Quest Check Point in the Town of Faro in this year's upcoming race. The Yukon Quest will be putting out a call for volunteers on our Facebook page in the very near future. As well, members of the Yukon Quest staff team will be in Faro Nov 20-22 and will be hosting a Q and A session at the Rec Center, exact time and date TBD.



TOWN OF FARO & RPAY

**WINTER WAFL
 SKI & SNOWSHOE
 RENTALS**



DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOV 5

The Winter Active for Life (WAFL) Equipment Library is open for requests. Getting OUTdoors is back IN! RPAY wants to ensure folks in rural communities, schools and organizations get the chance to truly embrace our Yukon winter by getting outside. Requests to borrow XC ski equipment, snowshoes, and kicksleds through the WAFL Equipment

In your request please include: Ski size and/or snowshoe size and/or kicksled size (Boot and pole size, how many, and if poles are needed)



PHONE OR E-MAIL TO SIGN-UP

recassistant@faroyukon.ca
 867-994-2375



**Faro Youth Group
 MEETING!**

Come and give your input on Winter activities, discuss the Kettle Cafe, BYTE Workshops, Ski Trip and more!



Tuesday, November 5th

5:00-7:00 pm

Rec Centre Youth Lounge



NOT an Example of Yukon Pride

Town Staff were disappointed to see this mess of garbage dumped by the Pelly River Boat Ramp . It is such a shame that some people are so lazy that can't make their way to the landfill to properly dispose of waste, so they dump it for others to see and have to deal with. We don't know who this offender is, but there are probably a number of people who would like to talk to them about making a mess of the Yukon. Let's hope that they grow up and act like adults in the future.



PUBLIC WORKS & OPERATIONS UPDATES



MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

PAUL MEDVID

With the retirement of Mark Vainio, after many years of exemplary service, I was hired as the new Operations Manager for the Town after previously serving on Council during the previous term. Although I bring a great deal of my own experience to the role, Mark raised the bar and set a higher standard of service along with providing mentorship and leadership throughout the transition.

Following is a brief report on the current status of projects underway with the Faro Public Works Department.

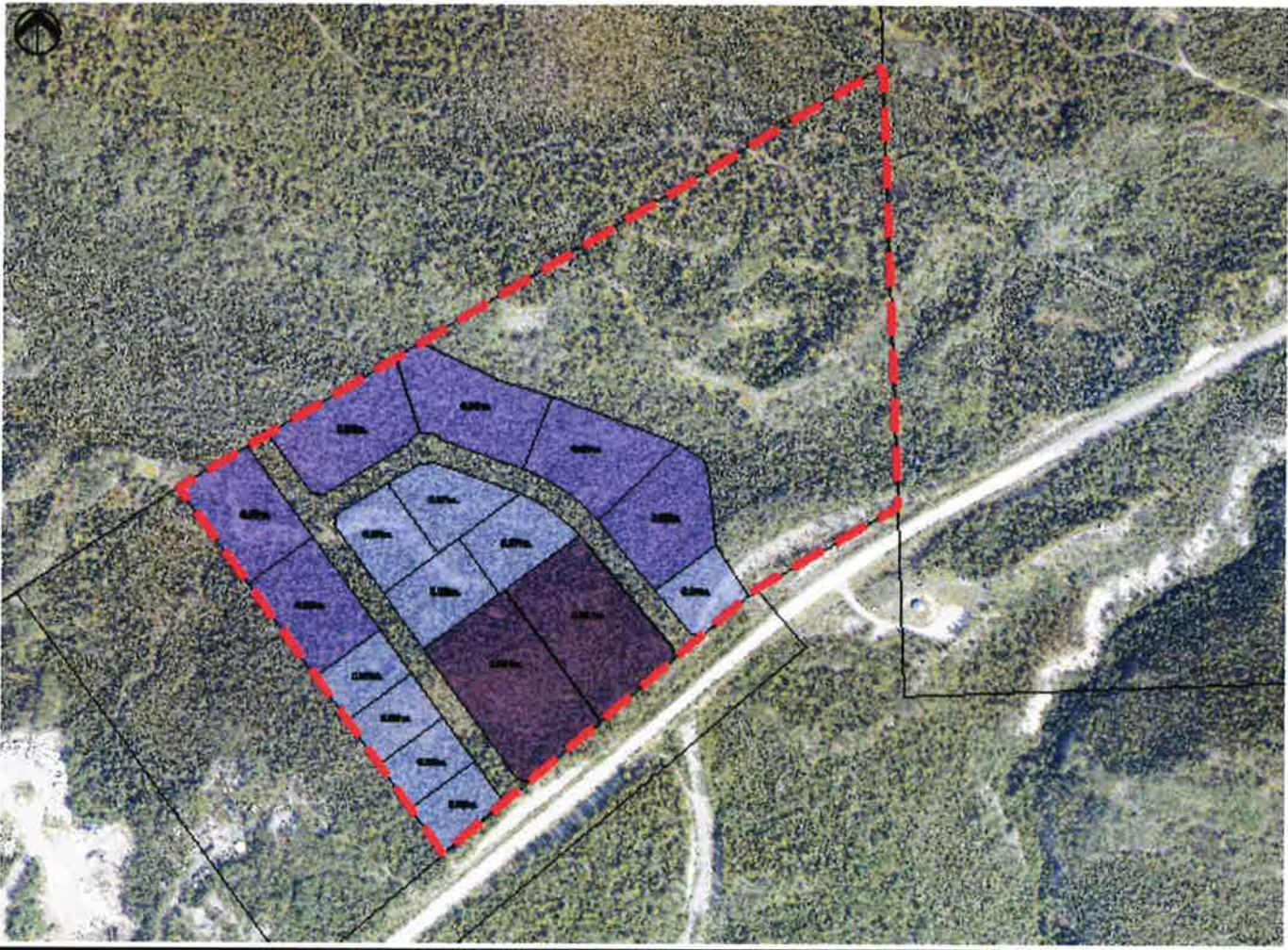
Public Works Crew: Work is slowed on our Distribution Pumphouse 3 Backup Generator project as production delays means we now won't see the generator until January. That will give us time to have all other work completed and be ready to plug it in. Our new Water Well #6 is ready for commissioning. Public Works has completed adapting the pitless well pump into the new well casing and tying in the water main and electrical. The Public Works crew did an amazing job of decommissioning old Well #5 as per Yukon CSR Protocol 7. Flow testing and sampling is underway, and we'll be putting it into service soon. We also have projects to clean-up/upgrade the power to our Water Treatment Plant, electrical upgrades to Well-house One, Pump replacement and install a bleeder system into this well as it has no frost protection. Hydrants have been inspected, repaired and winterized.

Landfill Operations: In 2024, we'll be training some of our crew on Solid Waste Management and do some more improvements on how we handle our solid waste. The crew has installed shelving into the electronic waste container which helps with sorting considerably. Please don't pile up your electronics at the door – put them on the shelves or in the bins. We drilled 3 new monitoring wells and one replacement well this year. All are now in service. We're accepting hazardous household waste in a shed beside the Office. We accept this material (paint, aerosol cans, etc) year round. Our new Landfill Operator/Bylaw Enforcement Officer is tasked with ensuring waste goes in the proper areas. Household waste, animal parts and excrement get bagged and put in the garbage dumpsters. This is not a new Bylaw, but is now being enforced. If that waste gets mixed with construction debris, it becomes an animal attractant which is something we must avoid.

Projects: Ladue Drive property update – all work is completed with the exception of realignment of the Golf Course access road. Lots are currently for sale by Lottery with YG Lands. 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 sometime late this fall once the design is completed. With the latest changes to the building codes, it is now required to be an Engineered Design.

Gardening: Reminder to not drive ATV's or vehicles on the grass areas of Town as it can severely damage the grass and can take considerable time and effort to repair. Funding approval has been granted for the 2024 FireSmart project, so the Town will be proceeding with another project this year and our planned area is along the lower level of Douglass Drive. The roof on the greenhouse has been replaced so that asset is protected for years to come. We've been doing considerable brushing around our buildings, reservoirs, and some trail work this year and we plan to continue these improvements as long as weather permits.

APPROVED DATE: 2024.05.01
PROJECT NAME: Mitchell Road Industrial Park
PROJECT LOCATION: Mitchell Road, Mitchell Road Industrial Park



Legend

- - - Project Area
- Developable Area
= ± 9.57 ha. (23.65 ac.)
- Small Lots 0.25 ha. to 0.50 ha.
- Medium Lots 0.50 ha. to 0.75 ha.
- Large Lots 0.75 ha. to 1.0 ha.

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

Mitchell Road Industrial Park

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

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

Lots will be available in three sizes:

Small Lots of 0.25 ha. to 0.50 ha.

Medium Lots of 0.50 ha. to 0.75 ha.

Large Lots of 0.75 ha. to 1.0 ha.

Landfill Hours

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

The Landfill is closed all holidays.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Rec. Centre is closed
Monday, November 11
Tuesday, November 12

The Town Office is closed
Monday, November 11

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

Do Not Speed, Children at Play.



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



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

Call 867-994-2760

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



TOWN OFFICE

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

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