



**Town of Faro  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Jack Bowers	Chief Adm Officer	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Michelle Vainio	GM Operations	Mark Vainio
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Mgr Rec & Culture	Tina Freake
	Neil Yee	Executive Assistant/ Financial Clerk	Trudy Amos

Public Present: 6    Public on Zoom: 2

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution 25-292

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the agenda for the September 2, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted with the amendment of 11.7 for Gary Jones Leave of Absence.

Carried

**3. DELEGATION**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution 25-293.

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the minutes of the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution 25-294

Yee, Vainio

**THAT** the minutes of the August 26, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

**7. FINANCIAL**

Resolution 25-295

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary, and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period August 14 – 27, 2025.

Carried

Clarification was requested regarding cheques #2916, #2918, #2923 and #2931.

## **8. REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers advised that the Zoning Bylaw Workshop that took place on August 26, 2025, was quite useful and was happy to see the Strategic Planning process underway.

### Council Reports

Councillor Vainio provided a verbal report.

Was pleased to participate in the Zoning Bylaw workshop and look forward to the updated draft. Also met with the MLA Patty McLeod in the new riding that includes Faro. Hopefully, a few more candidates will put their names forward for consideration.

Councillor Yee provided a verbal report.

He noted that the Zoning Bylaw Workshop was good.

The Aishihik River is currently low, which means that the diesel generators in the community will be running more. He expressed concerns about the ongoing noise levels created by the generators. He discounted the Noise Report that was produced by Yukon Energy and noted that new generators will be an addition to the rental units.

Councillor Michell-Larocque provided a verbal report

She reminded everyone that the Health Centre is reopening on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, but will be short-staffed.

### Administration's Reports

#### **Chief Administrative Officer**

CAO Kimberly Ballance requested input on the date for the public open house for the Zoning Bylaw. Council requested that the public open house for the Zoning Bylaw be held on a weekday afternoon/evening session after September 28, 2025. The CAO also responded to questions by Council on the demolition and construction work being undertaken at the Catholic Church, and the Washroom Development Project on Mitchell Road.

#### **Operations Manager**

Manager Vainio summarised his written Report and responded to questions by Council about painting the Sheep Cabin and Ski Chalet.

#### **General Manager of Recreation and Culture**

Manager Freake summarised her written Report. She noted that the RPAY Recreation Gathering will be happening September 22–25, 2025 and invited Mayor and Council to

attend. She requested a review of the RV Park conditions, and a reduction in RV Park Fees to be comparable to similar sites. She also responded to questions by Council about the Yukon Quest and potential for updates to BBQs in 2026.

Council thanked Tina for her tenure with the Town as she has provided notice of her resignation.

## **9. BYLAWS**

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Faro Regional Arts and Culture Facility Final Pre-Feasibility Study**

Councillor Vainio advised that she had a conflict on this item since she is on the executive for ARAS and left the meeting at this time

Council discussed the Report and expressed concerns with the ability for ARAS to move this project forward due to their limited capacity. The scope of the work set out in the Report was also identified by individual members of ARAS to exceed their capacity to proceed with this project. Council identified that ARAS's directed input be gathered on this matter during the Strategic Planning Process.

### **Resolution 25-296**

Michell-Larocque, Yee

**THAT** Council receive and file the Report prepared by Elevator Yukon dated March 5, 2025, re: Faro Regional Arts and Culture Facility Final Pre-Feasibility Study.

Carried

Councillor Vainio returned to her seat.

### **10.2 Canada Communities Building Fund Approval – Secondary Security Network (2025-002)**

Council discussed the project, their previous decision on it, and requested that the item be Tabled. This item will be returned to the next meeting for discussion.

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council accepts the Canada Community Building Fund Project Approval re: the Town of Faro's Project Proposal, 2025-02, Secondary Security Network; and,

**FURTHER THAT** Administration is authorized and directed to implement the project.

Tabled

### **10.3 Agreement of Purchase and Sale – 605 Yates Cres (Lot 258)**

Council requested that this item be deferred to the October 7, 2025, Meeting of Council.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Faro Mine Remediation Project – 048C25 – Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic System**

Resolution: 25-297

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**WHEREAS** the Advanced Procurement Notice for the Faro Mine Remediation Project - 048C25 – Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic was advertised on August 5, 2025 on the MERX website with a closing date of September 22, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS** this project does not reflect a cost effective use of Canadian Tax dollars because it would eliminate the use of the Town of Faro's existing potable water treatment and sewage treatment system which is proximal to the proposed project site;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Faro is opposed to the Faro Mine Remediation Project - 048C25 – Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic because:

- The project would result in negative implications to existing local employers including the loss of employment for a minimum of 4 people;
- The proposed project is a very expensive endeavor for a project that has a limited lifespan;
- The use of the Town of Faro's potable water treatment and sewage treatment system, which is proximal to the project site, is able to deliver these services in a socially, environmentally and fiscally responsible manner; and
- The project is an inefficient use of Canadian Tax dollars.

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC);
- Yukon Water Board;
- Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board; and
- Parsons Corporation.

Carried  
Councillor Yee opposed

### **11.2 Licence Renewal – Van Gorder Trail and Fingers Site**

Resolution: 25-298

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Licence of Occupation with the Government of Yukon for the properties identified as:

- Van Gorder Falls Trail; and
- Fingers Observation Deck

Carried

11.3 Report to Council from CAO, dated August 27, 2025, re: Wireless Point-to-Point Connection

Resolution: 25-299

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council accepts the Report to Council re: Wireless Point-to-Point, dated August 27, 2025, and directs Administration to implement the Project as presented.

Carried

11.4 Report to Council from CAO, dated August 27, 2025, re: Proposed purchase of additional land at the Landfill

Resolution: 25-300

Yee, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council accepts the Report to Council re: Proposed purchase of additional land at Landfill, dated August 27, 2025, and directs Administration to submit an amended request to the Land Management Branch.

Carried

11.5 Report to Council from CAO, dated August 28, 2025, re: Purchase of Weight Room Equipment and Community Development Fund (CDF) Application

Resolution: 25-301

Michell-Larocque, Yee

**THAT** Council accepts the Report to Council re: Purchase of Weight Room Equipment and CDF Application, dated August 28, 2025, and,

**FURTHER THAT** the CAO is authorized and directed to purchase two (2) commercial grade treadmills using the existing capital budget allocation and funding from the ParticipACTION award; and,

**FURTHER THAT** the CAO is authorized and directed to submit an application to the Community Development Fund for the purchase of new Weight Room Equipment.

Carried

11.6 Amendment to Schedule of Fees – add rental rates for Municipal Office Boardroom and Public Works Training Room

Resolution: 25-302

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council approve the change of “Schedule A” of Fees & Charges Bylaw as reviewed and discussed at the September 2, 2025, Regular Council Meeting including:

- the addition of facility rental fees Administration Boardroom with the rate of \$35.00+GST for local residents and \$65.00+GST for non-residents. Additional details of “during business hours only”.
- the addition of facility rental fees Public Works Training Room with the rate of \$40.00+GST for local residents and \$100.00+GST for non-residents. Additional details of “during business hours only”.

Carried

11.7 Leave of Absence for Councillor Gary Jones for the Regular Council Meeting of September 2, 2025

Resolution: 25-303

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council grant a leave of absence for Councillor Gary Jones, for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 02, 2025.

Carried

**12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)**

12.1 Yukon Forestry & Bioenergy Conference Invitation – October 7-8, 2025.

Council will not be attending this Conference.

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Resolution 25-304

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public questions.

Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery.

No questions from Zoom.

Resolution 25-305

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

**14. IN CAMERA**

Resolution 25-306 Time: 8:31 p.m.

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now recess and reconvene *in-camera*.

Carried

In camera discussion

Resolution 25-307

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

The Mayor advised that CAO Kimberly Ballance will be the Town of Faro's Media Spokesperson regarding the Petition that was submitted to the Minister of Community Services, the Honourable Richard Mostyn. This will be reviewed by Council again once the Minister provides his determination.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**



Resolution 25-308

Michell-Larocque, Yee

**THAT** the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of  
Council held on September 16, 2025, by  
Resolution # 25-\_\_\_\_

  
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Jack Bowers, Mayor  
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Kimberly Ballance, CAO