



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
March 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers (electronically)	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Deputy Mayor	Michelle Vainio	Executive Assistant/	Trudy Amos
Councillors	Gary Jones	Finance Assistant	
	Neil Yee	Ops Manager	Danny Granberg

Delegation: Constable Kristin Larton, RCMP, and Leithe Minder

Public Present: 9

Public on Zoom: 7

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 26-89

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution 26-90

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole to hear from the delegation.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

3.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander

Constable Kristin Larton advised she would respond to questions in Sgt Proulx's absence. She noted that a reservist has been in Faro to provide some support in the community which has been helpful and she responded to questions from Council.

3.2 Leithe Minder, Special Permit Application – Decision Appeal

Ms. Minder was not in attendance at this point in the meeting.

Resolution 26-91 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.
Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

None.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the March 03, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution 26-92 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 03, 2026, Regular Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

5.2 Minutes of the March 03, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
Resolution 26-93 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 03, 2026, Regular Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

5.3 Minutes of the March 12, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution 26-94 Jones, Bowers
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 12, 2026, Special Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

5.4 Minutes of the March 13, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution 26-95 Jones, Bowers
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 13, 2026, Special Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

Deputy Mayor Vainio noted that Ms. Minder had arrived.

Resolution 26-96 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole to hear from the
delegation.
Carried

3.2 Leithe Minder, Special Permit Application – Decision Appeal

Ms. Minder provided a summary of her long-term residency in the Town of Faro, having purchased her home when she was 25 years old. During the time she has lived in the community she has always had at least five (5) dogs and that this has never been cause for concern because she takes good care of them and is respectful of her neighbours.

She advised that she confirmed with Town Administration that no noise complaints have been lodged about her dogs in several months, and her current group of dogs is the quietest she's ever had. She identified that her dogs are a critical part of her life and are treated like family.

The Town has sent over 70 letters out twice - once for her application for a 12-dog permit, and more recently for her 5-dog permit application. On both occasions, the result was less than 50% response rate. She advised that this demonstrated that the non-responses likely don't have a concern with her dogs. She questioned why those non-responses counted against her in the requirement to have 2/3 of neighbours approve of her permit application.

Ms. Minder also noted concerns with a neighbouring resident who has been attempting to negatively influence others in their decision-making on this issue by telling people that Ms. Minder is abusive towards her dogs. This is not true but is a rumour being spread to try and turn other neighbours against her.

Ms. Minder advised that she is committed to upgrading the fence around her yard and whatever else it would take to improve the peaceful enjoyment by herself and her neighbours.

Resolution 26-97

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

Jones, Yee

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Council requested clarification on Cheque Nos: 3252 and 3254.

Resolution 26-98

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period February 26 - March 10, 2026.

Yee, Jones

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

- Appreciated the Budget process which was presented by the Management Team during the Special Meetings last week.

8.2 Council Reports Councillor Vainio

- Appreciated that the budget meetings were held in public and were well supported by the Management Team. Inflationary costs are having a big impact, but Council is working hard to keep services affordable for residents.
- Was not able to attend the Fisheye Frenzy but understand that it was well attended and has heard some great things about the event. Thanks to the organizers and donors for making this event a success.

Councillor Jones

- Attended the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Board Meeting virtually on March 7, 2026, with CAO Ballance. Minister Cory Bellmore was in attendance and spoke about Emergency Management, the Community Recreation Fund, and Comprehensive Municipal Grant. Opposition leader, Kate White gave a shoutout to Mayor Bowers about his commitment to raising concerns about health services in Faro. There was also a good discussion about the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, which may be a good opportunity for local business owners.

Councillor Neil Yee

- Was able to attend some of the events at the Arctic Winter Games which were very good.
- Attended the Fisheye Frenzy which was good, well attended and organized. Also went to Phyllis' Restaurant afterwards, which is where the prizes for the event were distributed following the derby.
- Expressed concerns about the letter that Council approved and was sent to Minister Chartrand.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

CAO provided a verbal report and highlighted that the Town has started advertising the Residential Conversion Grant, under the Housing Accelerator Fund.

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

Manager of Operations provided a verbal report and responded to questions from Council.

- 8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture
CAO highlighted the ongoing Parsons rental of the Gymnasium which was identified in the written report.

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 2026-01 - 2026 Operating Budget Bylaw – First Reading
Resolution 26-99 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2026-01, being the
2026 Operating Budget Bylaw
Carried
- 9.2 2026-02 - 2026 Capital Budget Bylaw – First Reading
Resolution 26-100 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2026-02, being the
2026 Capital Budget Bylaw
Carried
- 9.3 2026-03 - 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw – First Reading
Resolution 26-101 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2026-03, being the
2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw
Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10.1 AYC Auction Item Donations
Council concurred that Administration will put together a package for this purpose.
- 10.2 Draft Procedures By-Law – Updates to Section 16 & 17
Council discussed the updated sections and requested amendments to expand the use of the phrase municipal jurisdiction to include subjects of community interest, and requested a reference to the Municipal Act for In-Camera topics. Clarification was also requested on the role of the Chair and the process for overturning a decision of the Chair.
- 10.3 Expressions of Interest – Engineering Services

Deputy Mayor Vainio declared a Pecuniary Interest in this item and left the meeting.

Councillor Jones took over as the Chair.

Administration recommended that Council receive presentations from a shortlisted group, and Council concurred that a meeting would be set up to

receive presentations from Stantec, Associated Engineering and Core Geoscience Services Inc.

Deputy Mayor Vainio returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Draft Letter to Minister Bellmore Community Services re: Harassment Report Recommendations
Resolution 26-102 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the attached letter to the Honourable Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services re: Harassment Report Recommendations

Carried

- 11.2 Draft Letter to Minister Linda Benoit re: BST Phase 2 Upper Bench
The CAO noted that the current draft now includes an amendment to the first date that was highlighted in the letter thereby modifying it to 2023.

Resolution 26-103 Bowers, Jones
RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the attached letter to the Honourable Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works re: BST Phase 2 Upper Bench

Carried

- 11.3 Licence of Occupation – Arboretum
Resolution 26-104 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Mayor be authorized to execute the attached Licence of Occupation (File No: 2848-20-105K03/242020) from the Government of Yukon for the Arboretum.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

- 12.1 Letter from Brent McDonald, Official Opposition Critic for Community Services

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 26-105 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution 26-106 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.
Carried

Resolution 26-107 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:01 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-
camera.
Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

14.1 Bylaw Enforcement Matter in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213
(3)(f) re: Legal Matter


Resolution 26-108 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:19 p.m.
Carried

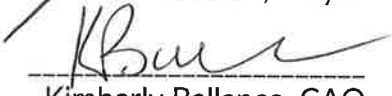
Council concurred that the decision previously made on a Bylaw Enforcement Matter
will stand.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 26-109 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at
8:19 p.m.
Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on April 7, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-112



Jack Bowers, Mayor


Kimberly Ballance, CAO