



**Town of Faro
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Larry Baran
Councillors	Gary Jones	GM of Finance	Lenka Kazda
	Michelle Vainio (ZOOM)	Op. Manager	Paul Medvid
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Manager Rec. & Culture	Tina Freake
	Neil Yee	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki

Delegations

Stephanie Cunha; YEC Vice President, Partnerships and Business Service
Paul Murchison; YEC Vice President, Engineering and Capital Projects
Travis Ritchie; YEC Director, Risk and Compliance
Lisa Wiklund; YEC Manager, Community Relations
Amanda Janssens; Community Advisor (ZOOM)

Public Present in Gallery: 40+/-

Public on Zoom: 12

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-001

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT the agenda of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS

Resolution 25-002

Jones/Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

Yukon Energy representatives provided a verbal report and responded to questions from Council and the gallery.

Resolution 25-003

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Resolution 25-004

Michell-Larocque/Vainio

THAT Council supports Yukon Energy Corporation in its efforts to supply reliable electrical service to all of the Yukon.

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-005

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT the minutes of the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

Resolution 25-006

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution 25-007

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period December 5, 2024 - January 8, 2025.

Carried

7.2 TL-1 (2025 Tax Lien Process)

Resolution 25-008

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council accept the 2025 Tax Lien List -TL1 as presented and move that it be authenticated by signing and affixing the Town seal.

Carried

7.3 Travel Allowance Changes Effective January 1, 2025

Resolution 25-009

Michell-Larocque/Yee

WHEREAS Canada Revenue Agency has amended reasonable per-kilometre allowance from \$0.74 to \$0.76 for the first 5,000 kms driven, and from \$0.68 to \$0.70 after 5,000 kms driven;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the 2025 rates on Expense Account Claim - Schedule "A", Bylaw 2014-10 change to \$0.76 for first 5,000km driven and \$0.70 after 5,000 km driven.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers provided written Report.

8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Yee provided a verbal report.

Councillor Michell-Larocque provided a verbal report.

Councillor Vainio provided a verbal report.

Councillor Jones provided a verbal report.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Baran summarized his written report and responded to questions from Council.

8.3.2 Operations Manager

Manager Medvid summarized his written report and responded to questions from Council.

8.3.3 General Manager of Recreation and Culture

Manager Freake summarized her written report and responded to questions from Council.

8.4 Fire Chief

Written report was presented to Council.

8.5 Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Resolution 25-010

Jones/Michell-Larocque

That Council receive for information the minutes of the Joint Health & Safety Committee meetings for September 19, 2024 and for November 21, 2024.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw 2025-01 – Water & Sewer Bylaw

Resolution 25-011

Yee/Jones

THAT Council provide **First Reading** of Bylaw 2025-01 – Water & Sewer Bylaw.

Councillor Jones read the Bylaw.

Vote called on Bylaw 2025-01.

Carried

Mayor Bowers declared Bylaw #2025-01 having been read a First time this 14th day of January 2025.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Yukon Quest – Faro Preparations

Manager Freake provided a short report on the status of the Faro preparations for the Yukon Quest and responded to questions from Council.

10.2 Yukon Arctic Ultra – Faro Preparations

Manager Freake provided a short report on the status of the Faro preparations for the Yukon Arctic Ultra and responded to questions from Council.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 CAO Recruitment

Mayor Bowers confirmed that a consultant has been contracted to assist Council in recruiting the next Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Faro.

11.2 RRDC Response to Faro's Request to be part of the Protected Area Strategy Steering Committee.

Mayor Bowers reviewed a series of letters that were exchanged with the Steering Committee Chair, Jean Langlois, regarding the Proposed Protected Area Strategy in the Ross River and Faro areas.

At 9:15pm, CAO Baran left the meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

Council reviewed for information,

12.1 2024-11-12 Letter from City of Dawson - Mayor Stephen Johnson

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-012

Michell-Larocque / Jones

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

Carried

Council responded to questions and listened to the comments from the gallery, which included topics of the Protected Area, Yukon Quest and file organization on Town's website.

Resolution 25-013 (9:59pm)

Vainio/Jones

THAT Council extend the meeting from 10pm to 11pm.

Carried

Resolution 25-014

Jones/Yee

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-015

Jones /Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

At 10:05pm, CAO Baran rejoined the meeting.

In Camera Discussion to discuss land and legal matters.

Resolution 25-016

Michell-Larocque/Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-017

Yee/Jones

THAT Council direct Administration to begin the process to acquire Lot 42 from the Yukon Government as has been proposed by Energy, Mines, & Resources.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-018

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on February 4, 2025 by
Resolution # 25-022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Bowers", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Jack Bowers, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Baran", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Larry Baran, CAO