



Town of Faro
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	Chief Adm Officer	Larry Baran
Councillors	Gary Jones	Ops Manager	Paul Medvid
	Michelle Vainio	Mgr Rec & Culture	Tina Freake
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki
	Neil Yee		

Delegation Chris Potvin & Michel Lefebvre, Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse

Public Present: 15 Public on Zoom: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-051

Jones/Vainio

THAT the agenda for the March 4, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-052

Vainio/ Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

Chris Potvin & Michel Lefebvre, Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse, discussed plans to replace the Catholic church building in Faro.

Resolution 25-053

Yee/Jones

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Resolution 25-054

Jones/ Michell-Larocque

THAT Council propose a flat-rate of \$60,000 for the landfill tipping fees resulting from the demolition of replacement of the Catholic Church in Faro by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse.

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-055

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT The minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

Resolution 25-056

Michell-Larocque/Vainio

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period February 13 – 26, 2025.

Carried

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers reported on the current status of the budget and CAO recruitment processes.

Council Reports

Councillor Jones complimented Town Public Works staff on their professionalism at a recent excavation, as well as his investigation of developing a local Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Vainio reported on her attendance at the recent Chiefs & Mayors Forum in Whitehorse where four main topics were discussed: *Animal Protection Act*; Community Safety; Emergency Preparedness; Boundary Expansion.

Councillor Michell-Larocque thanked the Recreation Staff for their recent Ice Work Squirm event.

Councillor Yee asked if the next budget meeting would be open to the public. He noted his progress in forming a local Inter-Agency Group. He noted that he would like to discuss ideas for community events that would bring a wider range of people out.

Administration's Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Baran summarized his written Report and responded to questions by Council.

Operations Manager

Manager Medvid summarized his written Report and responded to questions by Council.

General Manager of Recreation and Culture

Manager Freake summarized her written Report and responded to questions by Council.

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw 2025-01 – Water & Sewer Bylaw

Resolution 25-057

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council provide Second Reading of **Bylaw 2025-01, Water & Sewer Bylaw**.

Councillor Jones reads the Bylaw.

Council to discuss.

Resolution 25-058

Jones/Yee

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for questions regarding Bylaw #2025-01.

Carried

Mayor Jack Bowers called for questions from the gallery and from ZOOM.

Resolution 25-059

Michell-Larocque/Jones

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Vote called on Bylaw Resolution 25-057

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-01 having been read a Second time this 4th day of March, 2025.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing Presented.

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Special Request during Residential Lot Development

Resolution 25-060

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council approve a temporary annual permit for the developer of Lot 207 to place and reside in a travel trailer during the construction of a permanent residence, with the permit to be renewed annually up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

Nothing Presented.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-061

Vainio/Jones

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

Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery.

Resolution 25-062

Michell-Larocque/Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-063

Vainio/Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

In Camera discussion re: land, legal, & human resource matters

Resolution 25-064

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-065

Jones/Vainio

THAT, pending the announcement and award of the 2nd round of Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to the Town of Faro, that Council contract Elevator Yukon to provide Management Services of the Town of Faro – Housing Accelerator Fund grant for the period of 2025 to 2028 as per the proposal reviewed on March 4, 2025.

Carried

At 9:48 p.m., Mayor Bowers noted the time but asked that Council discuss one more confidential matter, and he excused Senior Staff and Councillor Yee.

Resolution 25-066

Vainio/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council do now move *in-camera*.

Carried

In Camera discussion re: legal & human resource matters

As it appeared the conversation was going to extend past 10:00 p.m., and a Resolution was required to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m., Mayor Bowers requested a resolution to return to open session to complete that resolution.

Resolution 25-067

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-068

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council extend the meeting for a maximum of one (1) hour.

Carried

Resolution 25-069

Vainio/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council move *in-camera*.

Carried

In Camera discussion re: legal & human resource matters

Resolution 25-070

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-071

Jones/Vainio

THAT the March 4, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on ~~25-0~~ by MAR 18/25
Resolution # ~~25-083~~



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Larry Baran, CAO