



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO Kimberly Ballance (electronically)
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/ Trudy Amos
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Finance Assistant
	Michelle Vainio	
	Neil Yee	

Public Present: 3

Public on Zoom: 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution No 26-180

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-181

Vainio, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.2 Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-182

Michell-Larocque, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-183

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period April 15 – 28, 2026.

Carried

Clarification was requested on Cheque No. 3316 and 3336.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

- The Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference is happening this week and all members of Council will be attending.
- Received a response from the Minister of Highways and Public Works, Linda Benoit, that the BST work for Douglass Drive and Yates will not be happening this year, but calcium will be applied for dust control.
- Highlighted the recent repeal of the Code of Conduct Bylaw has been approved and verified that Members of Council had the opportunity to review the Oath of Office and Allegiance which was provided by the CAO.

8.2 Council Reports Councillor Yee

- Was able to attend the end of the Dementia Presentation held in the community this week.
- Attended the Crane and Sheep festival and heard a lot of Cranes during the week prior to the event, but also still heard the Yukon Energy generators. This noise continues to be a concern, but we haven't heard back from Yukon Energy about their proposed noise mitigation measures.
- There was a smaller turnout for the Crane and Sheep Festival this year, but the Cranes and Sheep did turn up with a lot of other animals. Council will need to give some consideration to the event moving forward, as set out in the Manager of Recreation & Culture's report.
- The Code of Conduct has been repealed, and a new one is in the works and noted he is hopeful that the new one will be more effective and impartial.
- Electricity bills are up 32% since the last billing, which is a concerning trend from an affordability perspective.

Councillor Vainio

- On April 22, 2026, the Mayor, CAO and myself met with Minister Cathers, and Patti McLeod, MLA, about health services in Faro. Discussed the availability of mental health supports and need for increased promotion of them, delays in accessing health services, movement to digitized health records in Faro, and issues with medivac services. Another orthopedic surgeon has been hired in the territory which should speed up access to surgeries. Good dialogue and hopeful for improvements.
- Attended the Emergency Plan Scenario for a Forest Fire Incident, which was held April 30, 2026. The attendance included the Management Team and Fire Chief and was very good opportunity to highlight areas of improvement in the Town's planning and implementation processes.
- The Crane and Sheep Festival was great event. Noted her appreciation and organization by all departments since everyone gets involved in bringing this together, particularly the Recreation Department for spearheading the planning processes.

Councillor Jones

- School Council elections are underway. There are 7 candidates for the 5 seats which is nice to see. Voting will be held at the School Library on May 9 and 11.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

The CAO responded to questions from Council on Administrative Reports.

9. BYLAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Bowers declared a pecuniary interest due to his membership on the Executive of the Tintina Gun Club and left the meeting.

10.1 Proposed MOU Tintina Gun Club

Resolution No 26-184

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes and directs the Deputy Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tintina Gun Club as presented.

Carried

Mayor Bowers returned to the meeting at this time.

10.2 Recreation Rules Policy

Resolution No 26-185

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Recreation Rules Policy (2026-07-P) as amended; and,

FURTHER THAT the following Policies and Resolutions are hereby repealed:

- Squash Court Policy No. 271-004, approved by Resolution No 109-99
- Ball Diamond Policy No. 271-002, approved by Resolution No. 118-99
- Room Rental Policy No. 271-005, approved by Resolution No. 118-99
- Room Rental Policy No. 224-001, approved by Resolution No. 119-99
- Weight Room Policy No. 001-2014, approved by Resolution No. 14-168
- RV Park Policy No. 2012-001, approved by Resolution No. 12-243
- In-Kind Space Rental Policy No. 2017-05
- Public Skate Helmet Policy, dated January 6, 2012
- Swimming Pool Policy and Procedures Manual, dated March 2007

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2026 Fee Schedule Amendments

Resolution No 26-186

Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the amendments to the 2026 Fee Schedule as presented.

Carried

11.2 Waste Disposal Site Fees

Administration will bring forward a recommendation for this fee schedule.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

- 12.1 Letter from Premier Currie Dixon, dated April 22, 2026, re: Ross River Protected Area Feasibility Study

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-187

Michell-Larocque, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution No 26-188

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

Resolution No 26-189

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:14 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

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

Councillor Yee declared a pecuniary interest and left during the In-Camera Meeting.

Resolution No 26-190

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:43 p.m.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 26-191

Vainio, Jones

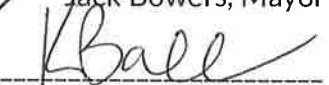
RESOLVED THAT the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on May 19, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-~~200~~



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO

