



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Jack Bowers CAO Kimberly Ballance
Councillors Wendy Michell-Larocque
Michelle Vainio
Neil Yee

Delegation: Kristan Larton, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment

Public Present: 4

Public on Zoom: 1

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 26-197

Michell-Larocque-Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No 26-198

Michell-Larocque, Yee

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

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

3.1 Kristan Larton, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment

Reserve members will be filling in for the next couple of months, with new members starting in late June/July. Noted that there was no comparison data for April of last year, and that it was a pretty quiet month overall.

Resolution No 26-199

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-200

Vainio, Yee

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

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-201

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Budget vs. Actual Summary, Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period April 29 – May 12, 2026.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

- Mayor and Council received a thank you card from Kitty Sperling for use of the Town's meeting room to process income tax returns, and noted that 94 returns were completed this year, which is up from last year.
- Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference – May 7-10
 - Watson Lake did a great job hosting the event this year.
 - Toured the recycling facility in Watson Lake and it was excellent to see their operations.
 - Heard presentations from Stantec, Casino Mining, Humane Society of Yukon, Tangerine Technology and many others which were very informative.
 - The AYC's Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday with 17 resolutions passed by the delegates including three that were submitted by the Town of Faro. The Town of Faros' were related to Emergency Preparedness, support for the Humane Society, and reliable health care delivery. Other resolutions were approved on topics including insurance for community events, regional public transportation, regulation of low-beam headlight brightness, adoption of an adapted version of the national building code for the Yukon, property assessment methodologies, and many others.
 - Elections for executive members were also held.

8.2 Council Reports Councillor Yee

- Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference
 - Heard presentations on Arctic Security, Asset Management, Cyber Security, Northwestel, and Atco.
 - The Watson Lake landfill/recycling facility tour was also interesting, and some lessons were learned that could be applied here.
 - The Recreation Centre tour was good and the activities planned by Watson Lake for the delegates were very good and entertaining.

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference
 - This is an excellent networking opportunity to see Council Members from other communities. It is a great way to learn from the achievements and mistakes made by others, and to learn ways that we can improve locally.
- Health Centre operation is down staffed to one nurse and one administrative staff member. Requested the community's patience with staff during this time.
- Baseball will be happening at the ball field on Mondays and Wednesdays starting tomorrow. Everyone is welcome to come and participate and equipment is available for those who don't own their own.

Councillor Vainio

- The new term of the Del Van Gorder School Council has now been elected with 69 people voting in the election.
- Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Conference
 - This is a really good networking opportunity for Council Members.
 - This year's resolution process was really good and well-debated by the delegates. These will now be actioned by AYC staff and responses will be provided by the government department responsible for each respective matter.
 - It was nice to see Local Advisory Council participation in the event and during the Resolution process.
 - This was a good opportunity for the Town of Faro Council to build its relationships internally and with other municipalities.
 - The Recycling tour was great.
 - The Humane Society's presentation was great, and they are offering a pet food program which can make pet food available

for free to residents. They do not currently have a community representative in Faro but if someone is interested, the Town has the contact information required to set this up.

- Infrastructure Development Branch will be setting up meetings with representatives from all the communities in the next month to discuss community projects and priorities.
- Watson Lake's Golf Simulator is awesome and perhaps should be something that Council considers for Faro to promote physical activity.

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.

9. BYLAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Budget Highlights

Council concurred with the information as presented. Administration will create the final draft and distribute it by mail.

11.2 Noise Bylaw – Draft

Council discussed the draft as presented and recommended some changes. A final version will be forthcoming for approval.

11.3 Asset Management Plan / Tangible Capital Assets Policy

Administration provided a high-level summary of the current Asset Management Plan and Tangible Capital Asset Policy. The Town is compliant with its plan and policy, but improvements were recommended to improve the functionality of the data and link it to GIS Mapping. The work has been initiated but is a longer-term project. Updates will be provided to Council on its progress.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

- 12.1 Letter from Minister Linda Benoit, Highways and Public Works, dated May 1, 2026, re: Request for Support – BST Application in Faro

- 12.2 Email from the District of Tumbler Ridge, dated May 8, 2026, re: Appreciation for Condolences
- 12.3 Letter from the Steering Committee, dated May 15, 2026, re: Update on feasibility assessment for a potential new protected area in the Tū Īīdlini (Ross River) area

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-202 Yee, Michell-Larocque
 RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution No 26-203 Vainio, Michell-Larocque
 RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No 26-204 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 Land Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Sale of Land Policy Draft / Property Sales

Resolution No 26-205 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
 RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:46 p.m.

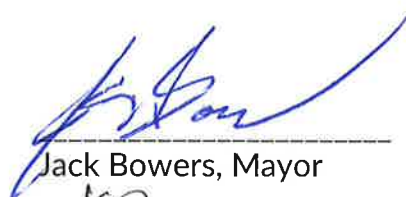
Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

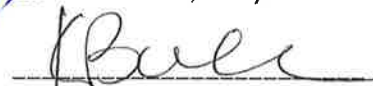
Resolution No 26-206 Vainio, Michell-Larocque
 RESOLVED THAT the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
 Council held on June 02, 2026, by
 Resolution # 26-211



 Jack Bowers, Mayor



 Kimberly Ballance, CAO

