TOWN OF FARO

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
November 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Jack Bowers, Councillor Gary Jones, Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, Councillor Michelle Vainio, Councillor Neil Yee, Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson, Executive / Finance Assistant Trudy Amos and 9 members of the public (including 3 electronically).

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Vainio identified she does not have a pecuniary interest in Item 9.1 as she does not have any family members in Judo.

Councillor Jones identified he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council related to Yukon Energy because he is not an employee or paid representative for the company, nor do any members of his family work for the company.

Councillor Michell-Larocque identified that she does have a pecuniary interest in Item No. 9.1.1 and 9.1.5 because her daughter is in Judo.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander
Sgt Proulx was unable to attend. Council reviewed the report as presented.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6 MINUTES

6.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

6.1.1 Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-343 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Motion to adopt the Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be amended from "as presented" to "as amended".

Defeated

Resolution No. 26-344 Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - Yes
Councillor Michell-Larocque – No
Councillor Vainio - Yes
Councillor Yee - No

6.1.2 Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-345 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Motion to adopt the Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be amended from "as presented" to "as amended".

Defeated

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - No
Councillor Jones - No
Councillor Michell-Larocque – Yes
Councillor Vainio - No
Councillor Yee - Yes

Resolution No. 26-346 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - Yes
Councillor Michell-Larocque – No
Councillor Vainio - Yes
Councillor Yee - No

6.1.3 Minutes of the October 22, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-347 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 22, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6.2 Minutes of Committees

6.2.1 Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Resolution No. 26-348 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the following Health and Safety Committee Minutes be received and filed:

- May 19, 2026
- September 23, 2026

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

Councillor Jones

- Attended the School Council Conference in Whitehorse where there were 16 of 17 School Councils represented. Great meeting and appreciated the attendance of Minister Scott Kent. There is good registration in the Del Van Gorder (DVG) School currently, with 52 children attending. There has been ongoing discussion about the need for teacher housing locally and a generator for the school to provide power during emergency power outages.

Councillor Vainio

- Great Halloween activities last week. Passed along a big thank you to the Recreation Centre Staff for the pumpkin carving event and the great work on the Fright House.
- Attended the Tourism Workshop held today with staff and members of the public participating and identified priorities for the community. Members identified a clear desire for an ice plant. There will be follow up from the Government of Yukon staff which will come back to the group for further discussion.
- Council communications training starts tomorrow and will be helpful for all members.
- Looking forward to attending the Kaska Voice event next week.

Councillor Yee

- Participated in the October 22, 2026, Roles and Responsibilities Training which was good and was attended by all members of Council. Received training on the need for Council to correct the record when misinformation is presented, the importance of making sure that factual information be presented to the public and the media and making sure the Town's spokesperson accurately represents Council's decisions.
- Would like to see Council work in a more unified manner including on issues related to noise mitigation and noted that declaring pecuniary interests when they exist and apologizing when needed

will build accountability among members of Council and with the public.

- Attended the October 23, 2026, Yukon Women in Music event at Yukon University which was well attended and a good experience.
- Attended the October 24, 2026, Town Surplus Sale which wasn't very well attended but good to hold to promote accountability and it did result in the sale of some local items.
- Went to the October 28, 2026, Coffee and Cards and despite low attendance it is still good to see new events being offered by staff.
- Attended the October 30, 2026, Halloween event at the Recreation Centre and the evening event at the bar, both of which were well attended and good events for the community.
- Noticed that there is an AI generated post being shared on Facebook about Faro being an old mining town now being home to Cranes and highlighted it as a nice, quiet town. This is relevant because it being quiet contrasts to the noise produced by the community's generators. On October 30, 2026, Yukon Energy was to submit their noise mitigation report but that hasn't been discussed by Council albeit being a concern to some residents. Hopeful that Council will discuss this topic in the future rather than trying to avoid discussion on it.

Mayor Bowers

- Looking forward to attending the Kaska Voices event and that Mayor and Council were invited to by Chief Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council.
- Presented a summary of new seismic activity reporting and earthquake activity associated with the Tintina Trench which is concerning. Emphasized the importance for residents to be prepared for a potential earthquake and the importance of critical infrastructure for the public school. Presented this information to the Minister and the Premier to identify the risk for the Town and the critical infrastructure that the community needs to be better prepared, including a generator for the DVG School.
- Received a letter from Minister Laking re: energy needs which will be included on the next Council Agenda for Council's input. Discussed the impact of Yukon-wide population growth, the impact this growth has on energy generation requirements and the increasing use and cost of diesel generation. Noted that noise from diesel generation is not ideal, but having power for the community is more important. Council will need to consider its response to the Minister's request for information.
- Advised that Administration had received correspondence from Realtor Judy Freake about property maintenance considerations to

improve the overall appearance of the community. This will require input from the community and Council during the bylaw review process.

Council discussed emergency preparedness and the status of the maintenance bylaw.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-349 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and the Cheque Register (October 15 - 28, 2026).

Carried

Clarification was requested on Cheque No. 3525.

7.3 Administrative Reports

7.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer

7.3.2 Manager of Operations

7.3.3 Manager of Recreation and Culture

The CAO responded to questions from Council on Administrative Reports.

8 BYLAWS

8.1 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Amend the Street Naming Bylaw No. 80-08 to Establish Road Names within the Town of Faro – Third Reading

Resolution No. 26-350 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-06, being a Bylaw to Amend the Street Naming Bylaw No. 80-08 to Establish Road Names within the Town of Faro.

Carried

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

Councillor Michell-Larocque left the meeting at this point.

9.1 Community Lotteries Program Applications

9.1.1 Faro Judo Club (Instruction)

9.1.2 Kids Christmas Party

9.1.3 Kelsey and Amber Belling (Judo Tournament)

9.1.4 Kelsey Belling (Judo Tournament)

9.1.5 Faro Judo Club (Judo Tournament)

Resolution No. 26-351 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the following Community Lotteries Program Applications:

- Faro Judo Club (Instruction) - $3,000
- Kelsey Belling (Judo Tournament) - $1,318.34
- Faro Judo Club (Judo Tournament) - $1,800

Carried

Council noted that funding for Item 9.1.3 would be included in the contribution to the Faro Judo Club in Item 9.1.5 as both applications were for the same event.

Councillor Michell-Larocque returned to the meeting at this point.

Resolution No. 26-352 Vainio, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the following Community Lotteries Program Applications:

- Kids Christmas Party - $1,900

Carried

9.2 Draft Letter to Chief Dylan Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council re: Invitation to Kaska Voices

Resolution No. 26-353 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter to Chief Dylan Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council re: Invitation to Kaska Voices as presented.

Carried

9.3 Draft Letter to Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) Steering Committee re: Tū Łīdlini (Ross River) Area

Resolution No. 26-354 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter to the IPCA Steering Committee as presented.

Defeated

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - No
Councillor Michell-Laroque – No
Councillor Vainio - No
Councillor Yee - No

9.4 Snow Removal Policy

Resolution No. 26-355 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Snow Removal Policy (2026-11-P) as presented.

Carried

9.5 Pecuniary Interest Matters

Councillor Yee advised that he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matters related to Yukon Energy currently before Council. He reviewed his involvement in a legal matter before the Court of Appeal concerning the Yukon Utilities Board and Yukon Energy, and also concerning his role as an intervenor in various regulatory matters related to ATCO, Electric Yukon, Yukon Utilities Board, Yukon Energy and Yukon Environmental Socia-economic Assessment Board. He had also reviewed section 193 of the Municipal Act, and the pecuniary interest test questions provided by Community Services during their training session. He also noted that he had emailed Council and the CAO to request any further questions or direction regarding the concerns they may have about his potential pecuniary interest, but did not received any responses or specific clarification, so was providing this assessment based on the information presented in Item 9.1 of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Noted that he understood that it is his responsibility to review his pecuniary interest each time an item appears on a Council Agenda, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Councillor Jones identified he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council related to Yukon Energy because he is not an employee or paid representative for the company, nor do any members of his family work for the company.

Mayor Bowers will provide a response to the matter identified in Item 9.1 of the October 20, 2026, following the in-camera discussion with Council on an alternate matter, and will do so in a public session.

Council discussed the declarations as presented.

9.6 Funding Agreement – Amendment #2 of the Canada Community-Building Fund

Resolution No. 26-356 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Funding Agreement – Amendment #2 of the Canada Community-Building Fund Funding Agreement for the Town of Faro.

Carried

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Public Questions.

Resolution No. 26-357 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:48 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

11.1 Legal Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(b&e) re: Pecuniary Interest Legal Opinion

11.2 Employment Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(d) re: Employment Agreement

The CAO left the meeting during the In-Camera Session.
The CAO returned to the Meeting during the In-Camera Session.

Resolution No. 26-358 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:56 p.m.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-359 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council hereby extends the meeting by one hour.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-360 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene in-camera at 9:57 p.m.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-361 Vainio, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:08 p.m.
Carried

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Resolution No. 26-362 Vainio, Michell-Larocque,
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to take actions required to confidentially share the document from Judson Howie LLP dated October 18, 2026, re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Analysis and Opinion with the Community Affairs Branch, Community Services of the Government of Yukon; and,

FURTHER THAT that Council authorizes the CAO to provide notice to VanGorda Enterprises Inc. that the Town of Faro is considering releasing the document from Judson Howie LLP dated October 18, 2026, re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Analysis and Opinion which may affect the interest of the company and provide an opportunity for the company's representative to make representations as to why the document should or should not be disclosed.
Carried

Council provided direction to the CAO on an Employment Matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-363 Yee, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the November 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 17, 2026, by Resolution # 26-369

Jack Bowers, Mayor

Kimberly Watson, CAO