TOWN OF FARO

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
September 15, 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 Wendy Michell-Larocque, Councillor Michelle Vainio, Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson, Executive / Finance Assistant Trudy Amos and 3 members of the public (including 1 electronically).

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Vainio declared an interest in Item 9.7 due to a family member being employed by one of the proponents in the Expression of Interest for Engineering Services.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Cst. Joshua Van Eyk, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment

The delegation was not present at the meeting.

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 September 1, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-312 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the September 1, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- Faro Health Centre will be closed from September 22 to October 2, and Ross River's Health Centre will be closed from September 4 – 30, 2026, resulting in an overlapping closure. There will be doctors in Faro for a few days during the Faro Closure, and despite that, the centre will be closed to anyone who does not have appointments.

Councillor Vainio

- Attended the Council / RCMP BBQ held on September 11, 2026,

and was pleased to see how well attended it was by the community. A big thanks to municipal staff who helped with this event.

- Attended the Parsons and CIRNAC led site tour at the Faro Mine Site with several members of Town of Faro Staff earlier today. Parsons is hosting a community BBQ tomorrow from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at the Recreation Centre.
- There will be a Public Open House and a Special Meeting with various Government of Yukon MLAs on September 17, 2027, at 11 am, and 1 pm respectively. This is a good opportunity for the public to reach out to their Territorial Government representatives. The Open House will be at the Recreation Centre, and the Special Meeting is in Council Chambers.

Mayor Bowers

- Expressed concerns about the Health Centre closure, particularly as it will be an overlapping closure between Faro and Ross River.
- Met the new Principal who expressed appreciation for being in Faro and identified several of the community's strengths and opportunities. The school is fully staffed and it looks like a very positive start to the school year.
- Attended the Parsons Tour of the Faro Mine Site this afternoon and it was great to see the changes that have happened there in the past few years. The Parsons and CIRNAC staff were able to answer a lot of the questions raised by the participants.
- The Council / RCMP BBQ held last Friday was quite successful with about 75 people attending. It would be great to see this as an annual event as it was much better attended than previous Council Open Houses that were held in Council Chambers. Great job by the staff.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-313 Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Budget to Actual Variance Report, Payment Register Summary and the Cheque Register (August 19 – September 2, 2026).

Carried

Clarification was requested on Cheque No. 3475 and the Budget to Actual Variance Report.

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 about the Administrative

Reports.

8 BYLAWS

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 2027 Budget Process – Council Input

Council discussed possible projects including the purchase of a golf simulator, trail maintenance and promotion of trails, the importance on maintenance of existing assets, cleaning up municipally owned properties, training for staff, Asset Management, staffing levels and fuel oil tank replacements.

9.2 Funding Agreement (No. 2627-HQ-000095) with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) for the Mitchell Road Rest Stop Improvements

Resolution No. 26-314 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized and directed to execute the Funding Agreement (No. 2627-HQ-000095) with His Majesty the King as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Minister of Northern Affairs ("Canada").

Carried

9.3 Transfer Payment Agreement (No. T00032273) Project funding for FireSmart (FS-845)

Resolution No. 26-315 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Manager of Operations is authorized and directed to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement (No. T00032273) with the Government of Yukon for the 2026/2027 FireSmart Program.

Carried

9.4 Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board's Preliminary Decision Document re: Former Chateau Jomini Structural Demolition, Lot 158, Faro

Council reviewed the information as presented.

9.5 Request to Waive Fees / Sponsorship for Dennis Shorty Fine Art for a Dena Style Mask Carving Workshop

Resolution No. 26-316 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

WHEREAS Dennis Shorty Fine Art has requested sponsorship to support a Dena Style Mask Carving workshop in Faro, as part of a one-year carving project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the fees for four (4) campsites in the John Connoly RV Park for September 18 – 20, 2026 as well as use of space at the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre

for the Dena Style Mask Carving Workshop being offered by Dennis Shorty Fine Art.

Carried

9.6 Weight Room Equipment Request for Quote

Resolution No. 26-317 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

WHEREAS Council executed a Funding Agreement with the Government of Yukon for Weight Room Upgrades under the Community Development Fund (Project No. CDF-2-1182); and,

WHEREAS Administration recommends that Council accept the quote from Fit22 Consulting Inc. as the lowest bid that meets the requirements in the Request for Quote;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the quote from Fit22 Consulting Inc at a cost of $68,846 plus applicable taxes and directs Administration to proceed with this purchase.

Carried

Councillor Vainio left the meeting at this point.

9.7 Expression of Interest – Engineering Services – 2026 - 2028

Resolution No. 26-318 Michell-Larocque, Bowers

WHEREAS Administration recommends that Council accept the submission from Stantec Consulting Ltd;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the submission from Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the provision of Engineering Services Ltd for the 2026 – 2028 period; and,

FURTHER THAT the CAO is hereby authorized and directed to take actions required to operationalize this decision on behalf of the Town of Faro.

Carried

Councillor Vainio returned to the meeting at this point.

9.8 Ballfield Gazebo Demolition

Resolution No. 26-319 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the bid from Jordie Amos, dated September 14, 2026, for the demolition of the Ballfield Gazebo; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the CAO (or designate) to approve minor deviations in the bid, if required, to ensure site and public safety.

Carried

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Public Questions

Resolution No. 26-320 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:00 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.
Carried

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

11.1 Planning Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Intergovernmental Relations

Resolution No. 26-321 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:25 p.m.
Carried

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Council provided direction to the CAO regarding an Intergovernmental Relations Matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-322 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the September 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 6, 2026, by Resolution # 26-___

Jack Bowers, Mayor

Kimberly Watson, CAO