



**Minutes**  
**Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/ Finance Assistant	Trudy Amos
	Michelle Vainio	Rec Manager	Morgan Manuel
	Neil Yee		

Delegation: Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander,  
Valerie Fromme, Returning Officer, Del Van Gorder School Council Election

Public Present: 10

Public on Zoom: 5

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**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 26-160

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of  
Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

Resolution No 26-161

Jones, Vainio

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

Carried

Councillor Yee entered the meeting at this point.

**3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS**

3.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander

Sgt Proulx identified that there were a couple of statistical corrections to be  
made to the report. He was able to complete the Dena Cho trail and did a bit of  
trail clearing work which was great. The crew has been completing a lot of  
highway patrols. A new member, Josh, will be coming to replace Kristan and he  
thinks this will likely occur in June or July. A new member may also be coming to

fill a vacancy in Ross River which will result in a full staffing complement for the detachment.

3.2 Letter from Valerie Fromme, Returning Officer, Del Van Gorder School Council Election

Ms. Fromme introduced herself as the Returning Officer for the upcoming School Council Election. She advised that the nomination period has opened and that she has information available for potential candidates to help explain what the members do. The election is for five positions and will be for a 2-year term. There is an upcoming virtual meeting to provide potential candidates with additional information on the roles and responsibilities. That meeting will be held on Thursday at 5 p.m. Ms. Fromme, noted that these positions are important for decision making and inform the education system locally. Nominations must be completed by April 30 at noon and must be submitted to her directly.

Resolution No 26-162

Jones, Vainio

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 April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-163

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Council recused Councillor Yee from voting on this Item.

5.2 Minutes of the April 14, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-164

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the April 14, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Council recused Councillor Yee from voting on this Item.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7. FINANCIAL**

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-165

Vainio, Yee

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 March 27- April 14, 2026.

Carried

## 8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report  
None.

8.2 Council Reports  
Councillor Vainio

- The Arctic Ultra will be returning to their old route for 2027 but may include a stop in Faro in the future if the route changes.
- There are 53 teams registered in the Faro Golf Tournament as of today.
- The Anvil Range Arts Society (ARAS) held their Annual General Meeting yesterday, and the executive is the same with Katy Peeling remaining as the president.
- Hoping for good weather for Crane and Sheep Festival

Councillor Yee

- Continues to have concerns with the Town's communication including the recent comments made in CBC's recent Now or Never podcast. The comment that "everybody that's here came from somewhere else" is not accurate and does not reflect the historical presence of Kaska people in the region. This is a concern because this type of statement creates challenges in building relationships.
- Identified concerns about the letter that the Town sent to Minister Chartrand specifically about potential defamation which may be a liability for the Town.
- The Crane and Sheep Festival will be an interesting event this year due to the colder than usual weather.
- Glad to see that we are working on amendments to the Official Community Plan (OCP). Noted that the Town may want to circulate the Ross River Dene Council (RRDC) on the changes proposed in the OCP for the new Future Country Residential Zone prior to its adoption.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO provided a report and responded to questions from Council.

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

The CAO responded to questions from Council.

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

The Manager of Recreation responded to questions from Council.

#### 8.4 Health and Safety Committee

8.4.1. Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Health & Safety Committee

8.4.2. Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Health & Safety Committee

Resolution No 26-166

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council receives and files the Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026, and March 17, 2026.

Carried

### 9. BYLAWS

### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 10.1 Hiring Policy

Resolution No 26-167

Vainio, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Hiring Policy (2026-06-P) as presented; and,

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 219-06 219-06, dated October 3, 2006, and Resolution No. 13-220, dated August 2, 2013, and which adopted and subsequently amended Policy No. 212-013 are hereby repealed.

Carried

#### 10.2 Community Lottery Program Transfer Payment Agreement (2026/2027)

Resolution No 26-168

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the CAO is authorized and directed to execute the Community Lottery Program Transfer Payment Agreement (2026/2027) as presented.

Carried

Councillor Vainio declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 due to her involvement in Seniors Carpet Bowling and left the meeting.

#### 10.3 Seniors Carpet Bowling - Community Lottery Program Application

Resolution No 26-169

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Community Lottery Program Application in the amount of \$4,312 for Seniors Carpet Bowling.

Carried

Councillor Vainio returned to the meeting at this point.

### 11. NEW BUSINESS

#### 11.1 Request from Del Van Gorder Graduation Class Landfill Clean-up Fundraiser

Resolution No 26-170

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from the Del Van Gorder Graduation Class to complete the Landfill Site and authorizes a donation of \$1,000 to be provided.

Carried

Councillor Vainio and Councillor Jones declared pecuniary interests in Item 11.2 and 11.3 due to their involvement on the Faro Golf Club Executive and left the meeting.

- 11.2 Faro Golf Club - Request for Authorization for Liquor Use Permit  
Resolution No 26-171 Yee, Bowers  
RESOLVED THAT Council approves the storage and service of alcohol for the Faro Golf Club at its Annual Golf Tournament planned July 17 and 18, 2026, at the Golf Course Tent (Lot 1023); and,  
FURTHER THAT Council also provides this authorization for the 2027 and 2028 Annual Golf Tournament; and,  
FURTHER THAT the CAO is authorized to provide an annual letter to the Faro Golf Club, upon request of the Club President, for the Territorial Agent.  
Carried

- 11.3 Letter dated April 14, 2026, from the Faro Golf Club re: Support for Annual Golf Tournament  
Council concurred with the recommendation to amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Faro Golf Club as presented. Administration will provide the draft update to the Faro Golf Club for its consideration.

Councillor Vainio and Councillor Jones returned to the meeting at this point.

Mayor Bowers declared a pecuniary interest in Item 11.4 due to his involvement on the Tintina Gun Club Executive and left the meeting.

- 11.4 Proposed MOU Tintina Gun Club  
Council discussed the proposed MOU with the club and voiced concerns about the potential liability for performing work at the site. They also discussed the Town's insurance coverage since the club is physically located outside of the municipal boundary. Additional time was requested for consideration of this item.

Mayor Bowers returned to the meeting at this point.

- 11.5 Recreation Rules Policy – Draft  
Council discussed the draft as presented and requested a few changes be made. An updated version will be presented to Council along with a motion to repeal several old policies that set out various recreation rules in order to avoid conflicting policy direction.
- 11.6 Weight Room Passes for Medical Professionals  
Council discussed the process as presented and concurred that Administration will move this project forward.

11.7 Housing Accelerator Fund Application – Residential Conversion Grant  
Resolution No 26-172 Jones, Yee  
RESOLVED THAT the CAO is authorized and directed to apply for the  
Housing Accelerator Fund Residential Conversion Grant for the renovation of  
14 & 16 Harper Street; and,  
FURTHER THAT the Town’s application will only be entered into the  
selection process for the Grant if there are insufficient or ineligible  
applications as determined by Elevator Yukon, as the administrator of the  
selection process.

Carried

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

### 13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-173 Vainio, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public  
question period.

Carried

#### *Public questions.*

Resolution No 26-174 Vainio, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No 26-175 Jones, Yee  
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:35 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:  
Subdivision Application
- 14.2 Conduct of Investigations - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213  
(3)(g) re: Code of Conduct (C04, C05, C11)
- 14.3 Communications Matter in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e)  
re: Draft Communications

Resolution No 26-176 Vainio, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:05 p.m.  
Carried

Resolution No 26-177

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby repeals the Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 2022-01, dated March 1, 2022, effective immediately.

Carried

Resolution No 26-178

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and directed to execute a letter to Minister Cory Bellmore, dated April 22, 2026, as presented.

Carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No 26-179

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting  
Council held on May 5, 2026, by  
Resolution # 26-~~182~~

  
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Jack Bowers, Mayor

  
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Kimberly Ballance, CAO

