TOWN OF FARO

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
October 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Vainio called the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Michelle Vainio, Councillor Gary Jones, Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, Councillor Neil Yee, Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson, Executive / Finance Assistant Trudy Amos and 8 members of the public (including 4 electronically).

Resolution No. 26-332 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the October 20, 2026, Agenda be amended to add Item 9.4:

- Draft Letter re: Yukon Energy Noise Modelling Update

Defeated

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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. 26-333 Yee, Jones

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

Defeated

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- After the last Council Meeting, the overlapping Health Centre closures for Faro and Ross River ended up being not as long as anticipated.
- Halloween Activities are going to be happening at the Recreation Centre at the end of the month.
- Will be attending the November 9, 2026, event, Kaska Voices, and is

excited to participate at the invitation of the Ross River Dena Council.

Councillor Yee

- Is also pleased that Council will be attending the Kaska Voices event.
- As diesel generation noise season is quickly approaching he hopes that Council will work to preserve the quality of life for Faro residents. Faro has less than 1% of Yukon's population but over 30% of Yukon's rental diesel. Expressed ongoing concerns with the noise and the negative impacts on residents, misleading information being presented that attempts to relate noise and noise mitigation to the potential for rolling blackouts. Expressed concerns about proposals made by Yukon Energy that were not followed through on including an acoustic barrier, reduction and relocation of generators, and exploring the feasibility of other acoustic barriers. They have also increased the baseline being used in recent noise modelling reporting. Would like to see the Town of Faro be involved in making sure the regulator and Yukon Energy minimize the adverse effects of the diesel plant. Yukon Energy is set to submit a Noise Mitigation Plan to the regulator by the end of the month, making it a prime time for the Town to get involved in this matter, hence the attempt to add a letter about it to the Council Agenda this evening.
- Expressed concerns about the procedures applied to the October 6, 2026, meeting which resulted in deferring Item 9.4, including being questioned on whether he has a pecuniary interest in the matter. Advocated that Council be involved in making sure the regulator and Yukon Energy minimize the adverse effects of the plant on the community.

Deputy Mayor Vainio

- Met with staff from Community Nursing on October 13, 2026 and asked questions on the local health care situation and local staff vacancies. The Health Centre is moving to an appointment-based system and disallowing walk-ins to help align service with staffing levels. There will be a permanent primary health nurse starting here in January. Was advised that a temporary Nurse-In-Charge position has been posted for the past month but was unable to locate this online. Requested that the CAO follow up to confirm that it had been posted.
- On October 14, 2026, met with Del Van Gorder (DVG) School Council and representatives of Yukon Housing regarding Staff Housing for Teachers. Participated to facilitate the meeting between the parties and learn more about the issues facing the community in

its work to maintain the school since it is vital to the community's overall well-being. There are 21 Yukon Housing units in Faro. There are 13 Social Housing Units, including the 6 units in the seniors complex, and 8 units for Employees. Yukon Housing allocates the portfolio based on pressing needs and may allocate an employee unit to someone as a social housing unit. School Council expressed concerns about the impact that this can have on teacher recruitment and retention. There is a Yukon Housing Corporation Board of Directors that includes two representatives who are known to Council but identified that first point of contact is the local housing manager.

- As a local point of interest, there were fourteen (14) sheep seen at the Mount Mye Sheep Lookout this past week.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-334 Jones, Yee

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 (September 28 – October 14, 2026).

Carried

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.

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 – First Reading

Resolution No. 26-335 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council provide First 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

8.2 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Amend the Street Naming Bylaw No. 80-08 to Establish Road Names within the Town of Faro – Second Reading

Resolution No. 26-336 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council provide Second 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

8.3 2026-05 – Official Community Plan Bylaw – Second Reading
Resolution No. 26-337 Yee, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2026-05, being the Official Community Plan Bylaw, as amended.

Carried

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Pecuniary Interest Matters

Council discussed the pecuniary interest questions that were raised at the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting and the costs associated with getting legal opinions for every item that Council Members may have a pecuniary interest.

The following were determined to be potentially impacting three members:

- Mayor Bowers's potential pecuniary interest in matters related to Yukon Energy due to VanGorda Enterprises' work with the company;
- Councillor Yee's potential pecuniary interest in matters related to Yukon Energy due to his involvement in legal matters with the company and in his role as an intervenor in regulatory matters related to the company; and,
- Councillor Jones's potential pecuniary interest in matters related to Yukon Energy due to his involvement as a previous employee and potential representative of the company.

Each of the members was requested to review their potential pecuniary interest(s) using the Municipal Act and the pecuniary interest test questions that were provided to Council during its training session. If needed, these can be reviewed in coordination with the CAO and/or Amanda Janssens, Community Services Advisor.

Council discussed the training that they had taken on Pecuniary Interest and that members are ultimately required to satisfy themselves that they are complying with the Municipal Act. In the event of non-compliance, a member would face the consequences as set out in the Act.

Council discussed that the determination of whether a member has a pecuniary interest ultimately lies with the Supreme Court, following a petition being submitted by either Council or at least four (4) electors.

9.2 Arena Concession Lease Amendment

Resolution No. 26-338 Jones, Yee

WHEREAS Resolution No. 26-306, dated September 1, 2026, authorized the execution of an amendment to the Lease Agreement for the Arena Concession with the Faro Pit; and,

WHEREAS Ryan Stewart, owner of the Faro Pit, has requested the removal of the amendment, which called for a temporary cessation of operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby repeals Resolution No. 26-306, effective October 30, 2026.

Carried

9.3 Snow Removal Policy

Council discussed the policy and the need to provide staff with direction but also flexibility to address the variety of conditions related to snow removal. A final version will be returned to Council for adoption at the next meeting and a final map will be prepared once approved. An evaluation of policy implementation will be completed following the 2026/27 season.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

Resolution No. 26-339 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:23 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

11.1 Draft Communications – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA)

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

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

Resolution No. 26-340 Yee, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:08 p.m.

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Council reviewed information related to draft communications, a legal matter and an employment matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-341 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 3, 2026, by Resolution # 26-346

Jack Bowers, Mayor

Kimberly Watson, CAO