



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/	Trudy Amos
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Finance Assistant	
	Michelle Vainio	Manager of Finance	Akram Shah
	Neil Yee		

Delegation: Stephen Webber, CPA, Metrix Group (electronically), Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander

Public Present: 5

Public on Zoom: 4

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 26-233

Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No 26-234

Jones, Vainio

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

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

3.1 Stephen Webber, CPA, Metrix Group LLP re: 2025 Financial Statements

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

Delegates were not present at this time.

Resolution No 26-235

Vainio, Jones

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 June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
Resolution No 26-236 Vainio, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented. Carried
- 5.2 Minutes of the June 4, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution No 26-237 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the June 4, 2026, Special Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented. Carried
- 5.3 Minutes of the June 9, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution No 26-238 Vainio, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the June 9, 2026, Special Meeting of
Council be adopted as presented. Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

Both delegates arrived at this time.

Resolution No 26-239 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole to hear from the
delegations.
Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

- 3.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander
Sgt Proulx noted that it was a pretty quiet month in Faro. RCMP members
attended the local graduation event and continued to provide highway
patrols. Staffing updates were provided with one member leaving at month
end, two new members arriving and one member returning to work from a
leave.

Council requested clarification on a shared open-house opportunity and road
conditions by Coffee Lake.

- 3.2 Stephen Webber, CPA, Metrix Group LLP re: 2025 Financial Statements
Stephen provided a review of the Independent Auditors report in accordance
with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS) and Generally
Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). Everything within the Town of Faro's
statements was found to be in compliance.

Stephen provided an in-depth review of the:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
- Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus (Schedule 1)
- Audit Findings Report

He recognized and thanked municipal staff for their assistance throughout the audit process, and if Council approves the draft statements as presented, he will proceed to issue the Management Letter to the CAO and Manager of Finance.

Council requested clarification on Note 16.

Resolution No 26-240

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

4.1 2025 Financial Statements

Resolution No 26-241

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council accept the 2025 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-242

Yee, Michell-Larocque

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 May 27 – June 9, 2026.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

- Attended the Special Meeting on June 4, 2026, regarding the progress on the Feasibility Study for a Protected Area
- Attended the Special Meeting on June 9, 2026, with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) which included an update on the Faro Mine Remediation Project's Camp Services and Water / Sewer Treatment Systems and the Yukon Water Board licensing process.
- Attended the June 10, 2026, Elders on Campus open house at Yukon University which was very good.
- Attended a meeting with Town of Faro Administration on June 11, 2026, with Infrastructure Development Branch representatives. Discussed the Phase 2 and 3 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) work and other engineering assessment work that the

Branch may be able to assist with, such as the Recreation Centre Roof assessment.

8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Yee

- Attended the Special Meeting on June 4, 2026, regarding the progress on the Feasibility Study for a Protected Area and noted that the process is very slow in its advancement. The representative from the Yukon Government did confirm that the process would not include the expropriation of private property.
- Attended the Del Van Gorder (DVG) School Graduation event which was very good.
- Attended the Special Meeting on June 9, 2026, with CIRNAC, and noted that Council may need to discuss potential conflicts of interest before proceeding with any further actions relating to the Water Licence Application and its review process.
- June 21 is Indigenous Peoples Day
- Glad to hear that Boyd Benjamin and Kevin Barr will be performing in Faro on the evening of June 30, 2026 as part of our Canada Day programming.

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- Was away on a Ranger Exercise on Drury Lake for the past week, participating in a search and rescue exercise.

Councillor Vainio

- Attended the ParticipACTION BBQ at the ballfield and was pleased to see such a great turnout.
- Attended the DVG Graduation and gave a message to the seven graduates on behalf of the Mayor. The Faro Golf Club cooked dinner for the graduates.
- The Community Clean-up has been rescheduled for June 20th after the June 6th event was cancelled due to bad weather.
- The Planting Day and Plant Sale was great, and it has been so great to see such good volunteerism in the community, including by members of Town staff and their families.
- There was a Public Service BBQ held at the Recreation Centre on June 15, 2026 which was well attended.

Councillor Jones

- The DVG Graduation event was great.
- There is a hiring process underway for a new school principal, and there will likely be some new teachers needed for the next school year as well. Faro Town Council may want to coordinate with DVG School

Council to discuss and advocate the Yukon Government on the issue of teacher housing as this may be an issue in Faro this fall.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

Responded to questions from Council, and noted that the news release did not go out on June 15, 2026 as planned because one applicant has not yet signed their agreement.

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

The CAO responded to questions from Council on Item 8.3.2 and 8.3.3.

9. BYLAWS

9.1 2026-04 – Noise Bylaw – Third Reading

Resolution No 26-243

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-04, being the Noise Bylaw. Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Bowers declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.1 and recused himself at this point.

10.1 Business Grant Bylaw

Administration advised that they were seeking clarification on this bylaw, because it appeared to have received two readings in 2025, but the Minutes did not clearly reflect the direction on it since the second reading appeared to have been approved, then voted on a second time and defeated. Council discussed the matter and recalled that it was defeated at second reading and that there was no appetite to reinstate it going forward.

Mayor Bowers returned to the meeting at this point.

10.2 Secondary Security Network

Council discussed this project and the Canada Community Building Funding associated with it (Project No. 2025-002) and directed Administration to close the file on the CCBF Project and may reapply in the future. Council discussed the overall Information Technology services for the town and requested Administration bring back a public purchasing process for it to ensure pricing remains competitive.

Councillor Vainio declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.3 and recused herself at this point.

- 10.3 Airport Fuel Tank Lease – Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
Resolution No 26-244 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Airport Fuel Tanks surplus to the needs of the Town of Faro; and,
FURTHER THAT the CAO is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the sale of the Airport Fuel Tanks.

Carried

Councillor Vainio returned to the meeting at this point.

- 10.4 Communications / Media Training for Council
Resolution No 26-245 Michell-Larocque, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the quote from Merren Communications for Media Training Workshops dated June 2026.

Carried

- 10.5 Draft Letter to YESAB re: Project No. 2026-0029 – Chateau Jomini Structural Demolition, Lot 158
Resolution No 26-246 Michell-Larocque, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the CAO is authorized and directed to submit the letter to the Yukon Environment and Socio-economic Assessment Board re: YESAB Project No. 2026-0029 – Chateau Jomini Structural Demolition, Lot 158, as presented.

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Transfer Payment Agreement – Mitchell Road Rest Stop Improvements
Resolution No 26-247 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Government of Yukon for the Mitchell Road Rest Stop Improvement Project (T00031918).

Carried

Mayor Bowers declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.1 and recused himself at this point.

- 11.2 Request for Donation – Tintina Gun Club
Resolution No 26-248 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to provide a donation of Town of Faro Merchandise/Promotional items to the Tintina Gun Club for the 2026 ATV Poker Rally.

Carried

Mayor Bowers returned to the meeting at this point.

11.3 Donation Policy – Draft

Council discussed the creation of a policy to outline the process for donations to be authorized by Administration. A draft will be forthcoming for consideration.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-249

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution No 26-250

Vainio, Yee

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

Carried

Resolution No 26-251

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 9:10 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

Resolution No 26-252

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for a delegation.

Carried

- 14.1 Land Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re:
Proposed Disposition of Land Lot 19-1, 19-2 and 19-3

Resolution No 26-253

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into the In-Camera Meeting of Council.

Carried

- 14.2 Employment Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(c&d)
re: Employment Matter

Resolution No 26-254

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:48 p.m.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No 26-255

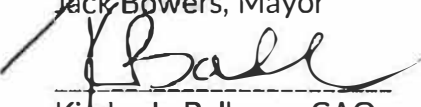
Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on July 7, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-260



Jack Bowers, Mayor


Kimberly Ballance, CAO