



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
February 03, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Michelle Vainio	Executive Assistant/ Trudy Amos
Councillors Gary Jones	Finance Assistant
Wendy Michell-Larocque	
Neil Yee	

Public Present: 4

Public on Zoom: 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 26-32

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the February 03, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution 26-33

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended to Councillors Yee and Michell-Larocque reports.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Deputy Mayor clarified a change to formatting and the Professional Fees in the report.

Resolution 26-33

Yee, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

7.2 TL2 2026

Resolution 26-34

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council accept the 2026 Tax Lien List - TL2 as presented and move that it be authenticated by signing and affixing the Town seal.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Deputy Mayor's Report

- Lisa Snyder passed away late last week. She was a member of Council from 2015 to 2021. Lisa led the 50th anniversary of Faro. She Shon on community events. Lisa was at one point also a Co-ordinator for the Faro Golf Club. Sending heartfelt feelings to people closest to her and to Lisa's friends, and to Vince.
- Seniors planning meeting - Lots planned from now until March. There is a Carpet Bowling Tournament on March 28, 2026; everyone is welcome to join. Thank you to Morgan for all his work with the Seniors' initiative. There was a meeting for the Crane & Sheep Festival on January 28, 2026, which will take place May 1-3, 2026. Many great ideas were brought up. The Bat houses are planned to be built this year. The next meeting will be on February 25 in the Youth Lounge, no time confirmed, most likely 7 p.m. Anyone who is interested in or has ideas, please attend. Thanks again to Morgan for all your help.
- The Arena is hopping. There are 24 kids signed up for Minor Hockey this season. Thank you, Morgan, the President and Alicia, the Vice-President, for getting this going.
- The Yukon Arctic Ultra race is going on now and is to finish in Faro. As of February 03, 2026, there were 19 racers left, 2 being Canadian and 12 guides. Deputy Mayor Vainio suggested a meet & greet at the Rec Centre on Saturday, February 7, 2026, with coffee and donuts for the finishing racers. This would be funded by the Hospitality Fund. With the weather being so mild this year, it is unknown how many racers will be able to complete the race. A decision will be made after Morgan speaks with Robert Pollhammer, the organizer.

8.2 Council Reports Councillor Jones

- The School Council was held on February 02, 2026. The current members of the school council are Trudy Amos, Alicia Vainio, Gary Jones, Trevor Piercey, and Grace Bowers (Chair). Principal Benoit was pleased with the MOU that was signed by the Town.
- The School will be holding a graduation fundraiser on February 13. They will be offering a Lasagna and Caesar Salad dinner for a cash donation. Dinners can be ordered by emailing Benoit at Benoit.Dube@yukon.ca or calling the school at 994-2760. Orders can be picked up between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. or can be delivered to you. There will be approximately 100 servings.

Councillor Yee

- Ryan from Parsons, who was a member of Faro Fire Department and who did a lot of training with the member has resigned and is now a Training Officer at a Fire Department in Alberta. His contributions will be missed.
- A good turnout at Minor Hockey and as well Adult Hockey. Been more than previous years and consistent.
- Went to Carpet Bowling and enjoyed it.
- Had someone ask why the last special meeting regarding 20 Lapie Crescent was about harassment. There have been so many previous special meetings regarding harassment that Google AI was placing harassment in front of Special Meetings when searched.
- The Mayor's Report from the January 20, 2026 meeting had some questionable content. He had noted that sanctions were imposed which is false information, and a violation of the Code of Conduct. The Mayor mentioned that four members of Council, including himself, had signed the letter but did not mention those who signed were violating the Code of Conduct. He did not mention that one member has apologized for signing the letter, which was appreciated by Councillor Yee. Additional clarification has been requested by Councillor Yee on the specific remarks that were allegedly disrespectful, but no reply has been received to date.
- Councillor Yee read two of the resolutions he put forward for Council consideration at the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting that were not read during the meeting.

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- The Rangers have an outing from February 18 – 25, 2026, which she will be participating in, so will not be at the February 24 Regular Meeting.
- Will be participating in the Ice Worm Squirm at the end of the month.
- The Health Centre is still short staffed, with only one nurse working at the moment. They are recommending that patients call to book

appointments. Emergencies will be assessed through a triage process, which may result in a nurse being called out or a medivac being scheduled.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

Council reviewed the written report as presented.

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

Council reviewed the written report as presented.

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

Council reviewed the written report as presented.

8.4 Committee Meeting Minutes

8.4.1 Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – November 2025

Resolution 26-34

Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council receives and files the Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2025.

Carried

9. BYLAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Housing Accelerator Fund - Residential Conversion Grant Policy

Resolution 26-35

Michell-Larocque, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Residential Conversion Grant Policy (2026-03-P) for the Town of Faro as amended.

Carried

Councillor Yee opposed

10.2 Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Resolutions for Consideration

Proposed Topics:

- Primary Health Care Services
- Humane Society
- Emergency Preparedness in Community Facilities
- Other?

Council reviewed the drafts as presented. Administration will bring forward additional information on the timeline for submissions and formal approval of these motions.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Draft letter to Yukon Energy Corporation re: Air Emissions Permit No. 60-010-01 Noise Management Requirements

Resolution 26-36

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and directed to send Yukon Energy Corporation a letter re: Air Emissions Permit 60-010-01 Noise Management Requirements as presented.

Carried

11.2 Council Open House

Council discussed holding their Open House at the Arena during Spring Break, March 9-15. This would be a great opportunity to support a new business and a good place for children to be involved. Council members were requested to submit date preferences to Administration.

11.3 Public Works Truck – Proposed Purchase

Resolution 26-37

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to purchase a half-ton truck for the Public Works Department to an upset limit of \$65,000 plus applicable taxes; and,

FURTHER THAT the provisions in Section 3.b of the Purchasing Policy be suspended for this purchase.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 26-38

Jones, Yee

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

Carried

Council responded to questions from the public.

Resolution 26-39

Jones, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 26-40

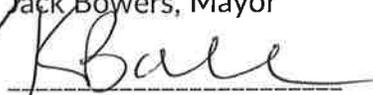
Michell-Larocque, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the February 03, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on February 24, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-49



Jack Bowers, Mayor


Kimberly Ballance, CAO