



**Minutes  
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting  
April 7, 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
	Wendy Michell-Larocque		
	Michelle Vainio		

Public Present: 8

Public on Zoom: 1

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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 26-110

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the April 7, 2026, 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 March 17, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-111

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

5.2 Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-112

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## 7. FINANCIAL

### 7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-113

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period March 11 - 26, 2026.

Carried

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Mayor's Report

- Provided a map of a potential area on Blind Creek Road for Future Country Residential for inclusion in the Official Community Plan.
- Provided a map of a potential trail link that could be created between the Wolf Trail and the AEX Road. Noted that this would be a good loop trail for the community as well as various user groups.
- Received information from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) on the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) which would be applicable to public infrastructure projects.
- Looks like the region will have a dry Spring which could result in increased Fire Risk for communities and result in activation of Emergency Plan measures.

### 8.2 Council Reports

#### Councillor Michell-Larocque

- Attended the Math Night at the Del Van Gorder (DVG) School earlier tonight.
- Nursing rotation remains in effect at the Nursing Station and it looks like we have one doctor a month scheduled for the next few months.

#### Councillor Vainio

- Also saw the FCM announcement about the BCSF which is positive news for the community.
- Attended a cybersecurity course at Yukon University which was very good and had good attendance from community members. It is important to be aware and protect yourself from online scams.
- The Carpet Bowling Tournament on March 28 had a good turnout with participation from all age groups. The catered lunch and dinner were excellent, and it was great to see that childcare was provided. Noted her appreciation for Recreation Staff and their work on this event.

#### Councillor Jones

- The DVG School will be hosting a Sugar Shack on Friday from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm as a fundraiser. Frittatas will be available.

- Attended the Coalition of Yukon Chamber of Commerce meeting for two days where there were several good issues raised including employment challenges, energy usage, and potential resurrection of the local Chamber of Commerce. Will pursue some general discussion with local businesses on this. Good event overall.

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 CAO responded to questions from Council.

9. BYLAWS

9.1 2026-01 - 2026 Operating Budget Bylaw – Second and Third Readings  
Resolution No 26-114 Vainio, Michell-Larocque  
 RESOLVED THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for public questions on Bylaw No 2026-01.

Carried

Resolution No 26-115 Jones, Michell-Larocque  
 RESOLVED THAT Council revert to the Regular Meeting.

Carried

Resolution No 26-116 Vainio, Jones  
 RESOLVED THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2026-01, being the 2026 Operating Budget Bylaw.

Carried

Resolution No 26-117 Vainio, Michell-Larocque  
 RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-01, being the 2026 Operating Budget Bylaw.

Carried

9.2 2026-02 - 2026 Capital Budget Bylaw – Second and Third Readings  
Resolution No 26-118 Vainio, Michell-Larocque  
 RESOLVED THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for public questions on Bylaw 2026-02.

Carried

Resolution No 26-119 Vainio, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council revert to the Regular Meeting.

Carried

Resolution No 26-120 Vainio, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2026-02, being the 2026 Capital Budget Bylaw.

Carried

Resolution No 26-121 Michell-Larocque, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-02, being the 2026 Capital Budget Bylaw.

Carried

9.3 2026-03 - 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw – Second and Third Readings  
Resolution No 26-122 Vainio, Michell-Larocque  
RESOLVED THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for public questions on Bylaw 2026-03.

Carried

Resolution No 26-123 Jones, Vainio  
RESOLVED THAT Council revert to the Regular Meeting.

Carried

Resolution No 26-124 Jones, Michell-Larocque  
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2026-03, being the 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw.

Carried

Resolution No 26-125 Michell-Larocque, Jones  
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-03, being the 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw.

Carried

Council discussed providing information to the public about the 2026 Budget. Administration will provide a draft to Council for its consideration.

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Official Community Plan (OCP) – proposed updates  
Council discussed the Report presented by Elevator Yukon, including zone definitions, population, Appendix II, and adding a new future country residential area. Council concurred with the recommendations made and

discussed the timing for amending the OCP and the final reading for the Zoning Bylaw.

**11.2 Hiring Policy – Draft**

Council discussed the policy as presented including the process for hiring Management Staff and requested that two members of Council be included in this process. The Council members would be appointed by Council and must not have a family relationship or pecuniary interest with any of the applicants. Council discussed the hiring for the position of Fire Chief, and appointment requirements set out in the Fire Department Bylaw. Administration will bring forward a final version of the policy for approval.

**11.3 Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB)-**

Former Chateau Jomini - Structural Demolition, Lot 158, Faro  
Council discussed the project description, the impact on the landfill, the future requirement for an environmental assessment to ensure full remediation of the land for the underground fuel tank(s), the potential need for the expansion of the landfill site, and the future for the site once demolition takes place. Administration noted that a public comment period will be forthcoming and a draft response will be presented to Council for its consideration.

- 11.4** Email request from Tina Freake, dated April 1, 2026, re: Request to borrow hot dog machine for a F.H. Collins Secondary School Graduation Fundraiser  
Resolution No 26-126 Jones, Vainio  
RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request dated April 1, 2026, from Tina Freake, on behalf of the F.H. Collins Secondary School's Graduation Committee, for use of the Town of Faro's hot dog machine.

Carried

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

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Resolution No 26-127 Jones, Vainio  
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

*Public questions.*

Resolution No 26-128 Vainio, Michell-Larocque  
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No 26-129 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:10 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

**14. IN-CAMERA**

- 14.1 Personal Matter in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(c) re: Health-related correspondence
- 14.2 Communications Matter in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Draft Communications

Councillor Vainio and Councillor Jones left the In-Camera Meeting due to a pecuniary interest in Item 14.3.

- 14.3 Land Matter in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e&f) re: Lot 1023

Councillor Jones returned to the meeting.

Resolution No 26-130

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Resolution No 26-131

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute a letter to Ross River Dena Council Chief Loblaw as presented.

Carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**


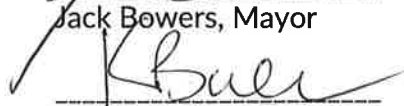
Resolution No 26-132

Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting  
Council held on April 21, 2026, by  
Resolution # 26-~~161~~

  
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Jack Bowers, Mayor  
  
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Kimberly Ballance, CAO