



**Town of Faro  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Jack Bowers	Chief Adm Officer	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Michelle Vainio	Ops Manager	Mark Vainio
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Executive Assistant/	Trudy Amos
	Neil Yee	Financial Clerk	

Delegation: Taylor Fetterly – Livestock Special Permit Application

Public Present: 17 Public on Zoom: 8

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution 25-268

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the agenda for the August 19, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted with the removal of 10.2 for Councillor Michell-Larocque's Leave of Absence and the addition of Item 10.2 for a Leave of Absence for Gary Jones.

Carried

**3. DELEGATION**

Resolution 25-269

Michell-Larocque, Yee

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

Carried

Resolution 25-270

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION**

Resolution 25-271

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council approve the issuance of a Livestock Special Permit to Taylor Fetterly for one (1) goat for the property identified as 519 Douglass Drive subject to the conditions identified below:

- The goat pen/enclosure area must be maintained in a sanitary condition so as to not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of neighbouring property owners through the introduction of undesirable odour.
- The goat must not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of neighbouring property owners through the introduction of undesirable noise.
- Proof shall be provided by the applicant that the goat has been neutered by no later than November 15, 2025
- In accordance with Section 8.9 of Bylaw 2016-05, the permit is not transferable to another owner, property or goat

And,

**FURTHER THAT** the permit will be issued for a 3-year period; and,

**FURTHER THAT** subject to compliance with the Animal Control Bylaw and the above-noted conditions of the permit, the CAO is authorized to renew the permit for up to 5 additional terms.

3 in Favour  
Michell-Larocque Opposed  
Carried

## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### Resolution 25-272

Vainio, Yee

**THAT** the minutes of the April 17, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented;

Carried

### Resolution 25-273

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** the minutes of the July 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented, with the amendments to the spelling of Vanio to Vainio.

Carried

### Resolution 25-274

Yee, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the minutes of the July 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented, with the amendments to the spelling of Vanio to Vainio.

3 in Favour  
1 Abstained  
Carried

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

## 7. FINANCIAL

### Resolution 25-275

Vainio, Michell-Laroque

**THAT** Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period July 17 – August 13, 2025.

Clarification was requested regarding cheque #2905 and #2906.

## **8. REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers gave a verbal report.

He spoke on the medical crisis in Faro and requested that Ted Baker head of EMS in Faro provide an update on the current situation.

### Resolution 25-276

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now move into Committee of the Whole to hear from Ted Baker, EMS.

Carried

Mr. Baker advised that there were seven EMS calls over the weekend during the period that the Town was without a Primary Care Paramedic (PCP). This is not a sustainable way to operate, but Ross River had 2 nurses while Faro had none, so Faro EMS has been having to drive patients to Ross River for care. If a medivac is needed, the plane can only land in Ross River during daylight hours; after dark, the patient would have to be transported back to Faro to a medivac from here. Mr. Baker suggested that the communities rotate the staff shortages, so it doesn't affect one community for a long period of time.

### Resolution 25-277

Vainio, Yee

**THAT** Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Mayor Bowers continued his report.

The Northwest Territories' power rates will be increasing 18.8% which means that large increases will likely follow for the Yukon.

### Council Reports

Councillor Yee provided a verbal report.

He advised that Faro's Electricity rates will increase by about 33% over the next year, with the 10% increase in July, followed by another rise in January, and one more increase after that.

YESAB's Noise report came out, and the sound mitigation was to be installed by Yukon Energy. Yukon Environment came out with their final decision recently and removed Faro from the design. The sound mitigation is now between Environment and Yukon Energy.

Councillor Michell-Laroque had nothing to report but thanked Council for all the hard work, patience and understanding while she was on leave. She also advised that the phone number listed on the poster for the Health Centre closure will reach her at the office for residents who want to make appointment bookings.

Councillor Vainio thanked Kimberly Ballance for her work in the CAO role so far, and during the period of July 30 – August 11, 2025, Councillor Vainio was A/CAO and thankfully everything went well. She applauds all the municipal staff for their great work.

#### Administration's Reports

##### **Chief Administrative Officer**

CAO Kimberly Ballance summarised her written report and responded to questions by the Council.

##### **Operations Manager**

Manager Vainio summarised his written Report and responded to questions by Council.

## **9. BYLAWS**

### **First Reading of Bylaw 2025-06**

#### Resolution 25-276

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council provide **First Reading** of Bylaw 2025-06 – A Bylaw to provide for the acquisition of Lot 42 Faro, YT, Plan 31525 in the Town of Faro

Councillor Vainio read the bylaw.

Vote called on Bylaw 2025-06 (Resolution 25-275)

Carried

*"Bylaw #2025-06, I now declare having been read a First Time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025."*

### **Second Reading of Bylaw 2025-06**

#### Resolution 25-277

Yee, Michell-Larocque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council provide **Second Reading** of Bylaw 2025-06 – A Bylaw to provide for the acquisition of Lot 42 Faro, YT, Plan 31525 in the Town of Faro

Carried

Councillor Yee read the bylaw.

#### Resolution 25-278

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for questions regarding Bylaw 2025-06.

Carried

Questions from the Gallery? (called 3 times)

Council responded to questions from the Gallery.

Questions from Zoom? None

#### Resolution 25-279

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Vote called on Bylaw 2025-06 (Resolution 25-277)

All in Favour  
Carried

*"Bylaw #2025-06, I now declare having been read a Second Time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025."*

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Reconsideration of Resolution 25-054 re: Landfill Tipping Fees for demolition of Roman Catholic Church in Faro**

#### **Resolution 25-279**

Michell-Larocque, Yee

**WHEREAS** Council approved Resolution 25-054, dated March 3, 2025, which set a flat-rate for landfill tipping fees related to the demolition of the Catholic Church in Faro; and,

**WHEREAS** the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse has provided notice to the Town that the quantity of waste disposal use will be less than anticipated due to a reduction in the portion of the building being demolished;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council repeal Resolution 25-054; and,

**FURTHER THAT** Council approve a landfill tipping fee reduction of 50% for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse for the demolition of a portion of the Catholic Church in Faro.

3 in Favour  
Yee Opposed  
Carried

### **10.2 Leave of Absence – Councillor Gary Jones**

#### **Resolution: 25-280**

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council grant a leave of absence for Councillor Gary Jones, for the Regular Council Meeting held on August 19, 2025.

Carried

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Recommendation to Council re: Procedural Bylaw updates**

#### **Resolution 25-281**

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council accepts the Recommendation to Council re: Procedural Bylaw Update, dated August 14, 2025; and

**FURTHER THAT** a draft bylaw be brought back to Council for consideration.

Carried

### **11.2 Recommendation to Council re: Strategic Planning Process**

#### **Resolution: 25-282**

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council accepts the Recommendation to Council re: Strategic Planning Process, dated July 29, 2025; and

**FURTHER THAT** the CAO is authorized and directed to implement the Strategic Planning Process.

Carried

### **11.3 2026 Advertising/Promotional Activities**

Council reviewed Faro's current advertising and the cost of some of the advertising and discussed how to promote Faro with different advertising ideas, online advertising, and signage. There is no approved budget for 2026 advertising, but Council discussed

proceeding with the Booklet Printing along with local advertising options to offset the cost of printing the booklet.

Administration will bring a report back to Council on advertising opportunities.

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

12.1 Letter from Metrix Group re: 2024 Management Letter

12.2 Faro Golf Club – Thank you letter

12.3 AYC Lobbying:

- a) Response letter from the Minister of Economic Development to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Strengthening Yukon's Municipal Workforce Capacity
- b) Response letter from the Minister of Community Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Standardized Municipal Election Administration
- c) Response letter from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Interdepartmental Information Sharing to Support Vulnerable Persons
- d) Response letter from the Minister of Community Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Request to Increase and Index the Community Recreation Assistance Grant
- e) Response letter from the Minister of Community Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: National Building Code
- f) Response letter from the Minister of Community Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Support for Fire Marshal's Office
- g) Response letter from the Minister of Community Services to the Association of Yukon Communities re: Strengthening Emergency Management, Fire Service, and EMS Support

Council discussed the letters as presented.

## **13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Resolution 25-283

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public questions.

Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery.

Resolution 25-284

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

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

Carried

## **14. IN CAMERA**

Resolution 25-285 Time: 9:17 p.m.

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** Council do now recess and reconvene *in-camera*.

Carried

In camera discussion

Councillor Vainio left during the In Camera Meeting.

Resolution 25-286

Michell-Larocque, Yee

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

Carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

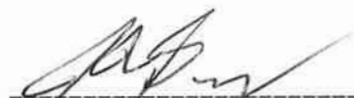
Resolution 25-287

Michell-Larocque, Yee

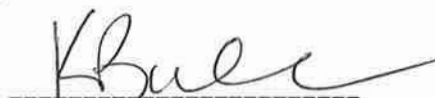
**THAT** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of  
Council held on Sep 9/25 by  
Resolution # 25-287



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO