

Town of Faro Regular Meeting Minutes July 08, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor/A/CAO Jack Bowers

Councillors

Gary Jones

Michelle Vainio

Neil Yee

Chief Adm Officer

Ops Manager

Mark Vainio

Mgr. Rec & Culture

Tina Freake

On Call Casual Finance CL. Trudy Amos

Delegation:

Public Present: 11

Public on Zoom: 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-232

Jones, Vainio

THAT the agenda for the July 08, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted with the following Amendments and additions:

- 11.2 Storage and Sale of Alcohol at the Tent for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament be moved to Delegations & Hearings.
- 11.1 Letter from Ross River Dena Council
- 11.2 LOA for Wendy Michell-Larocque
- 11.3 Email from Bubbles Daycare

Carried

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-233

Vainio, Jones

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

Carried

Delegations:

Amanda Nyland requested permission for Storage and Sale of Alcohol at the Tent for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament.

Note: As Councillor Michelle Vainio and Councillor Gary Jones both sit on the executive of the Faro Golf Club, they both left their seats at the Council Chambers desk during the discussion of the Faro Golf Club request.

Resolution 25-234

Yee, Bowers

THAT Council grant permission for the storage and sale of alcohol at the tent for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament.

Carried

Resolution 25-235

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Nothing Presented.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-236

Jones, Yee

THAT the minutes of the June 11, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution 25-237

Jones, Vainio

THAT the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

Resolution 25-238

Vainio, Yee

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period June 12 – July 2, 2025.

Yukon Energy Corporation bill extremely high. Councillor Jones spoke with Yukon Energy and was told that previous months were estimates which is why the bill was so high. Councillor Vainio questioned the amount of check #2839 being fully allocated to Canada. Tina confirmed that it was.

Carried

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers gave a verbal report.

Kimberly the new CAO has left Ontario today. Her start date is Tuesday, July 15, 2025 but may be in on Monday.

The letter from Ross River Dena Council will be discussed. Members of the public have expressed concern.

The National Post has an article regarding two regional parks made off limits to anyone not indigenous.

Council Reports

Councillor Yee gave a verbal report.

Brief outline of the Procedure's Bylaw, Code of Conduct 10.2.3.

Ball tournament was a good time; Faro came in second place.

Councillor Vainio gave a verbal report.

YG & Partnership

June 25-26 Health and Wellness plan

Talked about priorities and future strengths

The Canada parade was wonderful.

Brief discussion on at large dogs and keeping them leashed.

Councillor Jones gave a verbal report.

The General Store in Ross River donated \$500 for the Faro Golf Tournament.

Administration's Reports

Operations Manager

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

General Manager of Recreation and Culture

Manager Freake summarized her verbal Report and responded to questions by Council.

Canada Day had a great turnout.

Summarized summer camps, swimming lessons, swim team, aquafit and aqua size.

Beach Volleyball tournament this weekend.

Councillor Vainio asked if adults could join the swim team as there aren't many kids this year.

9. BYLAWS

Nothing Presented.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Letter from Ross River Dena Council was discussed

11.2 Leave of absence for Councillor Michell-Larocque

Resolution 25-239

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council grant a leave of absence for Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque for the regular Council Meeting held on July 08, 2025.

Carried

11.3 Email from Bubbles Daycare was discussed regarding work permit extensions.

Resolution 25-240

Vainio, Jones

THAT Council give permission for the TOF to write a letter of support to the Yukon Nomination Program to extend the worker permits for the Faro Daycare staff.

Mayor Bowers to provide Trudy with a copy.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

Nothing Presented.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-241 Jones, Vainio

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

Carried

Questions were asked about the letter from Ross River, granting of Council LOA, electrical issues, Northwestel issues.

Resolution 25-242

Yee, Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-243

Vainio, Yee

THAT the 8th day of July 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 22, 2025, by Resolution # 25-250

Michelle Vainio, Deputy Mayo

Jack Bowers, A/CAO