



**Town of Faro  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Jack Bowers	Chief Adm Officer	Larry Baran
Councillors	Gary Jones	GM, Finance	Lenka Kazda
	Michelle Vainio	Ops Manager	Paul Medvid
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Mgr Rec & Culture	(excused)
	Neil Yee	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki

Delegations: Catherine Peeling, Seniors' Carpet Bowling

Public Present: 10      Public on Zoom: 2

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution 25-035

Jones/Vainio

**THAT** the agenda for the February 18, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.  
Item 9.1 Bylaw 2025-01 was tabled to the March 4, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Carried

**3. DELEGATION**

Resolution 25-036

Michell-Larocque/Jones

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

Carried

*Catherine Peeling reviewed her request for a Community Lottery fund grant on behalf of Seniors' Carpet Bowling.*

Resolution 25-037

Jones/Yee

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

Carried

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION**

*NOTE: Councillor Michelle Vainio noted that she is an active member of the Seniors Carpet Bowling, therefore she would abstain from voting on this topic.*

Resolution 25-038

Jones/Yee

**THAT** Council approve the Community Lottery Grant application for the amount of \$2,688.00 to the Seniors' Carpet Bowling.

Carried

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution 25-039

Vainio/Jones

**THAT** The minutes of the February 4, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. Carried

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nothing Presented.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

Resolution 25-040

Michell-Larocque/Jones

**THAT** Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period January 30 – February 12, 2025. Carried

## **8. REPORTS**

### 8.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers provided an oral Report, adding that a Council Team-building workshop was held that afternoon. In additional, he provided a short report on the current CAO recruitment process.

### 8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Michell-Larocque commented that she appreciated the afternoon Council workshop.

Councillor Yee noted that he found the workshop useful.

Councillor Jones agreed that the Council workshop was useful.

Councillor Vainio concurred with the workshop comments, and discussed the Yukon Arctic Ultra race ending in Faro. She also noted that she attended a meeting with ARAS & the CAO regarding the Pre-Feasibility Study underway regarding a Regional Arts Centre concept. She added that there is a community engagement session planned in March. She also asked that Council consider ways to encourage community members to form an Inter-Agency Committee. She also asked that Council consider adding the topic of Cyber-Security to the AYC Conference. She added that, at Mayor Bowers request, she would be attending the Chiefs & Mayors Forum as Deputy Mayor.

Resolution 25-041

Jones/Vainio

**THAT** Council request Cyber Security Insurance to be added to AYC meeting in April 2025.

Carried

Resolution 25-042

Jones/Yee

**THAT** Council do wish to reinstate the Inter-Agency Committee in Faro and will reach out to other agencies such as RCMP, Health Centre & School to find out if there is interest.

Carried

### 8.3 Administration's Reports

#### 8.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Baran summarized his written Report and responded to questions by Council.

#### 8.3.2 Operations Manager

Manager Medvid summarized his written Report and responded to questions by Council. Councillor Vainio expressed her appreciation to Manager Medvid and Public Works Adam Minder for the recent tour of facilities that they provided to Council as it was most useful.

## 9. BYLAWS

Nothing Presented.

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 10.1 Code of Conduct – Schedule "A" – Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct

Mayor Bowers circulated the *Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct* for members of Council to sign so that it could be posted in the Council Chambers. Councillor Yee declined to sign the document at this time.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

### 11.1 Development Permit – Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse

Mayor Bowers noted that representatives from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse were supposed to join the meeting via ZOOM, however they were unable to do so. He noted that there are people in the Gallery who could speak to the topic and asked if Council would object to moving into Committee of the Whole.

#### Resolution 25-043

Vainio/Jones

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

Carried

*After general discussion about various options for demolition process of the Old Catholic Church, it was suggested that the topic be tabled to the next Council meeting.*

#### Resolution 25-044

Vainio/Jones

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

Carried

### 11.2 Request to Waive Recreation Centre Rental Fees

#### Resolution 25-045

Jones/Yee

**THAT** Council agrees to support Ms Kitty Sperling by providing the Community Services Building Meeting Room without charge to provide income tax services to Faro community members.

Carried

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

### 12.1 Letter to Premier Pillai re Invitation to visit Faro

## 13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

#### Resolution 25-046

Jones/Yee

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

Carried

*Council responded to questions and comments from the gallery, including how to develop an Inter-Agency Committee in Faro.*

#### Resolution 25-047

Jones/Michell-Larocque

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

**14. IN CAMERA**

Resolution 25-048

Jones/Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

*In Camera* discussion re: legal & human resource matters

Resolution 25-049

Michell-Larocque/Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 25-050


Michell-Larocque/Yee

THAT the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of  
Council held on March 4, 2025 by  
Resolution # 24-055

  
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Jack Bowers, Mayor

  
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Larry Baran, CAO