



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

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	A/CAO	Lenka Kazda
Councillors	Gary Jones	Ops Manager	Paul Medvid
	Michelle Vainio	Mgr. Rec & Culture	Tina Freake
	Neil Yee	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki
		Chief Adm Officer	(excused)
Excused	Wendy Michell - Laroque		

Delegation RCMP - Cpl Bayden Austring

Public Present: 4 Public on Zoom: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 25-080

THAT the agenda for the March 18, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. Jones, Vainio

CARRIED

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-081

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

CARRIED

Cpl Bayden reviewed the January & February 2025 monthly reports with council.

Resolution 25-082

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council. Yee, Jones

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Nothing Presented.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-083

Jones, Yee

THAT The minutes of the March 04, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 25-084

Jones, Yee

THAT the minutes of the March 11, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

Resolution 25-085

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period February 27 – March 12, 2025.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers summarized his written Report.

Council Reports

Councillor Yee commented that he was pleased with the Public Works Dept on snow removal this year. HAF looks good but he wants all info available to the public before any funds are disbursed.

Councillor Vainio commented she would like to find out how much funding other communities are receiving compared to Faro. She attended the Crane & Sheep meeting and extended her thankfulness to Rec Dept for all their hard work. She attended the Poker Rally. and it was well attended within the community.

Councillor Jones commented that the Fishing Derby had about 14 people attended. They are thinking of making it an annual event. It is run by volunteers. He attended the quarterly AYC meeting by Zoom.

Administration's Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

Written report was presented.

Operations Manager

Manager Medvid summarized his written Report and responded to questions from Council.

General Manager of Recreation and Culture

Manager Freake summarized her written Report and responded to questions from Council.

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw 2025-02 Property Tax Bylaw

Resolution 25-086

Jones/Yee

THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2025-02, Property Tax Bylaw

Councillor Vainio Reads the Bylaw.

Vote Called on Resolution 25-086

CARRIED

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-02 having been read a First Time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Resolution 25-087

Jones, Yee

THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2025-02, Property Tax Bylaw.

Councillor Jones Reads the Bylaw.

Council to discuss. No discussion

Resolution 25-088

Vainio, Yee

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for questions regarding Bylaw #2025-02.

CARRIED

Questions from the Gallery? no

Questions from Zoom? No

Resolution 25-089

Neil, Jones

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

Vote called on Bylaw Resolution 25-87

CARRIED

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-02 having been read a Second Time this 18th day of March, 2025.

9.2 Bylaw 2025-03 Annual Operating Bylaw

Resolution 25-090

Jones, Yee

THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2025-03, Annual Operating Bylaw.

Councillor Yee Reads the Bylaw.

Vote Called on Resolution 25-090

CARRIED

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-03 having been read a first time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Resolution 25-091

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2025-03, Annual Operating Bylaw.

Councillor Vainio Reads the Bylaw.

Council to discuss. No discussion

Resolution 25-092

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for questions regarding Bylaw #2025-03.

CARRIED

Questions from the Gallery? no

Questions from Zoom? no

Resolution 25-093

Jones, Yee

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Vote called on Bylaw Resolution 25-091

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-03 having been read a second time this 18th day of March, 2025.

9.3 Bylaw 2025-04 Capital Budget & Expenditures Program Bylaw

Resolution 25-094

Jones, Yee

THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2025-04, Capital Budget & Expenditures Program Bylaw.

Councillor Jones Reads the Bylaw.

Vote Called on Resolution 25-094

CARRIED

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-04 having been read a first time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Resolution 25-095

Yee, Vainio

THAT Council provide Second Reading of Bylaw 2025-04, Capital Budget & Expenditures Bylaw.

Councillor Jones Reads the Bylaw.

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Item 5.1

Council to discuss. Councillor Yee said he would like to receive more info about back-up server & audio visual before purchased.

Resolution 25-096

Jones, Yee

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for questions regarding Bylaw #2025-04.

CARRIED

Questions from the Gallery? no

Questions from Zoom? no

Resolution 25-097

Jones, Yee

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Vote called on Bylaw Resolution 25-095

CARRIED

Mayor Bowers declares Bylaw #2025-04 having been read a second time this 18th day of March, 2025.

CARRIED

9.4 Bylaw 2025-05 Business Grant Bylaw

NOTE: Mayor Bowers recuses himself and leaves the Council Chambers . Deputy Mayor Vainio takes chair.

Resolution 25-098

Jones/Yee

THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2025-05, Business Grant Bylaw.

Councillor Yee Reads the Bylaw.

Vote Called on Resolution 25-098

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Vainio declares Bylaw #2025-05 having been read a First Time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Resolution 25-099

Jones/Yee

THAT Council provide Second Reading of **Bylaw 2025-05, Business Grant Bylaw.**

CARRIED

Councillor Jones Reads the Bylaw.

Council discussed the Bylaw.

Resolution 25-100

Jones/Yee

THAT Council do move into Committee of the Whole for discussions about the Bylaw.

CARRIED

Questions from the Gallery? Members of the public commented on the Bylaw

Questions from ZOOM? no

Resolution 25-101

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Jones/Yee

THAT Council do now revert to Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Vote called on Bylaw Resolution 25-099

DEFEATED

Deputy Mayor Vainio declared Bylaw #2025-05 having been read a Second Time and Defeated on this 18th day of March, 2025.

Note: Mayor Bowers returned to the Council Chambers and reassumed the Chair.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing Presented

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 25-102

Jones, Yee

THAT Council grant a leave of absence for Councillor Wendy Michell-Laroque, for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2025.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

Nothing Presented.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-103

Jones, Yee

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

CARRIED

Resolution 25-104

Vainio/Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-105

Vainio/Yee

THAT Council do now recess and reconvene in-camera.

CARRIED

In camera discussion

Resolution 25-106

Jones/Yee

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-107

Vainio, Jones

THAT the March 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on _____ by
Resolution # 25-_____

Mayor Jack Bowers

A/CAO Lenka Kazda

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Bowers', written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lenka Kazda', written over a horizontal line.

