



**Town of Faro
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	A/CAO	Paul Medvid
Councillors	Gary Jones	GM, Finance	Lenka Kazda
	Michelle Vainio	Mgr. Rec & Culture	Tina Freake
	Wendy Michell-Laroque	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki
	Neil Yee		

Delegation: Stephane Grenon, Effy Croft Memorial Ball Tournament

Public Present: 11

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 25-160

Jones, Michell-Laroque

THAT the agenda for May 6, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted with addition of 12.1 Award Nomination letter.

Carried

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-161

Vainio, Michell- Laroque

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

Carried

Mr. Stephane Grenon answered questions regarding Effy Croft Memorial Tournament.

Resolution 25-162

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

4.1 Community Lotteries program – Effy Croft Memorial Softball Tournament

Resolution 25-163

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council approve the Community Lottery Program Application in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the Effy Croft Memorial Softball Tournament.

And that the fund will be released to the Effy Croft Memorial Softball Tournament upon submission of the final report and all receipts to the Town within 90 days from the date of the 2025 Tournament;

And That if the final report and all receipts are not received within 90 days the funds will be released and will become available for other groups to apply for. Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-164

Michell- Laroque, Jones

THAT The minutes of April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted with amendment as discussed. Carried

Resolution 25-165

Jones, Michell- Laroque

THAT the minutes of April 17, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

Resolution 25-166

Vainio, Michell- Laroque

THAT Council receives for information the Finance Officer's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledges the Cheque Register for the period April 10-30, 2025. Carried

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers written report expressed concerns over the low numbers of volunteers for the Fire Dept. He would like to see more recruitment and is open to ideas that might help encourage new members to join.

Council Reports

Councillor Vainio attended the AYC meetings in Haines Junction; it was a great way to network and form relationships. She volunteered at the Crane & Sheep Festival; attendance was great and she heard many positive comments. She participated in interviews for the new CAO position and shared concerns over the Fingers Site & Sheep Shack being used as party places leaving dangerous debris and creating safety hazards.

Councillor Jones believes funding is available for a new ice plant for the arena and would like to see it for September 2026. He thanked everyone for the Crane & Sheep Festival. He heard great feedback from attendees and received inquiries about houses for sale in town.

Councillor Michelle-Laroque reported that she learned a lot at the AYC meetings and was inspired to bring what she learned to Faro. She noted the importance of building relationships and networking with other communities.

Councillor Yee stated he was prevented from attending the AYC meeting, CAO interviews, and the Minutes of May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council

Crane & Sheep Festival. He also expressed concerns about the lack of a Communication Plan noting a recent notice from NWT about a temporary loss of service. He reiterated concerns about the Fire Dept not having enough members and the restrictions of a member may cause a negative outcome in the case of an emergency. He was happy a land acknowledgement was used by Councillor Vainio during Crane and Sheep festival and would like to see the development of an official TOF policy for it.

Administration's Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

Acting CAO Medvid gave a verbal report.

Operations Manager

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

General Manager of Recreation and Culture

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

9. BYLAWS

Nothing Presented.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing Presented

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Elevator Yukon Report – Regional Arts Centre

Updated version of Arts Centre Pre-Feasibility Study will be presented to Council next meeting.

11.2 Amend Schedule “C” – Bylaw 2018-07 Fire Department Bylaw

Resolution 25-167

THAT Council rescind bullet #3 from Schedule “C” of Bylaw 2018-07, A Bylaw to establish and operate the Faro Volunteer Fire Department.

Jones, Vainio

Carried

Councillor Yee abstained

11.3 Offer to Purchase Lot 204 – 563 Ladue Drive

Resolution 25-168

THAT Council accept the offer of \$17,117.88 (GST extra) for the sale of Lot 204, Plan 46672, Faro Yukon, otherwise known as 563 Ladue Drive, and authorize Administration to proceed with creating the property sale agreement with a five-year development requirement.

Michell- Laroque, Vainio

Carried

11.4 Offer to Purchase Lot 205 – 561 Ladue Drive

Resolution 25-169

THAT Council accept the offer of \$22,252.98 (GST extra) for the sale of Lot 205, Plan 46672, Faro Yukon, otherwise known as 561 Ladue Drive, and authorize Administration to proceed with creating the property sale agreement with a five-year development requirement.

Vainio, Jones

Carried

11.5 Casual (On-Call) Support

Resolution 25-170

THAT Council direct Mayor Jack Bowers to enter into negotiations with Larry Baran to provide short-term “Casual (On-Call) Support” to Council and Administration during the recruitment process for the new CAO.

Jones, Vainio

Carried

11.6 CCBF Application – Secondary Back-up server

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Resolution 25-171

That Council approves the CCBF application for the Secondary Network Security Server. Jones, Michell- Laroque
Defeated

11.7 Council discussed Arena Ice Plant for 2026

M. Bowers reported a new plant would be very costly, but TOF could do some groundwork to offset it. The Council would like to initiate the process once the new CAO begins.

11.8 CAO Salary Range

Resolution 25-172

That Council approves increase in CAO's Salary Range from the current range of \$114,837 - \$144,200 to \$114,837 - \$155,000 as of June 1, 2025 and this change is to be reflected in the Management Remuneration Policy # 2019-01, Schedule A. Michell- Laroque, Jones
Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

12.1 Letter of Support for Award Nomination of CCBF Team was presented for information.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-173

THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public questions. Jones, Michell- Laroque
Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery.

Resolution 25-174

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council. Jones, Michell-Larocque
Carried

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-175

THAT Council do now recess and reconvene *in-camera*. Michell-Larocque, Vainio
Carried

In camera discussion

Resolution 25-176

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-177

THAT Council extend the meeting by one hour. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-178

THAT Council approved MacDonald family request to scatter their ashes on their daughter's grave in Faro cemetery. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-179

THAT Council approve letter of offer to a potential CAO candidate. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-180

THAT Council revert in-camera. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-181

THAT Council revert to regular Council meeting. Jones, Vainio
Carried

Resolution 25-182

Jones, Vainio

THAT Council mail letter to Canada Post and to be signed by each Council member if they so choose.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-183

Jones, Vainio

THAT the May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Carried



Michelle Vainio, Deputy Mayor



Jack Bowers, A/ CAO