



MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Jack Bowers, Councillor Gary Jones, Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, Councillor Michelle Vainio, Councillor Neil Yee, Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson, Executive / Finance Assistant Trudy Amos and 7 members of the public (including 4 electronically).

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bowers declared an interest in Item 9.6 due to a potential business involvement.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander
Sgt Proulx was unable to attend the meeting.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6 MINUTES

- 6.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.
6.1.1 Minutes of the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
Resolution No. 26-296 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the July 28, 2026, Regular
Meeting of Council be adopted, as amended.

Carried

7 REPORTS

- 7.1 Reports from Members of Council
Councillor Yee
- Yukon Energy Community Meeting – July 29, 2026
 - Identified concerns with the presentation because the sound

baseline that has been considered appropriate was increased from 43 dBA to 48 dBA. That is not inline with the BC Standards which is what Yukon Energy has been following. The description of the stacking order that was presented to the public was misleading. Upon additional questioning, it was verified that all the rental generators in Faro will be operated prior to the quieter generators in Whitehorse, which is the same as they have been operated previously. Their commitments to installing an acoustic barrier and reducing the number of rental generators has not been completed. Additionally, their commitment to relocating three of the generators was ineffective. Provided a summary of the average noise levels presented, public comments from the meeting and expressed concerns with the impact of noise on local quality of life and adverse impacts to community wellness.

- Attended the Moosehide event in Dawson City
 - Great event with lots of activities and nice to see this community event bringing people together.
- Attended Ball Practice on a few occasions and was happy to see participation from Ross River at these events. Great to see this engagement.

Councillor Michell Larocque

- Ball Practices are going well. The Ravens will be attending a tournament in Dawson City. There has also been increased participation from Faro Mine Site employees and Ross River which has been good.

Councillor Vainio

- Has been participating in activities at local facilities and has been really enjoying the golf course this season. Noted that it's been great to see so many visitors using local recreation facilities and to see the community's welcoming nature when interacting with local tourists.

Councillor Jones

- No report.

Mayor Bowers

- Meeting with Minister Kent to discuss Teacher Housing has been rescheduled to mid-September, as the School Council has identified this as a recruitment and retention barrier.
- Provided Council with a copy of the Raven News from April 1985 which may be of interest, including information on the Town's

financial statements and its debentures for the paved roads that were being funded by Town taxpayers at that time, not through grants from the Yukon Government.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-297

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Budget to Actual Variance Analysis, Payment Register Summary and the Cheque Register (July 22 – August 4, 2026).

Carried

7.3 Administrative Reports

7.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer

7.3.2 Manager of Operations

7.3.3 Manager of Recreation and Culture

The CAO responded to questions from Council on the Reports.

8 BYLAWS

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Mitchell Road Industrial Park – Street Names

Council discussed the name submitted and requested that Administration readvertise the need for Street Names and include the older submission names for the public's consideration. The results will be returned to Council for review.

9.2 Transfer Payment Agreement – ICIP Faro Water, Sewer and Road Upgrades Phase 3A (ICIP #123446) (Dawson Drive – Engineering)

Council discussed the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) and the Town's internal Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the selection of an engineer. Clarification was requested on the TPA's termination provision timeline and liability to the municipality. This TPA will be returned to Council for consideration once an engineer has been selected.

9.3 Pecuniary Interest Legal Opinion

Resolution No. 26-298

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Recommendation to Council, dated August 12, 2026, re: Pecuniary Interest Legal Opinion; and FURTHER THAT the Legal Opinion be returned to Council at a future In-Camera Meeting.

Carried

9.4 Asset Disposals / Asset Sale

Resolution No. 26-299

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the disposal of assets identified in the Recommendation to Council, dated August 12, 2026, re: 2026 Asset Disposal List – Equipment.

Carried

- 9.5 Property Standards / Maintenance Bylaw - Process to update Council discussed Administration's recommendation and options on the process to update the bylaw. Administration will provide an initial, informal opportunity for public input, and will subsequently provide a draft to Council for consideration. Once Council has agreed to the terms of a new, draft bylaw, a formalized public consultation process will take place.

Mayor Bowers recused himself from the meeting at this point.

9.6 Request to Waive Fee for Town of Faro Equipment Rental – Sarah and Hayden McHugh

Resolution No. 26-300

Jones, Yee

WHEREAS the Town of Faro's Fee Schedule sets a two-hour minimum charge for its equipment rentals; and,
WHEREAS Sarah and Hayden McHugh have requested that the cost for one-hour be waived;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Manager of Finance to waive fees, for an amount not to exceed one hour of rental time, associated with the request submitted by Sarah and Hayden McHugh, subject to the actual time used for the rental.

Defeated

Mayor Bowers returned to the meeting at this point.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Public Questions

Resolution No. 26-301

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:25 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

- 11.1 Legal Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Arena Concession Lease Agreement
11.2 Planning Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Intergovernmental Relations

- 11.3 Employment Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(d)
re: Employment Matter

Resolution No. 26-302

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:03 p.m.

Carried

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Council provided direction to the CAO on the Arena Concession Lease Agreement and an Intergovernmental Relations matter and received information about an Employment Matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

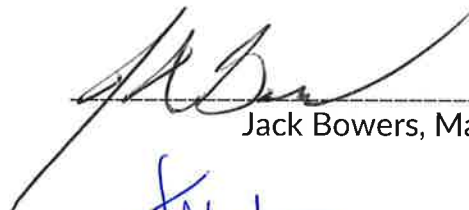
Resolution No. 26-303

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the August 18, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on September 1, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-~~302~~



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Watson, CAO

