TOWN OF FARO

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 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 (electronically), Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson (electronically), Executive / Finance Assistant Trudy Amos and 3 members of the public (including 4 electronically).

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bowers requested clarification on whether Councillor Yee has a pecuniary interest on Item No. 9.4 re: Letter to Yukon Energy due to ongoing legal issues and as an Intervenor in matters with the organization. Councillor Yee has reviewed the legislation and the test questions for the pecuniary interest and has determined that he does not have a pecuniary interest other than the potential interest that he has that is similar to all other property owners in Faro. Council concurred that a legal opinion be acquired prior to the letter being debated, and that the matter be deferred until such time.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6 MINUTES

6.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

6.1.1 Minutes of the September 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-324 Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the September 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6.1.2 Minutes of the September 29, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-325 Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the September 29, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

Councillor Neil Yee

- Missed a couple of meetings and events held recently, but there were some good events locally, including the Parsons BBQ and Council and RCMP BBQ
- Requested that a legal opinion on the Mayor's potential pecuniary interest as a contractor for Yukon Energy's expansion in the provision of contracted services in the expansion of its diesel capacity.

Councillor Michelle Vainio

- Attended the Parson's BBQ for the community, and there were some local demonstrations that were quite good.
- Met with the MLAs and Ministers about various topics.
- Met with MLAs and School Council primarily regarding staff housing. Also discussed was the trades hub.
- On September 23, 2026, attended a Virtual Meeting regarding the Ombudsman and the potential expansion of the legislation to include municipalities
- September 29, 2026, attended the Official Community Plan (OCP) Public Hearing
- Thanks to MacMillian River Adventures for doing a great job of distributing wild game to the community. Very professional delivery within the community.

Mayor Bowers

- Attended the public meeting at the Recreation Centre and the meeting with Members of Council and the MLAs and Ministers about issues in the community. Several road maintenance issues were discussed.
- Met with School Council and the MLAs Ministers about staff housing, an issue impacting the school and education system.
- September 29, 2026 attended the OCP Public Hearing and is moving forward and we are looking forward to second reading. Once the OCP is at the third reading, we will also be able to proceed with the third reading of the Zoning Bylaw.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-326 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and the Cheque Register (September 3 - 28, 2026).

Carried

Clarification was requested on EFT Item Nos. 090426001 and 921501001.

7.3 Administrative Reports
7.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer
7.3.2 Manager of Operations
7.3.3 Manager of Recreation and Culture
CAO responded to questions from Council on Administrative Reports.

8 BYLAWS

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 AYC Resolution Update
Council discussed the AYC Resolutions and Minister Responses to them. Many of these will be discussed at future AYC meetings.

Councillor Jones requested permission from the Chair to comment on Section 3 Pecuniary Interest. He advised that he wanted to clarify that VanGorda does not have a contract with Yukon Energy at the local plant, although have been able to assist during emergency situations as needed.

Councillor Yee noted that VanGorda might not have a current contract with Yukon Energy, they have done work for them in the past, and likely will in the future. Additionally, questioned whether Councillor Jones would have a pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 as a previous employee of Yukon Energy.

Mayor Bowers called a point of order and called a brief recess.

9.2 Draft Letter re: Amendment to Ombudsman Act
Resolution No. 26-327 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter to the Member Services Board regarding an Amendment to the Ombudsman Act, as presented.

Carried

9.3 Kaska Voices: An evening of storytelling for future generations
Resolution No. 26-328 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT all members of Council and the CAO be authorized travel and attendance to Kaska Voices, on November 9, 2026, in Whitehorse.

Carried

9.4 Draft Letter re: Yukon Energy Noise Modelling Update

This item was deferred.

9.5 Street Naming Bylaw
Council concurred with the Recommendation to Council, and a Bylaw will be forthcoming to Council.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No questions from the public.

Resolution No. 26-329 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 7:49 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

11.1 Legal Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Arena Concession Lease Agreement
11.2 Employment Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(d) re: Employment Agreement

CAO Kimberly Watson left the meeting at this point.

Resolution No. 26-330 Michell-Larocque, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:17 p.m.

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Council reviewed information pertaining to the Arena Concession Lease Agreement and an Employment Agreement.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-331 Yee, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on November 3, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-344

Jack Bowers, Mayor

Kimberly Watson, CAO