



**Town of Faro
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	Chief Adm Officer	Larry Baran
Councillors	Gary Jones	GM, Finance	Lenka Kazda
	Michelle Vainio	GM, Operations	Paul Medvid
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	GM Rec & Culture	Tina Freake
	Neil Yee	Executive Assistant	Tracy Sawicki

Delegations: Cpl. Bayden Austring
Cst. Noah Beglaw
Amanda Nyland, Faro Golf Club
Amanda Nyland, Children's Christmas Party
Rebecca Young, Faro Judo Club

Present: Amanda Janssens, YG Community Services

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 25-132

Jones/Yee

THAT the agenda for the April 15, 2025, Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATION

Resolution 25-133

Yee/Michell-Laroque

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

Carried

Delegations:

Cpl Bayden Austring introduced Cst Noah Beglaw, who will be working out of the Ross River Detachment, and then reviewed the RCMP Report for March 2025.

Note: As Councillor Michelle Vainio and Councillor Gary Jones both sit on the executive of the Faro Golf Club, they both left their seats at the Council Chambers desk.

Ms Amanda Nyland, along with Michelle Vainio, provided their semi-Annual Report to Council on the current status of the Faro Golf Club.

Note: Councillor Michelle Vainio and Councillor Gary Jones both returned to their seats at the Council Chambers desk.

Ms Amanda Nyland then made a Community Lottery Fund application presentation request on behalf of the Children's Christmas Party Committee.

Ms Rebecca Young made a Community Lottery Fund application presentation request on behalf of the Faro Judo Club.

Resolution 25-134

Vainio/Michell-Laroque

THAT Council do now move into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

Resolution 25-135

Jones/Yee

THAT Council approve the Community Lottery Program Application in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the Children's Christmas Party Committee.

Carried

Resolution 25-136

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council approve the Community Lottery Program Application in the amount of \$200.00 for the Faro Judo Club.

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 25-137

Vainio/Michell-Laroque

THAT The minutes of the April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing Presented.

7. FINANCIAL

Resolution 25-138

Michell-Laroque/Jones

THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period March 27 – April 9, 2025;

AND THAT Council receive for information the Draft Budget Analysis report for the period of January to March, 2025.

Carried

8. REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bowers provided a verbal report regarding the importance of confirming a meeting with Community Services Minister Mostyn, the Zoning Bylaw review & update, and the current status of CAO recruitment.

Council Reports

Councillor Jones had no report.

Councillor Vainio noted she had been attending a number of meetings, including Crane & Sheep Festival planning. She attended the Yukon Energy open house and appreciated their presentation. She noted that planning and preparation is already underway for the community Spring Clean-up.

Councillor Wendy Michell-Laroque had no report.

Councillor Neil Yee commented that he was happy to see that the Arena season lasted a bit longer than expected. He also provided comments on the Yukon Energy presentation, expressing concerns that issues of sound and air quality were not addressed as he had hoped.

Administration's Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

Note: Prior to CAO Baran providing his report, Mayor Bowers called him forward so that Council could present him with a painting by local artist Jackie Irvine as a retirement gift.

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

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

10.1 New Zoning Bylaw - Timelines and Milestones

Administration presented a report provided by Elevator Yukon regarding the proposed Timelines and Milestones for the new Zoning Bylaw project, which Council received for information. Mayor Bowers requested that Administration establish a workshop date for Council to review the previous Zoning Bylaw and discuss the needed changes to comply with the new OCP.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Current Auditors Appointment is Set to Expire in 2025

Resolution 25-139

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council seek extension of the agreement with the Metrix Group LLP providing the Town of Faro financial audit services for an additional year.

Carried

11.2 Proposal to sell three (3) Residential Lots on Ladue

Resolution 25-140

Jones/Michell-Laroque

That Council direct Administration to advertise and promote the sale of three (3) serviced residential building lots on Ladue Drive, specifically Lots 204, 205, and 206.

Carried

11.3 Schedule Special Council Meeting to Review 2024 Financial Audit Reports

Resolution 25-141

Yee/Vainio

That Council direct Administration to schedule and make necessary arrangements for a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00pm during which the Metrix Group LLP will review and report on the 2024 Financial Audit Review for the Town of Faro.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

12.1 YEC – A Reliable & Robust Grid

12.2 YEC – Yukon Energy's Road Map to 2050

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 25-142

Michell-Laroque/Jones

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

Carried

Council responded to questions from the gallery, which included a request that Council address the issue with the Minister of Highway regarding bullet-ridden signage on the Robert Campbell Highway, as well as poor signage indication of the turn-off to Faro when leaving Carmacks.

Resolution 25-143

Vainio/Michell-Laroque

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 25-144

Jones/Vainio

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

Carried

In camera discussion regarding human resource and legal matters

Resolution 25-145

Vainio/Jones

THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution 25-146

Jones/Vainio

THAT the Town of Faro direct a letter to Minister Mostyn to address the lack of progress of Phase Two Infrastructure work.

Carried

Resolution 25-147

Michell-Laroque/Vainio

THAT Council send a letter of condolences to RRDC regarding the recent passing of one of their community members.

Carried

Resolution 25-148

Michell-Laroque/Jones

THAT Council authorize Administration to draft an MOU with the Town of Faro Fire Chief to ensure clerical assistance in the future.

Carried

Resolution 25-149

Jones/Vainio

THAT Council authorize the rotating appointments of the Acting Chief Administrative Officer position between, Lenka Kazda, Tina Freake, and Paul Medvid until such time as a permanent CAO is recruited.

Carried

Resolution 25-150

Jones/Michell-Laroque

THAT the Town approve alcohol to be served at the Recreation Centre for a private function on April 29, 2025.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-151

Jones/ Michell-Laroque


THAT the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on May 6, 2025, by
Resolution # 25-164



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Michelle Vainio, Deputy Mayor
(In absence of Larry Baran)