



Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
July 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/	Trudy Amos
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Finance Assistant	
	Michelle Vainio		
	Neil Yee		

Delegation: Cst. James Whidden and Cst. Joshua Van Eyk, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment

Public Present: 6

Public on Zoom: 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution No 26-281

Vainio, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No 26-282

Jones, Vainio

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

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

3.1 Cst. James Whidden and Cst. Joshua Van Eyk, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment

The new constables introduced themselves. Josh advised that he has come to Faro from Grande Prairie and has brought his family and three children who have already participated in local camps and programs. Noted that he is excited to be posted to Faro. James advised that he came from Coronation,

Alberta and since he is coming from a smaller community thinks he will be able to build a good relationship with the communities here. He arrived with his wife and 2 kids and is excited to see all that the communities have to offer. Both Constables play hockey and are interested in experiencing all that the Yukon has to offer.

Resolution No 26-283

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Minutes of the July 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-284

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the July 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 5.2 Minutes of the July 9, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-285

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the July 9, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

- 7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-286

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Budget to Actual Variance Report. Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period June 24 – July 21, 2026.

Carried

8. REPORTS

- 8.1 Mayor's Report
None.

- 8.2 Council Reports
Councillor Jones

- 27th Annual Faro Golf Club Tournament was a successful event, with 188 golfers and more than 55 volunteers. Very thankful for municipal staff for all their assistance to make this event a success.

Councillor Vainio

- 27th Annual Faro Golf Club Tournament was a great event for the community and region
- Attended the Special Meeting on July 9, 2026 and the Minutes identify what happened really well. Recommended that the public review them for additional details.
- A Golf Pro, sponsored by the Yukon Golf Association provided free lessons locally which was great.
- Yukon Energy will be hosting two public meetings this week and recommended that the public attend to learn more and ask any questions that they have about these topics. The meetings will be held:
 - July 29 – Noise Information session
 - July 30 – Billing / Customer Service session

Councillor Michell-Larocque

- Softball has been going very well with Ross River's team coming to Faro to play with the Ravens. Attended a tournament recently in Carmacks and some of the Ravens played with other teams from the region.
- Girls at Bat event was great to see and well attended.
- Attended the Golf Tournament and heard so many great compliments about the course.

Councillor Yee

- Distributed a handout titled Faro Zoning and the Official Community Plan (OCP). He noted that he originally distributed it in January 2026 but updated it in July 2026. Remains concerned about the validity of the population information being used by the Town in its official documents. Believes that the Town's time could be better used to focus on improving local quality of life, rather than giving the impression that Faro is growing. Recommended that Council consider the community's flat or declining population when updating its OCP.
- Yukon Energy Public Meeting will be held this week and encouraged the public to attend as the noise modelling information and billing will be discussed.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

The CAO responded to questions from Council on the Administrative Reports.

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 2025-08 – Procedures Bylaw – Third Reading
Resolution No 26-287 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2025-08, being the Procedures Bylaw.
Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Town of Faro's Top Three Infrastructure Priorities
Resolution No 26-288 Yee, Michell-Larocque
THAT Council accept the Recommendation to Council, dated July 22, 2026, re: Top Three Infrastructure Priorities.
Carried
- 11.2 Swim Yukon Swim Meet in Faro – August 7 – 9, 2026
Resolution No 26-289 Jones, Yee
THAT Council waive the fees for participants in the Swim Yukon Swim Meet to use space in the Recreation Centre for overnight accommodation during their event; and
FURTHER THAT Swim Yukon will be responsible to provide supervision of all participants in the facility during the event.
Carried
- 11.3 Ballfield Gazebo
Resolution No 26-290 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
THAT Council accept the Recommendation to Council, dated July 24, 2026, re: Ballfield Gazebo.
Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

- 12.1 Letter from Yukon Energy, dated June 30, 2026, re: Air Emissions Permit No. 60-010-01 – Part 5 – and Inspection Report No. 2026-003 Response
Council discussed the Yukon Energy Meeting being held on July 29, 2026, at the Faro Recreation Centre, recommended attendance at the meeting to better understand the report content as presented.
- 12.2 Letter from Honourable Brad Cathers, Minister of Health and Social Services, dated July 22, 2026, re: Electronic Medical Records (EMR) for Community Health Centres

Council discussed this letter and was hopeful that this would have improvements on the provision of health care delivery, while maintaining secure records for patients.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-291

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution No 26-292

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No 26-293

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:15 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

14.1 Employment Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(d) re: Performance Appraisal

14.2 Legal Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(f) re: S.C. No. 26-A0017

Resolution No 26-294

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:56 p.m.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

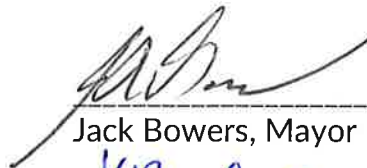
Resolution No 26-295

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on August 18, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-~~296~~



Jack Bowers, Mayor


Kimberly Ballance, CAO

