AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander and Constable Josh Van Eyk

4.2 Amanda Nyland, Vice-President, Faro Golf Club, End of Season Report

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 November 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

6.1.2 Minutes of the November 4, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

6.1.3 Minutes of the November 10, 2026, Special In-Camera Meeting of Council

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

7.2 Finance Report

7.3 Administrative Reports

7.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer

7.3.2 Manager of Operations

7.3.3 Manager of Recreation and Culture

8 BYLAWS

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Pecuniary Interest Matters

9.2 Faro Golf Club - Authorization for Liquor Use Permit – Town of Faro Christmas Party

9.3 Draft Letter to Minister Laura Lang re: Advocacy for Trespass to Property Legislation

9.4 Letter from Minister Ted Laking, dated October 30, 2026, re: Winter Reliable Energy Plan

9.5 Letter from the Steering Committee, dated November 10, 2026, re: Stakeholder engagement on feasibility assessment exploring the potential for a new protected area in the Tū Łīdlini (Ross River) area

9.6 Association of Yukon Communities – Resolution Updates

9.7 Donation to Humane Society Yukon for the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter

9.8 Community Lotteries Program Application
9.8.1 Taylor Fetterly – Christmas Lights for the Red Truck

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

11 IN-CAMERA MEETING

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

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT

Faro Golf Club

PO Box 96, Faro YT, Y0B 1K0

November 11, 2026

Mayor & Council
Town of Faro
P.O Box 580
Faro, YT Y0B 1K0

Dear Mayor & Council,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Town of Faro for all the assistance and generous support for the Faro Golf course and of the tournament.

The annual tournament and keeping up the course would not happen without the generous contributions of the Town of Faro – thank you to Mayor & Council for your ongoing support, to the Town Office staff for all the behind the scenes work you do, to the Public Works staff and gardening department who do endless work to help make it all happen – the work done in preparation for the tournament was outstanding, to the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre staff for assistance with rentals and your welcoming promotion, to the Rec staff for encouraging everyone to come out.

Thank you so much for your level of deep commitment to helping us to be a community builder and to making a significant impact at our tournament. From the comments received, the 49 teams (188 golfers) who played had an awesome experience. This year, once again, we had golfers travel from several Yukon communities. People also came from British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec, and England to enjoy our tournament and the Faro community spirit.

We are also grateful to the Town of Faro for sponsoring the influencer, Casey James, to come up to Faro. We think that the exposure had and will have a positive impact in the future.

On behalf of the Faro Golf Club, thank you very much for your willingness to support our recreation.

Sincerely,

Amanda Nyland
Vice President, Faro Golf Club

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
November 3, 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 9 members of the public (including 3 electronically).

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
Councillor Vainio identified she does not have a pecuniary interest in Item 9.1 as she does not have any family members in Judo.

Councillor Jones identified he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council related to Yukon Energy because he is not an employee or paid representative for the company, nor do any members of his family work for the company.

Councillor Michell-Larocque identified that she does have a pecuniary interest in Item No. 9.1.1 and 9.1.5 because her daughter is in Judo.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
4.1 Sgt Cedric Proulx, RCMP Ross River/Faro Detachment Commander
Sgt Proulx was unable to attend. Council reviewed the report as presented.

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 October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No. 26-343 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Motion to adopt the Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be amended from "as presented" to "as amended".

Defeated

Resolution No. 26-344 Jones, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - Yes
Councillor Michell-Larocque – No
Councillor Vainio - Yes
Councillor Yee - No

6.1.2 Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council
Resolution No. 26-345 Yee, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT the Motion to adopt the Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be amended from "as presented" to "as amended".

Defeated

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - No
Councillor Jones - No
Councillor Michell-Larocque – Yes
Councillor Vainio - No
Councillor Yee - Yes

Resolution No. 26-346 Michell-Larocque, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - Yes
Councillor Michell-Larocque – No
Councillor Vainio - Yes
Councillor Yee - No

6.1.3 Minutes of the October 22, 2026, Special Meeting of Council
Resolution No. 26-347 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 22, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6.2 Minutes of Committees

6.2.1 Health and Safety Committee Minutes

Resolution No. 26-348 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the following Health and Safety Committee Minutes be received and filed:

- May 19, 2026
- September 23, 2026

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Members of Council

Councillor Jones

- Attended the School Council Conference in Whitehorse where there were 16 of 17 School Councils represented. Great meeting and appreciated the attendance of Minister Scott Kent. There is good registration in the Del Van Gorder (DVG) School currently, with 52 children attending. There has been ongoing discussion about the need for teacher housing locally and a generator for the school to provide power during emergency power outages.

Councillor Vainio

- Great Halloween activities last week. Passed along a big thank you to the Recreation Centre Staff for the pumpkin carving event and the great work on the Fright House.
- Attended the Tourism Workshop held today with staff and members of the public participating and identified priorities for the community. Members identified a clear desire for an ice plant. There will be follow up from the Government of Yukon staff which will come back to the group for further discussion.
- Council communications training starts tomorrow and will be helpful for all members.
- Looking forward to attending the Kaska Voice event next week.

Councillor Yee

- Participated in the October 22, 2026, Roles and Responsibilities Training which was good and was attended by all members of Council. Received training on the need for Council to correct the record when misinformation is presented, the importance of making sure that factual information be presented to the public and the media and making sure the Town's spokesperson accurately represents Council's decisions.
- Would like to see Council work in a more unified manner including on issues related to noise mitigation and noted that declaring pecuniary interests when they exist and apologizing when needed

will build accountability among members of Council and with the public.

- Attended the October 23, 2026, Yukon Women in Music event at Yukon University which was well attended and a good experience.
- Attended the October 24, 2026, Town Surplus Sale which wasn't very well attended but good to hold to promote accountability and it did result in the sale of some local items.
- Went to the October 28, 2026, Coffee and Cards and despite low attendance it is still good to see new events being offered by staff.
- Attended the October 30, 2026, Halloween event at the Recreation Centre and the evening event at the bar, both of which were well attended and good events for the community.
- Noticed that there is an AI generated post being shared on Facebook about Faro being an old mining town now being home to Cranes and highlighted it as a nice, quiet town. This is relevant because it being quiet contrasts to the noise produced by the community's generators. On October 30, 2026, Yukon Energy was to submit their noise mitigation report but that hasn't been discussed by Council albeit being a concern to some residents. Hopeful that Council will discuss this topic in the future rather than trying to avoid discussion on it.

Mayor Bowers

- Looking forward to attending the Kaska Voices event and that Mayor and Council were invited to by Chief Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council.
- Presented a summary of new seismic activity reporting and earthquake activity associated with the Tintina Trench which is concerning. Emphasized the importance for residents to be prepared for a potential earthquake and the importance of critical infrastructure for the public school. Presented this information to the Minister and the Premier to identify the risk for the Town and the critical infrastructure that the community needs to be better prepared, including a generator for the DVG School.
- Received a letter from Minister Laking re: energy needs which will be included on the next Council Agenda for Council's input. Discussed the impact of Yukon-wide population growth, the impact this growth has on energy generation requirements and the increasing use and cost of diesel generation. Noted that noise from diesel generation is not ideal, but having power for the community is more important. Council will need to consider its response to the Minister's request for information.
- Advised that Administration had received correspondence from Realtor Judy Freake about property maintenance considerations to

improve the overall appearance of the community. This will require input from the community and Council during the bylaw review process.

Council discussed emergency preparedness and the status of the maintenance bylaw.

7.2 Finance Report

Resolution No. 26-349 Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and the Cheque Register (October 15 - 28, 2026).

Carried

Clarification was requested on Cheque No. 3525.

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 Administrative Reports.

8 BYLAWS

8.1 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Amend the Street Naming Bylaw No. 80-08 to Establish Road Names within the Town of Faro – Third Reading

Resolution No. 26-350 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council provide Third Reading of Bylaw 2026-06, being a Bylaw to Amend the Street Naming Bylaw No. 80-08 to Establish Road Names within the Town of Faro.

Carried

9 MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

Councillor Michell-Larocque left the meeting at this point.

9.1 Community Lotteries Program Applications

9.1.1 Faro Judo Club (Instruction)

9.1.2 Kids Christmas Party

9.1.3 Kelsey and Amber Belling (Judo Tournament)

9.1.4 Kelsey Belling (Judo Tournament)

9.1.5 Faro Judo Club (Judo Tournament)

Resolution No. 26-351 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the following Community Lotteries Program Applications:

- Faro Judo Club (Instruction) - $3,000
- Kelsey Belling (Judo Tournament) - $1,318.34
- Faro Judo Club (Judo Tournament) - $1,800

Carried

Council noted that funding for Item 9.1.3 would be included in the contribution to the Faro Judo Club in Item 9.1.5 as both applications were for the same event.

Councillor Michell-Larocque returned to the meeting at this point.

Resolution No. 26-352 Vainio, Yee

RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the following Community Lotteries Program Applications:

- Kids Christmas Party - $1,900

Carried

9.2 Draft Letter to Chief Dylan Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council re: Invitation to Kaska Voices

Resolution No. 26-353 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter to Chief Dylan Loblaw, Ross River Dena Council re: Invitation to Kaska Voices as presented.

Carried

9.3 Draft Letter to Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) Steering Committee re: Tū Łīdlini (Ross River) Area

Resolution No. 26-354 Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter to the IPCA Steering Committee as presented.

Defeated

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Bowers - Yes
Councillor Jones - No
Councillor Michell-Laroque – No
Councillor Vainio - No
Councillor Yee - No

9.4 Snow Removal Policy

Resolution No. 26-355 Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Snow Removal Policy (2026-11-P) as presented.

Carried

9.5 Pecuniary Interest Matters

Councillor Yee advised that he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matters related to Yukon Energy currently before Council. He reviewed his involvement in a legal matter before the Court of Appeal concerning the Yukon Utilities Board and Yukon Energy, and also concerning his role as an intervenor in various regulatory matters related to ATCO, Electric Yukon, Yukon Utilities Board, Yukon Energy and Yukon Environmental Socia-economic Assessment Board. He had also reviewed section 193 of the Municipal Act, and the pecuniary interest test questions provided by Community Services during their training session. He also noted that he had emailed Council and the CAO to request any further questions or direction regarding the concerns they may have about his potential pecuniary interest, but did not received any responses or specific clarification, so was providing this assessment based on the information presented in Item 9.1 of the October 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Noted that he understood that it is his responsibility to review his pecuniary interest each time an item appears on a Council Agenda, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Councillor Jones identified he does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council related to Yukon Energy because he is not an employee or paid representative for the company, nor do any members of his family work for the company.

Mayor Bowers will provide a response to the matter identified in Item 9.1 of the October 20, 2026, following the in-camera discussion with Council on an alternate matter, and will do so in a public session.

Council discussed the declarations as presented.

9.6 Funding Agreement – Amendment #2 of the Canada Community-Building Fund

Resolution No. 26-356 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Funding Agreement – Amendment #2 of the Canada Community-Building Fund Funding Agreement for the Town of Faro.

Carried

10 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Public Questions.

Resolution No. 26-357 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:48 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)(b&e) re: Pecuniary Interest Legal Opinion

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

The CAO left the meeting during the In-Camera Session.
The CAO returned to the Meeting during the In-Camera Session.

Resolution No. 26-358 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:56 p.m.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-359 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council hereby extends the meeting by one hour.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-360 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene in-camera at 9:57 p.m.
Carried

Resolution No. 26-361 Vainio, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:08 p.m.
Carried

12 IN-CAMERA MEETING REPORT

Resolution No. 26-362 Vainio, Michell-Larocque,
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to take actions required to confidentially share the document from Judson Howie LLP dated October 18, 2026, re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Analysis and Opinion with the Community Affairs Branch, Community Services of the Government of Yukon; and,

FURTHER THAT that Council authorizes the CAO to provide notice to VanGorda Enterprises Inc. that the Town of Faro is considering releasing the document from Judson Howie LLP dated October 18, 2026, re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Analysis and Opinion which may affect the interest of the company and provide an opportunity for the company's representative to make representations as to why the document should or should not be disclosed.

Carried

Council provided direction to the CAO on an Employment Matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-363 Yee, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the November 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on November 17, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-___

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Jack Bowers, Mayor

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Kimberly Watson, CAO

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
November 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2 ROLL CALL
Mayor Jack Bowers, Councillor Gary Jones, Councillor Michelle Vainio, Councillor Neil Yee, Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson and Robyn Burns, Merren Communications

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
None declared.

4 MATTER(S) FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED
4.1 Council Communications Training

Robyn Burns introduced herself, her background in media and the purpose of her session today. Council members introduced themselves and their experience in addressing the public and the media.

The session is intended to cover various topics about media and public communications, what to consider when speaking, interview tactics and post-comment recovery and relationships.

Robyn presented information on:

- The current media landscape in the Yukon
- Recognition of the relationship between objective journalism and democracy in creating a well-informed public
- The importance of using media to build public trust while recognizing your rights in the midst of the interview to ensure that your message is accurately delivered. This can include an internal process to record your interviews to be able to prove that the record accurately reflects the story and correct the story if need be.
- Council discussed local and regional media coverage and the importance of the accuracy of the information of the data.
- Examples of interviews were reviewed including good news and controversial reporting, in-person versus phone interviews, and the differences between speaking to as opposed to at the interviewer

Council took a short recess at 10:45 am

Council returned to the meeting at 11:00 am

The presentation continued with information and discussions on:

- Speaking so others will want to listen
  - Complaining, excuses and playing a blame game in public
  - Speaking with HAIL – Honesty, Authenticity, Integrity, Love
  - Register, Timbre, Prosody, Pace, Silence, Pitch, Volume
  - Creating and consuming sound consciously
- What to do when the Media Calls
- Changing landscape of media
- What's off the record?
- Preparing to deliver a message and differences between social media message compared to a short verbal response
- Local communication planning
- Prepare in advance for a media interview and request support from the CAO so you have the information you need to provide high-quality information
- The importance of actively listening when the media is asking questions in an interview

CAO Watson left the meeting at this point.

Council thanked Robin for her presentation and noted that they were looking forward to their individual training sessions.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-364 Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the November 4, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on November 17, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-___

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Jack Bowers, Mayor

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Kimberly Watson, CAO

MINUTES
Special In-Camera Council Meeting
November 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Jack Bowers, Councillor Gary Jones, Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque, Councillor Michelle Vainio and Chief Administrative Officer Kimberly Watson

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4 MATTER(S) FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

Resolution No. 26-365 Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council convene into an in-camera meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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

Resolution No. 26-366 Jones, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Special Meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 26-367 Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council directs the CAO to terminate the lease with the Faro Pit in accordance with Section 9.c of the Lease Agreement.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26-368 Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the November 10, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on November 17, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-___

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Jack Bowers, Mayor

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Kimberly Watson, CA

TOWN OF FARO
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council November 10, 2026
From: Akram Shah, Manager of Finance
Re: Finance Report to Council – November 17, 2026, Regular Meeting

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Payroll:

11/12/2026	42,621.95	Covering Period 10/26 – 11/08

Payment Register Summary October 29, 2026 – November 10, 2026

Administration	- 3,739.44
Environmental Services	- 0.00
Economic Development	- 0.00
Fire Dept and Protective Services	- 0.00
Professional Fees & Remittance	- 29,282.41
Public Works and Gardening	- 15,069.21
Recreation and CRIC	- 4,354.58
Utilities	- 26,239.17
Capital Expenditure	- 51,030.00
Council Approved Grants	-8,018.34

Total - 137,733.15

Town of Faro
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
0302 · Admin	3,680,298.24	3,746,914.80	98.22%
0333r · Protective Service	31,401.37	34,256.00	91.67%
0338r · Public Works r	23,918.20	118,480.00	20.19%
0345r · Environmental Use & Protection	566,045.48	615,600.00	91.95%
0355r · Economic Development	6,399.37	6,000.00	106.66%
0362r · Recreation and Culture	57,991.62	86,307.00	67.19%
4600000 · Other Revenues	19.09	0.00	100.0%
4900000 · Transfer from Reserves	0.00	-22,036.65	0.0%
4950000 · Amortization not Funded	0.00	1,200,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	4,366,073.37	5,785,521.15	75.47%
Gross Profit	4,366,073.37	5,785,521.15	75.47%
Expense			
0333e · Protective Services e	81,408.98	158,118.00	51.49%
0338e · Public Works e	1,224,980.35	1,766,693.20	69.34%
0345e · Environmental Use and Protectio	435,290.16	671,121.00	64.86%
0355e · Economic Development e	44,992.66	58,053.00	77.5%
0362e · Recreation & Culture	643,116.31	790,978.95	81.31%
0370 · Council / Legislative	140,959.78	160,176.00	88.0%
0375 · Administrative e	917,251.23	980,381.00	93.56%
5200000 · Public Works	0.00		
5670000 · Amortization	0.00	1,200,000.00	0.0%
5900000 · Inventory write-off	7,081.05		
Total Expense	3,495,080.52	5,785,521.15	60.41%
Net Ordinary Income	870,992.85	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
7000000 · Capital Funding	128,567.68	1,049,690.00	12.25%
Total Other Income	128,567.68	1,049,690.00	12.25%
Other Expense			
8000000 · Capital Expenditures	303,326.39	1,049,690.00	28.9%
Total Other Expense	303,326.39	1,049,690.00	28.9%
Net Other Income	-174,758.71	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	**696,234.14**	**0.00**	**100.0%**

TOWN OF FARO
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council November 12, 2026
From: Kimberly Watson, CAO
Re: CAO's Report to Council – November 17, 2026, Regular Meeting

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Fire Department

- Fire Department Training records are being updated and compiled, with some training for First Aid/CPR, Class 3 Drivers Licencing being scheduled, Basic Training under review, and Evaluator Training being requested through the Fire Marshalls Office.
- Acting Fire Chief has identified equipment needed for internal training.
- Turnout Gear ordering has been initiated.

Project Development Work

- Effy Croft Memorial Park (Covered Pavilion, Washroom Upgrades, Overflow Camping, Sport-Tourism Infrastructure upgrades)
- Golf Course Covered Pavilion / multi-use structure for future replacement of temporary tents, heritage assessment, concept plan and construction estimate
- CRIC – upgrades to interior information panels (content development and production)
- Pool – Engineering Assessment and repair recommendations
- Arena Fire Exit Assessments, Design and Replacement
- Pound – Cost estimates for design/engineering and construction cost estimates
- Water Treatment Plant UV Assessment
- Recreation Centre Exterior Cladding and HVAC Assessment

Town of Faro Asset Sale

- Several items were reposted and some additional items have sold.

Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

- Finalizing building permit matters to return a recommendation to Council on the updated policies.
- Municipal Servicing Standards project has been initiated with Stantec Engineering and timelines have been set to meet required deadlines.

TPA for Phase 3A ICIP Infrastructure Work (Dawson Drive Engineering)

- Meeting with Infrastructure Development Branch about the the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) is set for Monday November 16.

Communications Training

- Council and Management Training sessions were well received by participants and will assist the Town in building internal skill sets.

Action Items:

- Develop drafts of the following for Council's consideration:
  - Zoning Bylaw – ZB and OCP are planned for coordinated adoption.
  - Code of Conduct for Employees – draft is ready for Council adoption but planned for coordinated adopting with the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.
  - Code of Conduct for Members of Council – draft is being finalized
  - Communications Policy – Updates to draft underway following Communications Training.
  - Municipal Vehicle Use Policy – draft ready for presentation to Council
  - Arrears Collection Bylaw – initially intended to be a policy but legislatively required to be adopted by bylaw. Existing procedures reviewed with finance staff and transitional rules discussed to bring procedures in line with best practices.
  - Maintenance Bylaw – process for update has been reviewed and approved by Council
  - Fit for Work Policy – new (and repeal current Alcohol and Drug Use Policy)
  - CAO Bylaw – new
  - Solid Waste Bylaw – review
  - Traffic / Speed Bylaw – review
  - Snowmobiles, Motorcycles, Vehicles Bylaw – review
  - Mobile Home Park - update
  - Firearms bylaw - review
  - Fire Department Enactment – review
  - Water and Wastewater Bylaw (2025 adoption) – amendment
  - Cemetery Bylaw – update
  - Animal Control Bylaw – update

TOWN OF FARO
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council November 12, 2026
From: Danny Granberg, Manager of Operations
Re: Operations Report to Council – November 17, 2026, Regular Meeting

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Current Priorities

- Roads: are in normal driving condition. Daily monitoring ongoing. Road sanding as needed.
- Snow removal policy has been approved. I will be meeting with all contractors to review policy changes for this year.
- Water connects and disconnects ongoing as needed. Curb stop installation are done for the year; Spring list for installations is already in progress. Emergency repairs only.
- Water system is operating with no issues. Mueller is currently working on lighting and heating upgrades in the Water Treatment Building
- Lagoon: daily monitoring ongoing.
- FireSmart: the project should be completed next week. Daily monitoring of burn piles, tree removal and clean up ongoing.
- Equipment maintenance repairs and inspections on Town equipment ongoing.
- Landfill: Site clean-up and monitoring ongoing.
- Asset Auction: Has ended, pick up of purchased item ongoing.
- Arena Kitchen upgrades are completed. New sink, grease trap and water leaks and sewer venting were updated. We are ready for this year's winter season.
- Dawson drive housing unit chimney inspection completed, painting and drywall repairs also finished for the current year.
- Boreal Engineering has been hired for the installation of the holding tanks for the 2 precast Washrooms. Waiting to confirm start date due to equipment repairs.
- Circle of lights: Trench for new electrical cable completed, new underground cable has been installed. Back filling of trench to be completed this week, Mueller will be on site to finish off new electrical plugs installation.

Training & Meetings

- Yukon University will be offering small water system training, aerial lift, confined space and fall protection. This training will start next week.
- Workplace Investigation training has 1 public works person registered.

TOWN OF FARO
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council Nov 10, 2026
From: Morgan Manuel, Manager of Recreation and Culture
Re: November 17, 2026 - Report to Council

Current Priorities

- Upcoming Programs/Activities
  - Carpet Bowling Tournament – Nov 21
  - Food and Financial Literacy (Yukon Literacy Coalition) – Nov 24
  - Christmas Market Nov 28
  - Seniors Shopping Trip – Dec 9
  - Kids Christmas Party – Dec 12
  - Gingerbread House Making – Dec 17
  - Youth Group Christmas Party – Dec 18
  - Christmas Movie – Dec 19
  - Ornament making workshop – December 20
- Current Programs/Activities
  - Play Group (Tues-Fri)
  - Seniors Fitness (Mon-Wed-Fri)
  - Carpet Bowling (Tues-Thurs)
  - Coffee & Cards (Wed)
  - Kids Club (Tues-Fri)
  - Volleyball (Wed)
  - Floor Hockey (Thurs)
  - Basketball (Fri)
- Funding Applications
  - Community Tourism Destination Development Fund – November 15th deadline
  - Celebrate Canada – November 23rd deadline
  - Canada Summer Jobs – Dec 3rd deadline
- Hiring
  - Rec Programmer – Start date has been pushed back due to travel delays

Planning Work

- CanSkate
  - We are excited to offer CanSkate this winter as a satellite program of Arctic Edge Skating Club

    - Working on developing a plan/adapting the program to account for our short arena season
- Board/Card Game Nights
    - Working with Parsons and Alex Turberfield to organize these regularly
- Arena
    - New spray boom, hose and ice paint have arrived
    - Thank you to the RCMP for the hockey equipment donation
        - Setting a date for a free gear fitting/giveaway

Program / Event Evaluation

- Halloween Party
    - The Halloween Party was very well attended with 100+ people in attendance
    - Thank you to everyone that donated cakes/desserts for the Cake Walk
    - A huge thank you to Rec Assistant Denise Schneider for all of her work on the incredible haunted house!
- Remembrance Day
    - This years Remembrance Day Memorial Service was very well attended with approximately 100 people there. It was wonderful to see our community come together for such an important and meaningful event.
    - Thank you to Ted Baker for emceeing the event and to all those that spoke during the service
    - In preparation for next year, we will be ordering new flags/flag poles, wreathes/stands, repairing the cenotaph, and ensuring that we have enough seating for all
    - We will also be reviewing how we do wreath donations: Plans to send out a formal letter to local businesses in early October

- Drop In Sports Nights (Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Basketball)
    - We are now offering Drop-In Basketball from 7-9 every Friday night
    - Numbers for all our evening programs were up significantly over the past two weeks with 10-15 participants each evening
- Kids Club
    - Expanding the program to 4 days a week (Tues-Fri) starting Nov 13

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November 12, 2026

Gary Jones, President
Faro Golf Club
PO Box 96
Faro, Yukon Y0B 1K0

RE: Authorization for Liquor Use Permit – Faro Golf Club for the Town of Faro's Christmas Party

Dear Mr. Jones,

Please be advised that the Town of Faro has approved the storage and service of alcohol by the Faro Golf Club for the Town of Faro's Christmas Party for Council and Staff being held December 5, 2026, at the Recreation Centre (Sportsman's Lounge).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 867.994.2728 x. 4 or cao-faro@faroyukon.ca

Regards,

Kimberly Watson
Chief Administrative Officer

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November XX, 2026

The Honourable Laura Lang
Minister of Justice
Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Sent by email: laura.lang@yukon.ca

RE: Trespass to Property Legislation

Dear Minister Lang,

The Town of Faro is writing to advocate for new legislation to protect the safety of municipal employees, as well as the public, from individuals whose behaviour has created workplace and public hazards.

Legislation of this nature exists across Canada and responsibility for it lies with provincial and territorial governments. Examples include Ontario's Trespass to Property Legislation, British Columbia's Trespass Act, and Alberta's Petty Trespass Act. This type of legislation would enable municipalities to issue a notice to an individual to temporarily prohibit their attendance in municipal workplaces and therefore protect employees safety.

The Town of Faro recently updated its Workplace Violence, Discrimination and Harassment Policy and identified a gap in its ability to ban individuals from its facilities for inappropriate behaviour. This matter has been reviewed with the RCMP who identified a municipally-enacted ban as unenforceable. The RCMP are only able to provide support when an incident is actively in progress or if a restraining order is in place. This limits municipalities from taking every reasonable precaution to protect the safety of their employees and the public.

The Town of Faro respectfully requests that the Ministry of Justice review this request in coordination with the Workers Safety and Compensation Board, to develop legislation

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that can be relied on by municipalities and law enforcement to protect municipal employees and the public in a timely, efficient and effective manner.

Should new legislation be developed, or existing legislation amended, we recommend that consultation includes the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) to ensure that its implementation supports municipalities.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our CAO, Kimberly Watson at cao-faro@faroyukon.ca

Sincerely,

Jack Bowers, Mayor
Town of Faro

cc: Mark Radke, Deputy Minister/Deputy Attorney General
Catherine Jones, President/CEO, Workers' Safety and Compensation Board

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Office of the Minister
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

October 30, 2026

Jack Bowers
Mayor
Town of Faro
Box 580
Faro, Yukon Y0B 1K0

via email: cao-faro@faroyukon.ca

Dear Mayor Bowers:

RE: Winter Reliable Energy Plan

As part of our government's work to advance the Winter Reliable Energy Plan, I am writing to invite your municipality's participation as we work to develop this plan. As a first step, we would welcome your input on the enclosed discussion questions.

The Winter Reliable Energy Plan is being developed to support a long-term vision for the Yukon's energy future and will identify the steps to realize that vision. Urgent action is needed to ensure we have enough dependable energy to meet our needs during winter demand peaks. We aim to identify opportunities, challenges, and priorities related to energy reliability, affordability, and economic development. As this work progresses, your municipality's input will be critical in shaping the plan.

The enclosed materials provide an overview of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan, information about the Integrated Resource Planning process that will support the supply side of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan, and a set of initial discussion questions. We are seeking your ideas and perspectives related to the planning process and each of the five core pillars within the Winter Reliable Energy Plan as part of our ongoing engagement on energy planning.

You are welcome to share input in whatever ways are best for your community, whether that is through a written response, a bilateral meeting, through the Association of Yukon Communities, or another forum. I encourage you to provide input by spring 2027 so your perspectives can be considered in the development of the draft plan. There will be ongoing opportunities for dialogue as the Government of Yukon engages with municipalities on the draft plan in summer 2027.

As an important step to increase the territory's electricity supply, the Government of Yukon is launching a Power Potential Portal.

This will be an online tool for prospective proponents to submit electricity generation, transmission and storage project ideas to the Yukon Development Corporation for consideration and potential advancement. This is part of our exploratory and planning process and does not constitute a commitment to funding or advancing projects submitted through the portal. The tool is designed to gather information and initiate conversations, while all typical regulatory and approval processes still apply.

I look forward to your input on the Winter Reliable Energy Plan and would be pleased to have an opportunity to meet in person to discuss energy planning and your municipality's energy priorities. Please contact my office via Kelsey Smeeton at Kelsey.smeeton@yukon.ca if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

Hon. Ted Laking
Minister, Energy, Mines and Resources
Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation

cc. Kimberly Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
encl: Engagement discussion questions
WREP one pager
IRP info sheet

Winter Reliable Energy Plan

Discussion Questions

Your municipality's input is important for us to develop the Winter Reliable Energy Plan. The plan will aim to support a long-term vision for the Yukon's energy future and will identify the steps to realize that vision. We would like our planning work to include discussions with you to identify your community's energy-related priorities and challenges. We would also like to look for opportunities to collaborate in ways that support energy reliability, affordability, and economic development. We have developed the following set of initial discussion questions to begin this process.

Planning Process

The Winter Reliable Energy Plan is being led by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in collaboration with the Yukon Development Corporation, Yukon Energy Corporation and ATCO Electric Yukon. Input and perspectives from Yukon municipalities will help shape the plan. The Government of Yukon is happy to meet bilaterally upon request. Utilities may also be invited to participate at bilateral meetings or tables, with the agreement of all participating governments.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you like the Government of Yukon to engage with your municipality as we develop the Winter Reliable Energy Plan?
- Of the five pillars of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan – demand, supply, grid reliability and resilience, public safety, and affordability – which are the highest priority for your municipality?

Electricity Demand

The Winter Reliable Energy Plan will include actions to minimize electricity demand growth, focusing on peak winter demand. This may include policies and programs focused on electric resistance heating as well as other ways to moderate demand growth in the territory.

Yukon Energy's 2025 long-term electricity demand forecasts that residential and commercial peak winter demand on the Yukon Integrated System will reach 220 megawatts by 2040. This demand forecast will be updated and replaced through the Yukon Development Corporation's upcoming industry-standard Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which will serve as a core input to the Winter Reliable Energy Plan.

We recognize that some communities with remote micro-grids have unique considerations with energy security, demand management, and electricity supply. As part of our work on the Winter Reliable Energy Plan, we intend to assess each community's energy situation, including those not connected to the Yukon Integrated System. We look forward to working with the local municipalities to learn about your perspectives, current challenges, and potential solutions.

Discussion Questions:

- Over the next 20 years, what development do you expect could affect electricity demand in your community? For example: housing developments, business development, new community buildings or industrial development.
- The Government of Yukon currently offers rebates and funding programs to support energy efficiency and peak demand reduction. Are there opportunities to further support your community to reduce peak electricity demand?

Electricity Supply

The Government of Yukon's immediate priorities regarding electricity supply are to repair and modernize the Mayo Hydro Facility and construct the Whitehorse Power Centres. Alongside these projects, the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will identify the additional supply resources that may be needed to meet future electricity demand. The recommendations of the IRP will help to shape the Winter Reliable Energy Plan.

The IRP will consider the generation, storage and transmission investments needed to support the Yukon's growing electricity needs. The work will begin by modelling future energy-use scenarios, including potential industrial requirements, and using them to develop long-term electricity demand forecasts. We expect the scenarios to be completed by early 2027, followed by the demand forecast by mid-2027.

To help ground this work in real opportunities across the territory, the Government of Yukon is launching an online Power Potential Portal. Through the portal, First Nations and other proponents will be able to share project ideas for consideration and potential advancement,

helping ensure the IRP reflects local projects that could contribute to the Yukon's future electricity system.

Together, the scenarios, demand forecast and project information will help guide decisions about the mix and timing of future electricity investments. This will include consideration of generation, transmission and storage resources and the sequencing of potential projects.

Discussion Questions:

- How would your municipality like to participate in the development and delivery of new electricity infrastructure projects to provide reliable and affordable electricity to Yukoners, including electricity generation, transmission and storage?
- Are there electricity system constraints in your community which you are concerned about? If so, do you have recommendations?

Grid Reliability and Resilience

The Winter Reliable Energy Plan will help ensure the Yukon's electricity systems can consistently provide electricity throughout the year. The goal is for winter outages to be rare, and for outages that do occur to be quickly resolved. Yukon Energy's mutual aid protocol, which establishes a series of steps to be followed when electricity demand is too close to available supply, supports grid reliability and resilience, as do efforts to better avoid, detect, isolate and respond to grid disturbances.

Discussion Questions:

- What energy reliability or resilience challenges in your community are the most important to consider in the development of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan?
- Are there buildings or facilities in your community not currently equipped with backup generation that could be good candidates for backup generators to be added to enable additional load to be pulled off the grid during emergencies?

Public Safety

While the main goal of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan is to avoid prolonged winter power outages, the plan will also include actions to keep Yukoners safe if a prolonged winter outage does occur. The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is working with the Emergency

Measures Organization to support public safety in the event of a grid outage, and we recognize that your government may already have engaged with the Emergency Measures Organization.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the most significant public safety risks your community would face during an extended winter power outage? Who may be most vulnerable, and which services or infrastructure may be most affected?
- What infrastructure and supports would be most beneficial in your community to keep your community members safe during a prolonged winter power outage?

Affordability

Energy affordability is an overarching focus of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan, linking to supply, demand, resilience, and public safety. Energy affordability refers to the ability of Yukoners to afford energy costs across all forms and uses of energy, including electricity, heating fuel and firewood.

Discussion Question:

- Beyond the work currently underway to mitigate electricity rate increases, what steps could be taken to improve energy affordability in your community?

Winter Reliable Energy Plan

At a glance

What A 20-year strategy, including near term actions, to strengthen the Yukon's electricity system while improving affordability and enhancing resilience to potential winter power outages.

Why The Yukon's isolated electricity grids face immediate and unique challenges from extreme cold and rapidly growing demand.

Who Led by the Government of Yukon in collaboration with Yukon Development Corporation, Yukon Energy, and ATCO Electric Yukon. Shaped by input from First Nation and municipal governments.

Pillars

Electricity Supply Increasing electricity supply to meet current and future demand.

Electricity Demand Slowing the rise in electricity demand, with a focus on peak winter demand.

Grid Reliability & Resilience Reducing the likelihood and duration of power outages, especially in the winter.

Public Safety Supporting public safety in the event of a prolonged winter outage.

Affordability Improving energy affordability for Yukon families and businesses.

Timeline & Engagement



For more information

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Manager, Winter Reliable Energy Planning
Jody.Eikelboom@yukon.ca or 867-332-6783

Integrated Resource Planning

Pre-development

Energy Futures & Pathways

What futures are plausible?

- Develop plausible Yukon future scenarios
- Identify key uncertainties and drivers of change
- Establish common planning assumptions

Technical Analysis

Demand Forecasting, Resource Options, & Infrastructure Opportunities

What electricity needs could emerge under those futures?

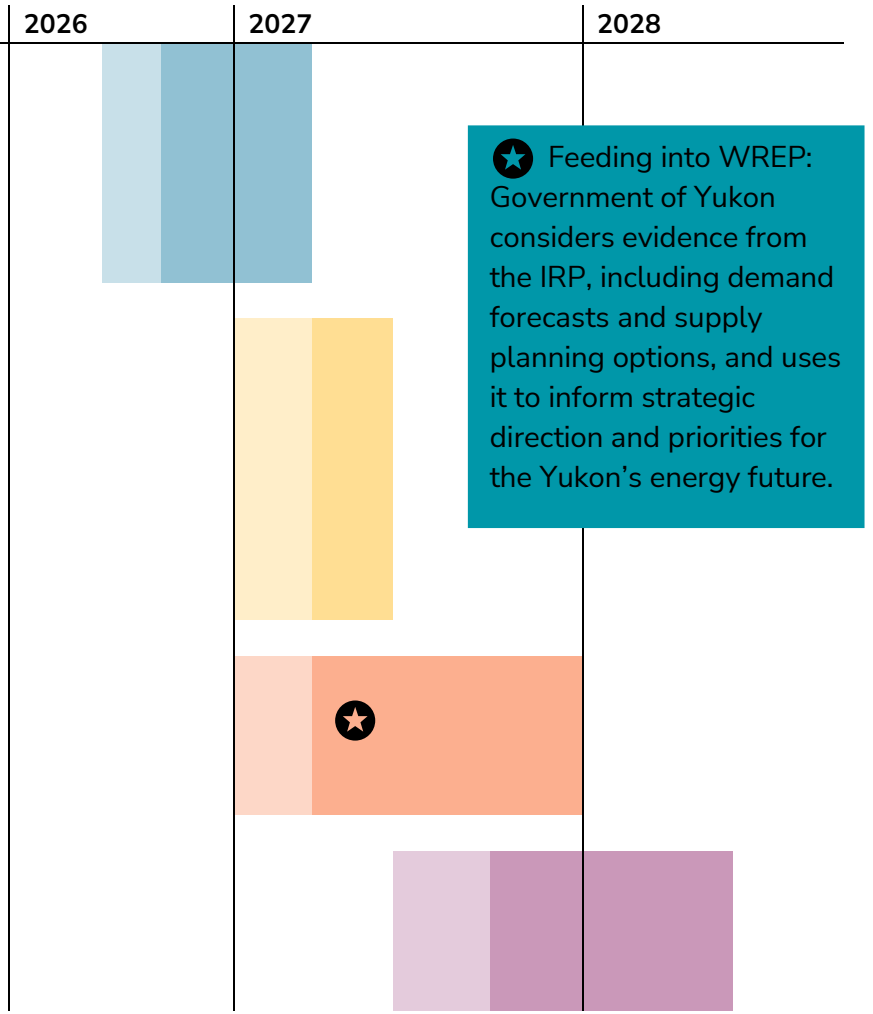
- Forecast future electricity demand and winter peak demand
- Assess impacts of population growth, electrification, and industrial development
- Identify timing and scale of future electricity needs

How could those needs be met?

- Assess generation, storage, transmission, and demand-side options
- Evaluate costs, risks, and trade-offs
- Consider reliability and resilience requirements

What should Yukon be preparing for?

- Identify promising infrastructure opportunities
- Consider project readiness and sequencing
- Consider funding, partnership, and implementation requirements



★ Feeding into WREP: Government of Yukon considers evidence from the IRP, including demand forecasts and supply planning options, and uses it to inform strategic direction and priorities for the Yukon's energy future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Kaila.deboer@yukon.ca.

November 10, 2026

RE: Stakeholder engagement on feasibility assessment exploring the potential for a new protected area in the Tū Łīdlini (Ross River) area

Dear Town of Faro Mayor and Council,

We are writing to you about the feasibility assessment currently being conducted exploring the potential for a new protected area in the Tū Łīdlini (Ross River) area.

We are now in the knowledge and information gathering step of the feasibility assessment process. As part of this step, we are engaging with specific stakeholders who have interests or are located within the study area. This is a preliminary information sharing and information gathering exercise. As part of this, we are inviting stakeholders to share their existing knowledge, interests and values related to the study area.

We invite the Town of Faro's Mayor and Council to participate in our stakeholder engagement and share the municipal government's perspectives.

We would like to confirm availability for an in-person meeting with the Mayor and Councillors on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm. Members of the Technical Working Group for this initiative can attend to deliver a presentation and answer questions.

We also encourage the Mayor and Council to share the municipal government's values and interests by completing the attached questionnaire and sending it back to us at tulidlini@pc.gc.ca. Alternately, you may simply submit written comments to us.

Should the Mayor and Council choose to submit the questionnaire or written comments, we kindly request that we receive these no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2026.

You can find out more about the feasibility assessment process by reading the attached backgrounder or by visiting our webpage at: parks.canada.ca/pn-np/cnpn-cnnp/tulidlini.

We encourage you to participate in this stakeholder engagement. We will carefully consider the information received as it will help us to identify key considerations as part of the feasibility assessment.

We appreciate your time and look forward to receiving your information about the study area.

Sincerely,

Chief Dylan Loblaw	Ashley Kayseas	Adriana Bacheschi
Steering Committee	Steering Committee	Steering Committee
Representative	Representative	Representative
Ross River Dena Council	Government of Yukon	Parks Canada

Exploring protection opportunities in the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area

Ross River Dena Council, the Government of Yukon and Parks Canada are working together to conduct a feasibility assessment for a potential new protected area in the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area. A study area for this feasibility assessment has been identified within the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area.

Feasibility assessment

The feasibility assessment is a multi-step process to help the three governments decide whether protecting portions of the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area is feasible, practical and desirable. The assessment will also ensure existing land uses and environmental, cultural, and economic interests are considered.

The steering committee has developed a process for undertaking the feasibility assessment. Currently the steering committee is gathering knowledge and information about the study area.

No decisions have been made at this time about creating any protected areas in the study area.

The steps of the feasibility assessment are outlined in an illustration on page 4.



Tū Łíḋlini Dena hand games. Photo by Norman Barichello.

A unique process

The feasibility assessment process is different from other processes that may be familiar to Yukoners, like land use planning established through the Umbrella Final Agreement and Yukon First Nations Final Agreements.

The key difference is that the Ross River Dena Council has not signed a treaty agreement with the governments of Yukon and Canada. The Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) Dena are part of the Kaska Dena Nation and have constitutionally protected rights like all Yukon First Nations Peoples. Kaska Dena have not ceded or surrendered Aboriginal rights and title.

Steering committee

The steering committee is made up of representatives of each government and is responsible for gathering knowledge and information to facilitate the feasibility assessment. It will identify whether one or more portions of the study area may be appropriate for protection and under what conditions.



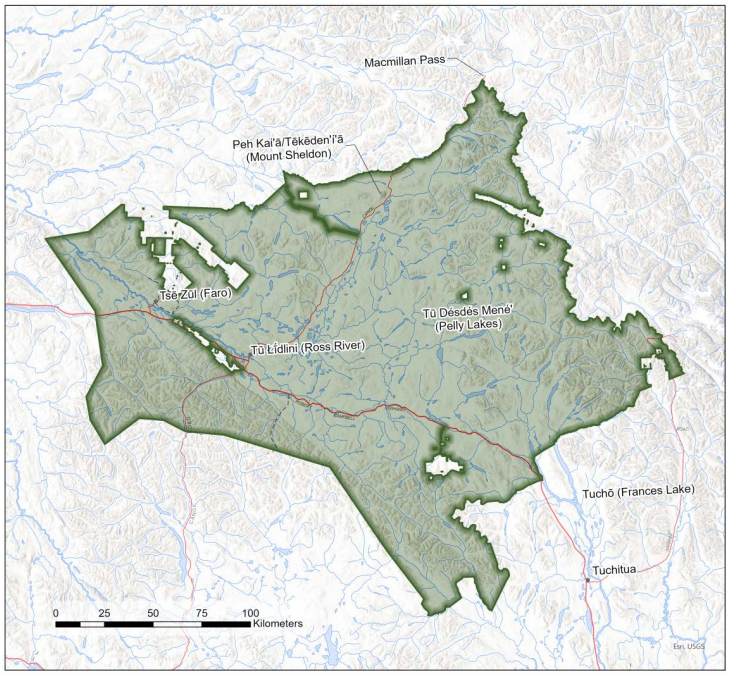
View of Tū Désdés Tūé' (Pelly River) with fireweed in foreground and mountains in background. Photo by Jeremy Williams/River Voices.

Study area

The study area spans approximately 39,300 square kilometres (see detailed map on page 5). It does not include:

- areas that overlap the Traditional Territories of Yukon First Nations with Final Agreements; and
- areas with existing Class 3 and 4 quartz mining approvals as of the December 4, 2024 signing date of the Memorandum of Understanding between the 3 governments.

Ross River Dena Council has proposed an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area in the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area. Neither the suggested IPCA boundaries, nor the study area itself, are anticipated to become the proposed boundaries for a protected area.



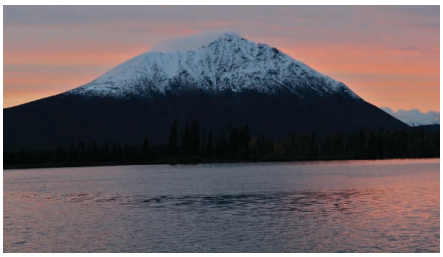
Cultural connection

Tū Łíḋlini means "where the waters meet" in the Kaska Dena language. It is a place of tremendous cultural and spiritual significance to the Tū Łíḋlini Dena. It contains sacred areas, sensitive cultural areas and historic sites.

The Tū Łíḋlini Dena have used, cared for and travelled extensively throughout this area since time immemorial. They continue to carry an inherent responsibility to steward the land, waters and all living relations for future generations. This responsibility is rooted in Kaska law.



Northern Mountain caribou in June. Photo by Norman Barichello.



Peh Kai'ā/Tēkēden'ī'ā (Sheldon Mountain). Photo by Norman Barichello.

Ecology

This area also has significant biodiversity and contains important habitat for:

- 7 herds of northern mountain caribou, a culturally and ecologically important species at risk (including 3 herds that winter there)
- other species at risk – such as grizzly bear, wolverine and collared pika
- fish – including Arctic grayling, whitefish and salmon
- birds – including sandhill cranes and other migratory species.

Land uses

The study area supports a mix of land uses and current activities. These activities include :

- cultural activities;
- hunting;
- fishing;
- trapping;
- outfitting;
- tourism;
- outdoor recreation, and;
- mining exploration and development.

Current activities can continue in accordance with any required authorizations while the feasibility assessment is ongoing.

Note that a prohibition order preventing the staking of new mineral claims has been in effect in the study area since 2013.

Engagement Activities

Fall 2026 - Stakeholders

As part of the knowledge and information gathering shown in the process illustration, the steering committee is reaching out to specific stakeholders who have interests within the study area.

The committee is gathering information from stakeholders on their existing knowledge, interests and values related to the study area. This will help them identify key considerations for the feasibility assessment.

Information received from stakeholders will be carefully considered, and will inform the next step in the feasibility assessment.

Future Public Engagement

Over the longer term, the steering committee will plan to engage with the broader public around the feasibility assessment.

Public engagement will occur later in the feasibility assessment process, once more information is available.

Stakeholders that are invited to participate in the current stakeholder engagement process are also welcome to provide further feedback during the public engagement.

The information received during both the stakeholder engagement process and the future public engagement process will inform and guide the steering committee's report and recommendations to the 3 governments.

The 3 governments will consider all the gathered information in their decision-making.

More information: https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/cnpn-cnnp/tulidlini

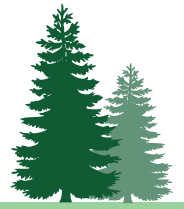
Contact: Contact the steering committee (care of Parks Canada) at tulidlini@pc.gc.ca.

Steps in exploring options for a protected area in the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area

WHERE WE CAME FROM

1 Ross River Dena Council, the Government of Yukon and Parks Canada agreed to explore options for protection and conservation in the Tū Łíḋlini (Ross River) area.

2 The steering committee was created to lead a feasibility assessment within an identified study area.



NOW

3 The steering committee is gathering existing knowledge and information about the study area.



NEAR FUTURE

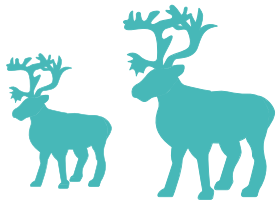
4 In addition to ongoing engagement with Tu Łidlini (Ross River) Dena and other Kaska, the steering committee will engage stakeholders in the study area as part of its knowledge and information gathering.

LONGER TERM

5 The steering committee will:

- identify whether 1 or more areas within the study area may be appropriate for protection and under what conditions.
- assess the values and interests in the area, and how they might be conserved or managed.

6 During public engagement, the steering committee will seek input on social, environmental, cultural and economic interests and other values.



7 The steering committee will carefully consider all information and input received.

8 The steering committee will deliver a final report with recommendations to the 3 governments.



WHERE WE ARE GOING

9 Ross River Dena Council, the Government of Yukon and Parks Canada will review the recommendations and decide on next steps.

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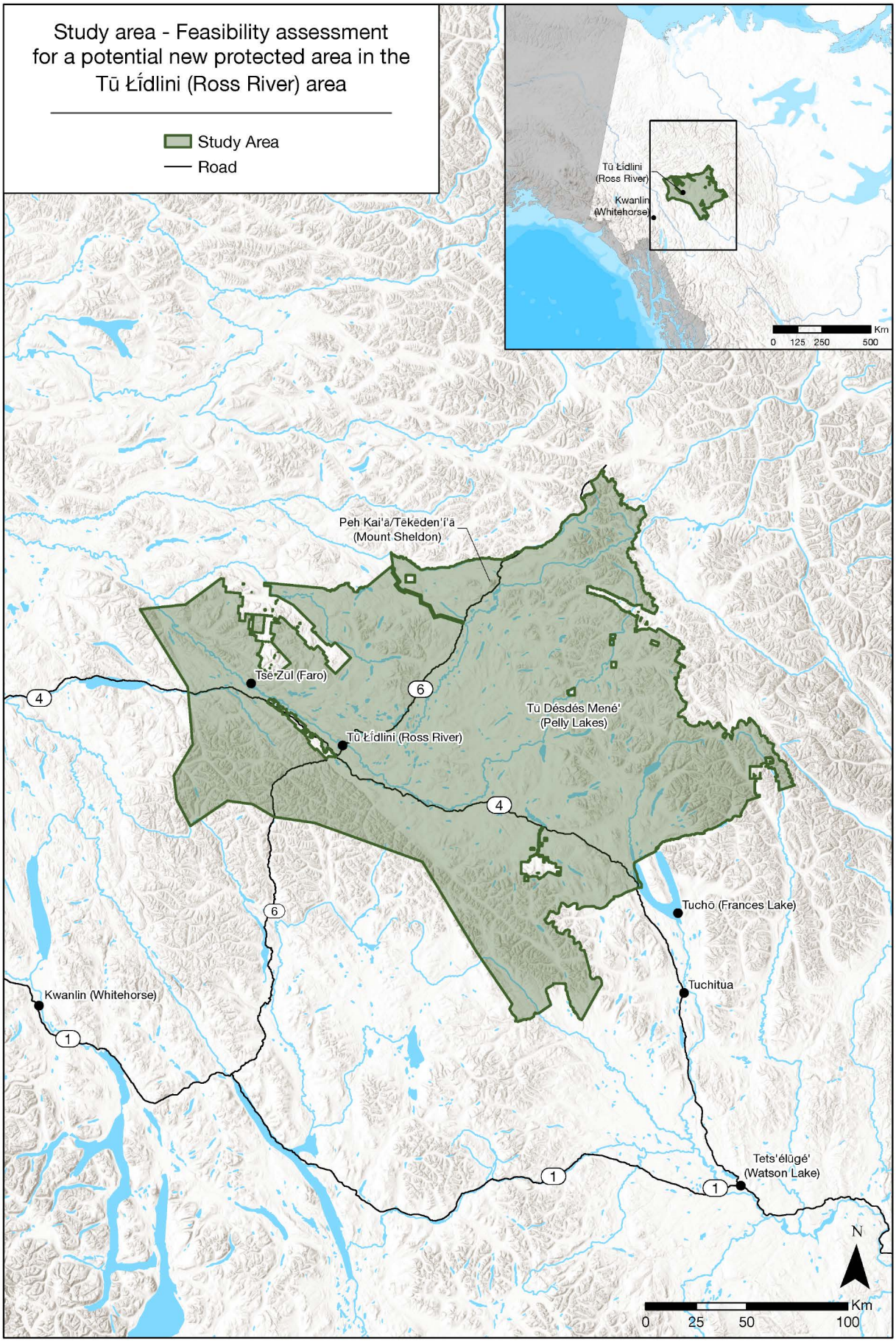
Study area - Feasibility assessment for a potential new protected area in the Tū Łī́dlini (Ross River) area
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Questionnaire for stakeholder engagement on feasibility assessment in the Tū Łídlini (Ross River) area

Instructions: Complete this survey. There is one question per page and a limit of 2,000 characters in the response fields. Save the document and send by email as an attachment to tulidlini@pc.gc.ca.

Deadline: The deadline to submit the completed questionnaire is Tuesday, December 15, 2026.

Contact: For questions, send an email to tulidlini@pc.gc.ca.

1. What activities does the Town of Faro currently carry out within the study area?

See next page.

Disclaimer: The information collected is being gathered to support the feasibility assessment and will be shared within the Government of Yukon, Parks Canada and Ross River Dena Council for the purposes of the feasibility assessment. Participation is voluntary. Respondents are asked not to include personal information. Any personal or other information voluntarily provided will managed in accordance with the *Yukon Statistics Act* and *Access to Information and Privacy Act* and the *Canada Privacy Act*. Respondents will not be identified in any reports or associated materials created for the feasibility assessment. All responses received will be combined for reporting purposes. Questions may be directed to Parks Canada ATIP office at aiprp-atip@pc.gc.ca or the Government of Yukon ATIP office at atipp.office@yukon.ca.

2. Where in the study area do these activities occur?
Please be as descriptive as possible.

See next page.

3. What features within the study area (natural or human-made) are used to carry out these activities?

Please be as descriptive as possible.

See next page.

4. What does the Town of Faro value about the study area? What makes it important o special?

See next page.

5. What does the steering committee undertaking the feasibility assessment need to know and understand about the study area when assessing opportunities for protection?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Office of the Minister
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

September 14, 2026

Lauren Hanchar, President
Association of Yukon Communities
140 – 2237 2nd Ave.
Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 0K7

via email: ayc@ayc-yukon.ca

Dear Lauren Hanchar:

RE: AYC resolution on funding support for Humane Society Yukon

Thank you for your June 2, 2026 letter on behalf of the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) regarding increased funding support for Humane Society Yukon and other animal welfare organizations across the territory. I recognize the important role that Humane Society Yukon and the Dawson Humane Society play in supporting animal welfare in Yukon communities, as well as the valuable contributions they make in assisting municipalities, communities, and the Government of Yukon in addressing animal welfare concerns across the territory.

The Department of Environment currently provides annual operational funding to both humane societies to support their operations. In addition, the Department provides $350 for the care and housing of each dog accepted by the humane societies through the Animal Health and Protection's Voluntary Dog Surrender program. The Animal Health and Protection branch also receives and considers additional project funding proposals from the humane societies which are presented on an ad hoc basis. These arrangements reflect the important partnership between the Government of Yukon and the Yukon's humane societies in supporting animal welfare.

At the same time, the Department is focusing significant efforts on addressing the factors that lead animals to enter shelter systems in the first place. Through implementation of the *Animal Protection and Control Act* and ongoing refinement of the Community Dog Care Initiative to focus on dog population management measures and access to veterinary care, the Department is working to reduce the pressures faced by humane societies and communities across the Yukon.

This work includes initiatives that support responsible animal ownership, improve access to veterinary and population management services, strengthen community education and awareness, and enhance animal protection and control capacity. The Department is also strengthening

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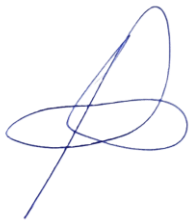
operational capacity through the efforts of the Animal Protection and Control Program Manager and the Animal Protection and Control Officer.

By focusing on these measures, our goal is to reduce the number of animals requiring shelter services and lessen the burden placed on the Yukon's humane societies over the long term. We recognize that humane societies are an essential part of the Yukon's animal welfare system and that supporting animal welfare requires collaboration among the Government of Yukon, municipalities, First Nations, animal welfare organizations and communities.

The Department remains committed to working with Humane Society Yukon, the Dawson Humane Society, municipalities and other partners to identify opportunities to strengthen animal welfare outcomes across the territory. We appreciate AYC's advocacy on this issue and value the ongoing contribution that Yukon's humane societies make to the health and wellbeing of animals and communities.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jane Harms at jane.harms@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,



Wade Istchenko
Hon. Minister of Environment

Cc: Hon. Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services
Damien Burns, Deputy Minister of Community Service
Dennis Berry, Deputy Minister, Environment
Jane Harms, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Environment

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September 29, 2026

Lauren Hanchar, President
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via email: ayc@ayc-yukon.ca

Dear Ms. Hanchar,

RE: Ensuring Primary Health Care Services in Yukon Communities

Thank you for your letter regarding the Association of Yukon Communities' resolution, *Ensuring Primary Health Care Services in Communities*.

The Government of Yukon shares AYC's commitment to ensuring that residents of Yukon communities have reliable access to high-quality primary health care services as close to home as possible. Maintaining and strengthening health services in rural and remote communities remains a key priority for the Department of Health and Social Services. Our efforts are focused on addressing immediate service pressures, improving short-term stability, and implementing long-term solutions that support consistent, sustainable, and high-quality care across the territory for both residents and health care professionals.

We recognize the concerns raised by AYC regarding temporary health centre service disruptions resulting from staffing shortages. These disruptions can have significant impacts on residents, municipalities, Yukon First Nations, local emergency responders, and health care partners. We agree that maintaining continuity of care and providing timely, clear, and transparent communication during service disruptions are critical to minimizing those impacts and sustaining public confidence in the health system.

While our objective is always to maintain regular health centre operations, staffing challenges can occasionally necessitate temporary service reductions. When this occurs, Community Nursing and Yukon Emergency Medical Services (YEMS) work in close coordination to help ensure residents continue to receive essential health services and emergency medical care.

This includes coordinated service planning, cross-coverage between communities where feasible, communication regarding available health care resources, and deployment of emergency medical services to support continuity of care. Community leadership, health care partners, and residents are notified as early as possible about changes to services, the reasons for those changes, and the options

available for accessing care. At the same time, YEMS maintains territory-wide ambulance coverage and deployment capacity to ensure emergency response services remain available.

To improve service stability and reduce the frequency of health centre disruptions, the Department of Health and Social Services is advancing several initiatives. In the near term, these efforts include ongoing recruitment and retention activities, the use of temporary and travelling staff where required, targeted use of agency nurses, and the implementation of electronic medical records to support more efficient and integrated care delivery. Steps we have taken this year to attempt to improve coverage and to help more Yukoners train for Yukon health careers include:

- More than tripling the funding for our health bursaries for Yukon students, including increasing the individual amounts and the number of bursaries for Yukoners in nursing education.
- Increasing the Continuing Nurses Education Fund for Yukon nurses.
- Increasing the number of agency nursing contracts to four providers, with the goal of improving coverage when staff are unavailable.

In addition, the department is developing and piloting enhanced staffing and support models, with an initial focus on communities experiencing more frequent service interruptions. These measures include increasing access to health care providers, expanding on-call coverage to reduce the burden on individual practitioners, and exploring enhanced roles for paramedics and other health professionals to support community-based care. The department is also examining opportunities to establish local administrative, custodial, and operational supports within communities to help reduce workload pressures on clinical staff, improve workplace sustainability, and address factors contributing to fatigue and burnout.

While these initiatives are at varying stages of development, they represent a concerted effort to strengthen the resilience of community-based health services. Some measures will require additional work related to staffing availability, housing, technology, regulatory frameworks, funding, and operational approvals before they can be fully implemented. Nonetheless, we are committed to advancing practical solutions that improve service reliability and strengthen health care delivery in Yukon communities.

We appreciate AYC's advocacy on behalf of Yukon communities and its interest in ensuring that communication and service continuity measures reflect local realities and community needs. We welcome continued dialogue with AYC and its member municipalities to identify lessons learned, explore opportunities for improvement, and strengthen coordination among Community Nursing, YEMS, municipalities, Yukon First Nations, and other community partners.

For your information, a copy of the *Community Nursing Health Centre Closure Communication Plan (February 2026)* is enclosed. Feedback regarding Community Nursing's efforts to maintain and improve continuity of services may be directed to Catherine Stannard, Director of Community Nursing,

at 867-332-1158 or Catherine.Stannard@yukon.ca. Feedback regarding YEMS services may be directed to Devin Bailey, Director of Yukon Emergency Medical Services, at 867-335-3067 or Devin.Bailey@yukon.ca. Additionally, feel free to contact me if you feel that discussion at the Ministerial level is needed.

Thank you for bringing this important matter forward. We value our partnership with AYC and remain committed to working collaboratively to improve access to responsive, reliable, and sustainable health care services for residents across Yukon communities

Sincerely,

Hon. Brad Cathers
Minister of Health and Social Services

cc: Hon. Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services

Enclosure: Community Nursing Health Centre Closure Communication Plan (February 2026)

Community Services
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September 11, 2026

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VIA EMAIL: ayced@ayc-yukon.ca

Dear Lauren Hanchar,

Re: Emergency Preparedness for Community Facilities

Thank you for your letter regarding the Association of Yukon Communities' recent resolution on emergency preparedness for community facilities. Through my mandate, I have committed to modernize emergency preparedness, response and disaster recovery, including strengthening Community Hazard Planning tools and plans.

Our government shares your concern about the vulnerabilities that many Yukoners face during prolonged periods of extremely cold weather. Our electricity system is under significant strain, and we must take decisive action to protect our communities. Our government is developing a Winter Reliable Energy Plan, which will set out a 20-year vision and associated actions to ensure reliable and affordable electricity to support thriving communities and a growing economy.

Public safety is an important pillar of the Winter Reliable Energy Plan. In addition to strengthening our electricity system, we are supporting community resilience. The Departments of Community Services and Energy, Mines and Resources will work with municipalities and First Nations to assess which buildings are currently equipped to serve as warming centres during an outage, identify where gaps exist, and develop a plan to enhance public safety. This plan includes determining funding for the required infrastructure investments. Community Services will work with Yukon communities to find suitable project funding as we identify opportunities. Departmental staff will reach out over the coming months to begin this important work.

Our government will work with the Association of Yukon Communities and municipal and First Nations governments to keep our communities safe. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Greg Blackjack, Director of the Emergency Measures Organization at

Greg.Blackjack@yukon.ca or Aletta Leitch, a/Director of the Energy Branch at Aletta.Leitch@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,



Hon. Cory Bellmore
Minister of Community Services

cc. Ted Laking, Minister of Energy Mines and Resources
Jen Gehmair, Minister of Economic Development

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September 10, 2026

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Dear President Hanchar,

Re: Modernizing Yukon's Property Assessment Framework to Promote Equity and Transparency

Thank you for bringing forward the concerns of the Association of Yukon Communities regarding the current methodology of property assessments.

Property assessments in the Yukon are carried out under the *Assessment and Taxation Act*, which sets the framework for determining assessed values and provides a process for resolving valuation concerns. Currently, assessments reflect both land and building improvements. Land is assessed at conservative market value, and building values are based on replacement cost minus depreciation.

The property assessment framework is designed to ensure properties are assessed using a consistent methodology and account for comparatively small property counts and limited market data. This system also provides multiple levels of appeal, ensuring both property owners and municipalities have the opportunity to present their concerns and be heard throughout the process.

The branch is working on several initiatives aimed at improving the accuracy and consistency of property assessments. Firstly, the branch is conducting a comprehensive review of existing land values and taking advantage of the advanced reporting features of its new assessment software in identifying trends and comparing them against the existing assessed values. As a result of this review, land values will be adjusted where appropriate to ensure they remain more closely aligned with market conditions. The new assessment software also incorporates automated valuation formulas for land calculations, allowing for faster and more consistent assessments while reducing the potential for human error.

The branch is also reviewing its current effective age methodology for older improvements. Under the revised approach, significant renovations and upgrades to a dwelling will be more accurately reflected in the property's effective age. This will allow older homes that have undergone significant renovations to be assessed in a manner that more appropriately reflects their condition and value relative to newer builds.

In addition, the branch has established partnerships with the Building Safety branch of Community Services and the City of Whitehorse to obtain building permits, plans and other relevant construction information. Access to this information enables assessors to complete faster and more accurate assessments of new construction through a desk review, followed by a simplified field inspection to confirm the property's characteristics. This approach has significantly improved the efficiency and timeliness of assessing new construction.

The branch is leveraging the capabilities of its new assessment software which can conduct audits based on neighbourhood, property type and any other relevant characteristics. These tools allow assessors to identify inconsistencies, trends and properties that may warrant further review. In addition to their usual inspections, as part of the next municipal reassessment cycle, in 2027, the branch will undertake parcel-by-parcel audits across all municipalities. This review will further support the accuracy, consistency and equity of property assessments throughout the territory.

Bradley Rowett, Director of Property Assessment and Taxation, would be pleased to meet with you to discuss areas for possible review and the initiatives currently underway. He will reach out at the next AYC meeting to see how municipalities would like to start this conversation. Additionally, he can be reached at (867) 667-5234 or at Bradley.rowett@yukon.ca.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

C. Bellmore

Hon. Cory Bellmore
Minister of Community Services

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September 11, 2026

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Re: Yukon Intercommunity Transportation Strategy

Dear President Hanchar,

Thank you for your June 2, 2026 letter to my colleague, Minister Benoit, and me sharing the resolution adopted by the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) regarding the development of a Yukon Intercommunity Transportation Strategy. I am pleased to provide this response on behalf of Minister Benoit and myself.

We recognize that reliable transportation between communities is important to a healthy and connected territory. Intercommunity passenger transportation involves a broad range of partners and responsibilities, including municipalities, First Nation governments, transportation providers and territorial departments. Any future work will need to be considered within this broader context.

We appreciate the AYC bringing attention to the transportation challenges faced by communities and residents. I understand our officials have had preliminary conversations on how to advance this item, and we look forward to further conversations with AYC to better understand the issue, explore potential solutions and identify opportunities for collaboration.

Thank you again for raising this important issue with our government and for AYC's continued work on behalf of Yukon communities.

Sincerely,

Hon. Cory Bellmore
Minister of Community Services

c. Hon. Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works

Mayor Lauren Hanchar
President
Association of Yukon Communities
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Dear Mayor Hanchar:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of June 2, 2026, addressed to the Honourable David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence, concerning municipal engagement in northern defence planning and community readiness. The Minister has asked the Department of National Defence (DND) to review your correspondence and reply on his behalf. I apologize for the delay in replying.

I would first like to thank you for your advocacy on behalf of Yukon communities and for sharing the resolution adopted by the Association at its 2026 Annual General Meeting. The Department recognizes that municipal governments play a critical role in supporting growth, emergency preparedness, infrastructure planning and service delivery associated with major investments.

As you know, defending the Arctic and safeguarding Canadian sovereignty are top priorities for the Government of Canada. As such, DND is making significant, strategic and operationally relevant defence investments in the North to support these objectives, which includes the Northern Operations Support Hubs (NOSH) Program to support the Canadian Armed Forces' presence and responsiveness across the Canadian North.

Rest assured that in its support for a government-wide approach to northern infrastructure and nation-building projects, the Department will continue to work closely with northern communities and Indigenous Peoples as well as federal departments and agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to northern and Arctic infrastructure development.

The Department also recognizes that the effective delivery of defence infrastructure investments depends on close coordination with federal, territorial and municipal governments as well as Indigenous partners and industry. DND remains committed to conducting engagement activities and environmental assessments in a manner that respects local communities and Indigenous ways of life. I am advised that early, transparent and inclusive engagement has been, and will continue to be, a consistent feature of the NOSH program to help Yukon communities prepare for potential impacts while advancing benefits of northern defence investments.

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To support this objective, DND is considering establishing a small, time-limited Strategic Northern Infrastructure Engagement Cell based in the North. The Cell would provide a single point of contact for defence infrastructure engagement, support improved coordination and ensure northern partners have access to clear and consistent information.

The Department's objective is to ensure that defence investments create opportunities for northern communities and Indigenous businesses, support workforce development and explore dual-use infrastructure that can benefit both defence operations and community resilience. Future investments will continue to be examined alongside territorial and municipal priorities with Yukon partners.

In response to your request for a regular engagement mechanism, the Minister has asked departmental officials to work with the Association of Yukon Communities to identify an appropriate forum for ongoing information sharing and engagement on defence-related initiatives in the Yukon, including the multilateral approach proposed in your letter. This engagement will complement the Department's ongoing work with Yukon First Nations, municipalities as well as the Government of Yukon.

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Taylor Paxton
National Defence Corporate Secretary

RECEIVED Nov. 12/26

Town of Faro Community Lottery Program
Application Form
Schedule B

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Public Lottery Regulations and will be used for the purpose of administering the Community Lottery Program.

Name of Organization or Individual: Taylor Fetterly

Address: Box 224 Faro YT Y0B1K0 Phone: Taylor. 867 3356966

Contact Person: Taylor or Tom Phone: Tom 403 554-0949

Email: taylor_fetterly@hotmail.com

Number of Members: 2

Is your organization registered under the Yukon Societies Act: ☐ Yes ☑ No
If approved, are funds required prior to the project taking place: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Date of Event and/or Travel: Nov 30/2026

Project Description:

Decorating the Faro Rock truck with Christmas lights for the holiday season to spread some holiday cheer

Project Budget:

EXPENSES			Amount ($)
Accommodation	# of Participants		Ø
	# of Chaperones		Ø
	# of Rooms		Ø
Mileage	# of Participants		Ø
Airfare	# of Participants		Ø
Registration Fees			Ø
Facility / User Fees			Ø

Equipment			Ø
Honorariums			Ø
Other:			Ø
		Total Expenses	

REVENUES	AMOUNT ($)
Funding provided by the organization/individual	1000.00
Funding from Fundraising Events	Ø
Funding from other sources (Sport Yukon, Sponsorships)	Ø
In-Kind, Volunteer contributions (calculated at $20/hour)	200.00
Funding requested from Community Lottery Program	500.00
Total Revenues	1700.00

5 hours × 2 people.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read the application guidelines and that the information contained in this application is correct. We understand that if this application is approved, in whole or in part, that the funds will be used for the stated purpose only. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Public Lottery Regulations and will be used only for the purpose of administering the Community Lottery Program.

Name: Taylor Fetterly Position: Project Supervisor

Signature: [signature] Date: Nov 8/2026

Name: Tom Baylis Position: Electrician and ladder operator

Signature: [signature] Date: Nov 8/2026

For Town of Faro Office Use Only:

Council Meeting Review Date: _____ Resolution No: _____

Grant Amount Approved: _____ Payment Issued: _____

Accountability Statement Due Date: _____

Accountability Statement Received: _____

Celebrating Community Culture, Heritage and Christmas Traditions

our project aims to celebrate and preserve our community's culture, history, and traditions by continuing our annual Christmas tradition of decorating our historic rock truck with festive lights.

The rock truck holds sentimental and historical significance to our community and represents an important part of our local heritage and identity. For the past four years, Tom and I have personally covered the costs of purchasing lights and decorations to keep this special tradition alive.

we are now seeking a little community support to help purchase additional Christmas lights and decorations so we can continue making the display bigger and better each year.

Christmas is a meaningful cultural tradition for many families,

bringing people together through shared celebrations, family activities, and community spirit. our decorated rock truck provides an opportunity for residents of all ages to participate in and enjoy this seasonal tradition. Stationed in a central location, it allows people to drive by, stop for family photographs, and create lasting holiday memories.

By combining an important piece of our community's history with a shared seasonal cultural celebration, we hope to strengthen community pride, encourage togetherness, and preserve traditions that bring generations of families together.

with a little financial assistance, we can continue growing this display and maintaining a special community tradition that spreads holiday cheer while celebrating our local heritage and culture for years to come.

- Funding would be used to purchase additional Christmas lights, inflatable Christmas decorations, zap straps and a storage tote to keep all decorations organized, protected and safely stored during the summer months. These supplies will help us expand our annual display, maintain the decorations, and continue growing this special community tradition for years to come.