



Minutes
Special Meeting
June 09, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Executive Assistant/ Finance Assistant	Trudy Amos
	Michelle Vainio		
	Neil Yee (electronically)		

Delegations: Jesse George, Consultation and Engagement Manager (CIRNAC), Geoff Karcher, Director, Faro Mine Remediation (CIRNAC), Carrie Gillis, Operations Manager (CIRNAC), Jordan Cummer, Community Engagement Officer (CIRNAC)

Public Present: 1

Public on Zoom: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 26-229

Vainio, Jones

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the June 09, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution 26-230

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole for a presentation.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Presentation from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) re: Faro Mine Remediation Project

Representatives from CIRNAC provided a presentation to Council about the status of the Faro Mine Remediation Project including:

- Recently completed work on the Northwest Interceptor Fish Barrier

- Progress on the Tse Zul Camp Construction which will have a 288-person capacity versus the 76-person capacity that the site has currently
 - Discussed the Town of Faro's concerns about the development of an onsite water and sewer treatment systems for the camp. Advised that they are completing an engineering cost-benefit analysis to compare sewage hauling vs. on-site treatment, and water hauling vs. on-site treatment.
 - Advised that they would continue to haul water/sewage for at least two more years, at minimum, but they are still assessing the cost-benefits of the methods for service delivery.
- Work currently underway includes:
 - Faro Pit Containments
 - Contact Water Interim Measures (CWIM) Improvement Projects
- Some of the work planned for 2026/2027 will be Intermediate Dam Spillway Upgrades and Tse Zul Camp Operations and Servicing

Council expressed concerns about the camp having a negative impact on local Guesthouse and Bed and Breakfast owners, and requested CIRNAC to consider the benefits for local businesses during the development of procurement practices for Parsons and its subcontractors.

CIRNAC provided a review of overarching project priorities: and the development of a Project Implementation Plan (PIP). The PIP is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026.

A recap of the 2025 Water Treatment Season was provided and noted that over 8.1 million cubic metres of water was treated. This volume is expected to increase in 2026, while the quality of intake water is expected to decrease. The existing plants are not anticipated to meet quality standards for the future Faro Water Licence.

CIRNAC provided a review of Regulatory Updates including the Water Licence process through the Yukon Water Board. The public consultation period is forthcoming and is expected to take about 18 months to complete. A Fisheries Act Authorization is expected to be submitted later in 2026.

Council and CIRNAC discussed some local projects including the development of the Mitchell Road Rest Stop, new communications materials for the Campbell River Interpretive Centre and work on downstream, wildlife testing this fall in coordination with Kaska Elders.

Resolution 26-231

RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Special Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Jones, Vainio

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

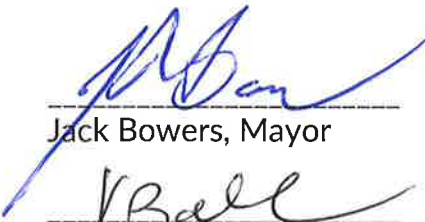
Resolution 26-232

Vainio, Jones


RESOLVED THAT the June 09, 2026, Special Meeting be adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on June 16, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-_____



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO

