



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

PRESENT:

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

Delegation: Grace Bowers, Chair, Del Van Gorder (DVG) School Council
(electronically)

Public Present: 4

Public on Zoom: 7

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution No 26-256

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

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

Carried

Resolution No 26-257

Michell-Larocque, Yee

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

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

3.1 Grace Bowers, Chair, Del Van Gorder (DVG) School Council re: Request for
Collaboration on Government Staff Housing Shortages

Have hired a principal and are hoping to coordinate with the Town to strike a
meeting on the need for teacher housing with Minister Kent. Faro needs
teachers here in order to maintain its school. A discussion with the Territorial

Government is needed to better understand Yukon Housing availability and its use for employees in Faro, and to discuss possible subsidies for privately owned rental accommodations in the absence of Yukon Housing units. Consideration for use of a Town-owned staff house was also discussed.

Resolution No 26-258

Jones, Vainio

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

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

- 4.1 DVG School Council re: Request for Collaboration on Government Staff Housing Shortages

Resolution No 26-259

Yee, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council directs the CAO to request a meeting with the Honourable Scott Kent, Minister of Education and Minister of Housing re: Government Staff Housing Shortages, and to coordinate this meeting with the Chair of the DVG School Council.

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Minutes of the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution No 26-260

Michell-Larocque, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

- 7.1 Finance Report

Resolution No 26-261

Vainio, Michell-Larocque

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period June 10 - 23, 2026.

Carried

8. REPORTS

- 8.1 Mayor's Report

- Attended prior Carmacks Mayor, Lee Bodie's funeral with Councillor Jones and Councillor Vainio on July 4, 2026. Well attended and some great memories and stories told about him.
- July 4, 2026 – Tintina Gun Club held a Poker Rally and sold all 52 hands and had a good turnout.

- 8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Jones

- Yukon Golf Association is funding a Golf Pro who is coming to Faro on July 10-11. Everyone is welcome to attend, and it is free of charge.

Councillor Vainio

- Golf Tournament is happening July 16-18, 2026. Lots of volunteers are busy making this happen.
- Ball Tournament was a success, although she was unable to attend
- Kevin Barr and Boyd Benjiman played live music in Faro on June 30 which was great to see.
- Good Canada Day events including the Parade which she participated in.
- Attended prior Carmacks Mayor, Lee Bodie's funeral. Well attended and many regional representatives were there.

Councillor Michell-Laroque

- Very good feedback from players and participants on the ball field conditions. Really appreciate the effort from staff to make improvements to the facility and work with the organizers.

Councillor Yee

- Kevin Barr and Boyd Benjamin played in the Circle of Trees, and he was happy to be asked to be involved in setting up the sound system for the event.
- Canada Day was good with many participants in the parade including two fire trucks.
- Advised that there was a recent Yukon News article about transparency and information provision by municipalities in the Yukon and other jurisdictions. Perhaps it would be good to have a policy to outline what additional public information is available so that individual motions would not be required to approve the release of information to the public.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

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

9. BYLAWS

9.1 2025-08 – Procedures Bylaw – Third Reading

Council discussed the bylaw and requested changes to clarify specific sections including additional references to the Municipal Act, removal of the Consent

Agenda process and modifications to the Regular Agenda Format, Delegation rules, and Council Report sections. A final version will be forthcoming for Council's consideration.

- 9.2 2026-05 – Official Community Plan Bylaw – First Reading
Resolution No 26-262 Vainio, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council provide First Reading of Bylaw 2026-05, being the Official Community Plan Bylaw.
Carried
Councillor Yee opposed

Council discussed the Official Community Plan document as presented including the population information. Administration advised that there would be minor reformatting completed, including a Table of Contents update, prior to advertising the document to the public in advance of the Public Hearing.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10.1 Community Development Fund (CDF) Funding Agreement for Faro Weight Room Upgrades (Project No. CDF-2-1182)
Resolution No 26-263 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT the CAO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Funding Agreement (Transfer Payment) No. T00031988 for Faro Weight Room Upgrades (Project No. CDF-2-1182).
Carried
- 10.2 Donation Policy – Draft
Resolution No 26-264 Michell-Larocque, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the Donation Policy (2026-09-P) as presented.
Carried
- 10.3 Road Naming Policy – Draft
Resolution No 26-265 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the Road Naming Policy (2026-10-P) as presented; and,
FURTHER THAT Resolution 24-297, dated August 13, 2024, which adopted the Street Naming Policy (2024-12-001), is hereby repealed.
Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Removal of Caveat for Lot 32, Plan 31525
Resolution No 26-266 Jones, Michell-Larocque
WHEREAS the Town of Faro has verified that the property owner has satisfied the building requirement set out in the sale agreement for Lot 32;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO is hereby authorized and directed to withdraw the caveat from Lot 32, Plan 31525 which was registered in the Land Titles Office by the Town of Faro on November 30, 2017 (Interest # 100208416).

Carried

- 11.2 Recreation Rules Policy (2026-07-P) – Proposed Amendment
Resolution No 26-267 Michell-Larocque, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council hereby amends the Recreation Rules Policy (2026-07-P) as presented.

Carried

- 11.3 Fee Schedule Amendments
Resolution No 26-268 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the amendments to the Fee Schedule as presented.

Carried

- 11.4 Council's Review of Potential Pecuniary Interests re: Faro Mine Remediation Project's Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic Project
Council discussed the potential for the Mayor to have a pecuniary interest in relation to the Town's lobbying efforts on this project. The specific question being: Does Mayor Bowers have a pecuniary interest, as a shareholder for his business, in the Town of Faro's lobbying efforts regarding the Faro Mine Remediation Project's Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic Project?

Mayor Bowers will consider this using the Department of Community Services Pecuniary Interest Test Questions and bring forward a determination or a recommendation to Council on whether a legal opinion should be acquired.

- 11.5 Request for Detailed Vendor Information re: 2025 Financial Statement Note 16.
Resolution No 26-269 Jones, Yee
WHEREAS Section 236 (2) of the Municipal Act provides that Council may authorize the CAO to provide access to any municipal record in the possession of the municipality that is not already set out in Section 236 (1).
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to provide the Town of Faro's standard, detailed vendor listing, upon request and subject to payment of fees set out in the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

Carried

- Resolution No 26-270 Vainio, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council extend the meeting past 10 pm

Carried

- 11.6 Code of Conduct for Employees – Draft Bylaw
Council concurred with the draft as presented. Administration advised that the draft will be circulated to employees and the Union and will be subsequently brought back to Council.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution No 26-271 Jones, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period.

Carried

Public Questions

Resolution No 26-272 Yee, Jones
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No 26-273 Michell-Larocque, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 10:07 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera.

Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

- 14.1 Land Matter – in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re:
Proposed Disposition of Land Lot 19-1, 19-2 and 19-3
- 14.2 Employment Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(c&d)
re: Employment Matter
- 14.3 Employment Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(d) re:
Performance Appraisal

Resolution No 26-274 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:26 p.m.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

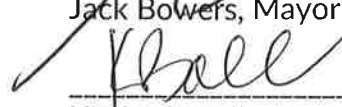
Resolution No 26-275 Jones, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT the July 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on July 28, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-284



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO