



Minutes
Town of Faro Special Council Meeting
November 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers

Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones		
	Wendy Michell-Larocque		
	Michelle Vainio		
	Neil Yee		

Presenters Erik Nyland, Boreal Engineering, MP Dr. Brendan Hanley, and MLA-elect Patti McLeod

Public Present: 9

Public on Zoom: 5

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 25-393

Vainio, Jones

THAT the agenda for the November 13, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Councillor Yee entered the meeting at this point.

Resolution 25-394

Vainio, Jones

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

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Boreal Engineering re: Faro Mine Remediation Project's Tse Zul Camp Potable Water and Septic Project

Mayor Bowers welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of concerns raised by Council and members of the community about Parsons Corporation's (Parsons) Advance Procurement Notice for the development of a water and sewage treatment system at the Mine site to due the available capacity

in the Town of Faro's existing water and sewage systems, and the negative impacts the project will have on local employers.

Erik Nyland, Boreal Engineering, provided an overview of the impact that the project will have on his company and its employees. This change would reduce it to a seasonal business and would negatively impact about 10 full time employees. He expressed concerns about the restrictions in Parsons' contracts which specifically exclude and restrict subcontractors from purchasing locally.

3.2 M.P. Dr. Brendan Hanley and MLA-elect Patti McLeod

M.P. Hanley thanked the participants for providing local input and information on the impacts to employment, local purchasing and procurement. He noted that it was clear there is a need for improved communications between Parsons, the Federal Government and the Town of Faro.

Members present discussed the history of Faro, the history of Ross River's and other communities' use of trucked water and septage, and the importance for Parsons to be a good corporate citizen. The mine's Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) application identifying the new water and sewer services should have been clearly highlighted to let the public know that the construction of water and sewer services would be part of the project.

Local Procurement practices and restrictions were discussed with several local contractors, who were in attendance, noting that there is a lack of local employment and contract work.

MLA-elect McLeod expressed concerns about the potential loss of local employment and contracts which would have a detrimental impact on the Town of Faro. She committed to reviewing this matter with Environmental Health on the direction that they had provided to Parsons either recommending or requiring a permanent water and sewage treatment system.

Several local business owners voiced their concerns about Parsons' procurement practices, including the lack of transparency during bidding processes.

Council emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach to addressing this issue with the Federal and Territorial Governments, and Parsons.

Council also raised the topic of the Protected Area Strategy's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ross River Dena Council (RRDC), the Yukon Government and the Federal Government as represented by Parks Canada.

Members present discussed the two-year timeline anticipated for the development of a feasibility study for the MOU, the uncertainty this has for

property owners and resource users in the project area, as well as the impact that the recent BC Supreme Court decision on the Cowichan Nation's settlement lands in Richmond could have in other jurisdictions. The members also discussed the Town of Faro's request to be a participant on the Steering Committee and the subsequent denial of that request.

MP Hanley provided an overview of the MOU and identified that the Federal Government would be represented by Parks Canada. He advised that the Steering Committee is committed to determining whether a new protected area is feasible and desirable while balancing existing land uses with environmental, cultural, and economic interests. Stakeholders including the Town of Faro will be involved at an early stage in the consultation process. He noted that the Yukon Government will have a representative on the Steering Committee and that will be the best vehicle to represent the Town of Faro. The process will bring forward a lot of questions about local needs and will likely include a review of the potential differences between different types of protected areas.

MLA-elect McLeod will bring forward the Town of Faro's concerns to the Yukon Government and will also recommend that the Town of Faro have an appointee to the Steering Committee.

Mayor Bowers thanked MP Hanley and MLA-elect McLeod for their attendance and their interest in the issues that are important to the community.

Resolution 25-395

Vainio, Yee

THAT Council do now revert into Special Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 25-395

Vainio, Yee

THAT the November 13, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting of
Council held on December 2, 2025, by
Resolution # 25-434



Jack Bowers, Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO