



**Minutes**  
**Town of Faro Special Council Meeting**  
**November 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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Mayor	Jack Bowers	CAO	Kimberly Ballance
Councillors	Gary Jones	Ops Manager	Mark Vainio
	Wendy Michell-Larocque	Executive Assistant/	Trudy Amos
	Michelle Vainio	Financial Assistant	
	Neil Yee (electronically)		

Presenters    Leithe Minder

Public Present: 14

Public on Zoom: 6

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 25-397

Jones, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the agenda for the November 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

**3. DELEGATION**

Resolution 25-398

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for a delegation.

Carried

- 3.1 Leithe Minder – Appeal of the Denial of Special Permit Application for 513  
Douglass Drive under Bylaw No. 2016-05 as denied by Resolution No. 25-355.

Ms. Minder provided an overview of her situation, including her effort to keep her dogs quiet. She identified that four of her dogs are primarily indoor dogs, and the other eight are kept primarily outside. She advised that she tries to be respectful to her neighbours about keeping all the dogs quiet and letting them out during

daytime hours while most people are at work. The dogs are very friendly and are good with kids and families.

Council noted the lack of an animal shelter in the community and perhaps the discussion should continue even though this isn't a municipal responsibility as shelters tend to be operated by a society or non-profit organization. Council emphasized the municipality's interest would be in a pound for short-term accommodation not a long-term rescue centre.

Ms. Minder advised that despite the comments from neighbours that were provided to Council, she has not had any neighbours come speak with her directly about their concerns with her dogs. She provided a summary of the work she has done previously to foster dogs. This is how she came to have so many dogs in her care, but at times she has had as many as 15 – 20 dogs at her residence.

Council offered members of the public an opportunity to speak. Four members of the public, including one who lives in the vicinity of Ms. Minder's property, spoke favourably about the work that Ms. Minder has done to foster dogs.

Mayor Bowers advised that Council intends to build an animal shelter next year.

Council thanked Ms. Minder and will consider her input as well as the information received from the public prior to making its decision on the appeal.

Resolution 25-399

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

**THAT** Council do now revert into Special Meeting of Council.

Carried

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION**

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 25-400

Jones, Michell-Larocque

**THAT** the November 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Carried.

Approved at the Regular Meeting of  
Council held on December 2, 2025, by  
Resolution # 25-435

  
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Jack Bowers, Mayor

  
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Kimberly Ballance, CAO