



Minutes
Town of Faro Regular Council Meeting
March 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT:

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| Mayor | Jack Bowers | CAO | Kimberly Ballance |
| Councillors | Gary Jones | Executive Assistant/ | Trudy Amos |
| | Wendy Michell-Larocque | Finance Assistant | |
| | Michelle Vainio | Mgr. Rec & Culture | Morgan Manuel |
| | Neil Yee | | |

Public Present: 1

Public on Zoom: 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Council Meeting Agenda

Resolution 26-67

Michell-Larocque, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS & HEARINGS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

Resolution 26-68

Jones, Yee

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.2 Minutes of the February 26, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

Resolution 26-69

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 26, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. FINANCIAL

7.1 Finance Report

Resolution 26-70

Michell-Larocque, Jones

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information the Finance Manager's report, including the Payment Register Summary and acknowledge the Cheque Register for the period February 19 - 25, 2026.

Carried

Clarification was requested on Cheque No. 3233.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Report

- The Zoning Bylaw Public Hearing was not well attended, but there were good comments provided by public in attendance.
- There is an upcoming Special Meeting on March 17, 2026, for discussion on Future Country Residential prior to bringing the Zoning Bylaw back for further discussion.

8.2 Council Reports

Councillor Gary Jones

- Attended the Del Van Gorder School Council Meeting and received input from RCMP about security risks in the school. The school will be installing a camera and intercom system, and locking the exterior door which will require someone at reception to let them in.
- There will be a Graduation Dinner held and there are seven local students graduating.
- Water testing remains ongoing in the school to test for lead levels.

Council members noted that the purpose of lead testing is to assess lead entering the water from facility plumbing, not from the municipally treated water itself.

Councillor Michelle Vainio

- Attended the ribbon-cutting for the Faro Pit at the Arena on Friday and would like to see type of event happen again for other new businesses in town.

Councillor Wendy Michell-Larocque

- Attended the Ranger Trip and was away from the community for some personal reasons and thanked Council for their attendance at local events in her absence.
- The Ice Worm Squirm was well attended, and she heard a lot of positive feedback.

Councillor Neil Yee

- The Ice Worm Squirm was great with lots of activities for various age groups. Unfortunate to see that the cold-weather events were cancelled and also unfortunate that with the loss of the gazebo there was no ability to use that space for the outdoor events. It was also sad that no apology was provided directly to the town by the individual responsible for the fire that caused the damage to the gazebo.
- A recently published CBC Article noted the Faro population was 600, but as he had noted at the January Council Meeting, that figure is incorrect. Advised of his disappointment in the Mayor's presentation of this information to CBC since it is not accurate.

Council members discussed the Municipal Census, and the Shadow Population Report that were completed during the prior term of Council. It was also noted that an apology was provided by the individual responsible for the gazebo fire to the previous Manager of Operations.

8.3 Administration's Reports

8.3.1. Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO responded to reports from Council.

8.3.2. Manager of Operations

The CAO responded to questions from Council

8.3.3. Manager of Recreation and Culture

The Manager responded to questions from Council.

9. BYLAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10.1 Draft Response letter re: Email from Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, to MLA Patti McLeod re: Local Economic Benefit from the Faro Mine Remediation Project

Resolution 26-71

Jones, Vainio

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the attached letter MP Chartrand re: Local Economic Benefit from the Faro Mine Remediation Project, as amended.

Carried

Councillor Yee opposed

10.2 Road Naming - McCracken Road, Johnson Lake Road

Council discussed the Road Naming Policy, the assignment of Road Names that need to be adopted including:

- McCracken Road

- Johnson Lake Road
- Rigaud Lane
- Carlson Drive
- Faro Golf Club Road

Council concurred that some of the Road Naming Policy should be repealed but the process for community members to submit suggestions for new road names would be simplified and retained. A new road naming bylaw will be forthcoming and may include other commonly used road names that were not previously accepted by bylaw.

- 10.3 Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Resolutions
Resolution 26-72 Jones, Michell-Larocque
 RESOLVED THAT Council approves three resolutions, as presented, for submission to the Association of Yukon Communities for its 2026 Annual Conference. Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference (June 4-7, 2026, Edmonton, AB)
 Council discussed this event and determined that they would not attend.

- 11.2 Community Lotteries Program Policy
Resolution 26-73 Yee, Jones
 RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Community Lottery Program Policy (2026-05-P) as presented; and

FURTHER THAT the previous Community Lottery Program Policy (2015-01) is hereby repealed. Carried

- 11.3 Municipal Vehicle Use Policy – Draft
 Council discussed the draft including insurance requirements, and updates to the medical transport language to clarify that this would be for non-urgent, pre-scheduled matters. Council requested that guidelines be provided in the policy to identify how costs to applicants would be calculated.

- 11.4 Weight Room Passes for Medical Professionals
 Council discussed this issue, the RCMP Letter of Understanding and its repeal, potential new fee structure, and policy development for medical professionals with billing directly to Ministry of Health. RCMP and EMS use would be maintained for emergency access purposes only.

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION (OUT & IN)

- 12.1 Letter from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, dated February 4, 2026, re: CanNor 2026 – 2027 EOI: Retained for possible future

consideration – Town of Faro - Solar Complex Commercial Asbestos Remediation - Yukon Region

- 12.2 Email from the Tū ƙīdlini (Ross River) Protected Area Steering Committee, dated February 26, 2026 (and original letter from the Town of Faro).

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Resolution 26-74 Jones, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council do now move into Committee of the Whole for public question period. Carried

Public Questions

Resolution 26-75 Michell-Larocque, Yee
RESOLVED THAT Council do now revert into Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Resolution 26-76 Vainio, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT Council recess at 8:40 p.m. for five minutes and reconvene in-camera. Carried

14. IN-CAMERA

- 14.1 Property Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(e) re: Offer to Purchase
Good.
- 14.2 Conduct of Investigation - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(g) re: Code of Conduct Sanctions
Update to follow
- 14.3 Legal Matter - in accordance with Municipal Act Section 213 (3)(f) re: Legal Matter

Councillor Yee left the In-Camera meeting at 9:05 p.m. due to a pecuniary interest.

Resolution 26-77 Jones, Vainio
RESOLVED THAT Council revert into the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:25 p.m. Carried

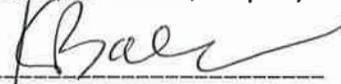
15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 26-78 Jones, Michell-Larocque
RESOLVED THAT the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:26 p.m. Carried

Approved at the Regular Meeting
Council held on March 17, 2026, by
Resolution # 26-93



Michelle Vainio, Deputy Mayor



Kimberly Ballance, CAO