

FOCUSED ON FARO

APRIL 2025



SENIORS' CARPET BOWLING TOURNAMNT, SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Congratulations to organizers for planning a successful event and a job well done!

Council Meeting

Council Chambers is open to the public. The next regular meetings are:

April 1, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 6, 2025

Copies of meeting agendas are posted at the Town Office, Post Office, and at faro.ca.

The public package will be available on the Town's website at the time of the meeting at: faro.ca/p/council-meetings

Remote attendance is available with the Zoom App.

To join a Zoom meeting go to :

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 506 321 8045

Passcode: 641202

zoom

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On Thursday March 27th, the Town hosted our fourth EMO tabletop exercise in the last three years, thanks to the leadership of our CAO Larry Baran; 20 participants attended and participated. It's also important to host these exercises regularly as the key players often change and it's important to have that personal contact with each stakeholder prior to an actual emergency happening. It's all about being PREPARED.

During the April 1st Council meeting, we expect to have third and final reading of three bylaws that include the Town's 2025 Operational, Capital, and Property Tax Bylaws. I can say that Council, together with the Town's Administration managers, worked hard to create a budget that would maintain levels of service for the coming year. What the budget will look like for the 2026 year will primarily depend on what the YG increases in our Comprehensive Municipal Grant will be. We will hope for the best, but must plan for less.

Council's efforts in recruiting our new CAO are progressing well. From a field of 31 applicants, Council was able to shortlist four candidates, three of which we have already interviewed. The last interview is scheduled for April 1st. I believe Faro owes Larry Baran much gratitude for all he has accomplished for Faro in the last 3 ½ years. Larry's last day will be April 25th, so drop by and say thanks before he leaves.

Council has much work on our plates to do after just completing our 2025 budgets. We are concentrating on completing a new water and sewer bylaw, and zoning bylaw to accompany our recent OCP, undertaking our own Strategic Plan, and starting the reviews and developing both a new procedures and code of ethics bylaw. We must remember that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step forward.

Mayor Jack Bowers

Preparing for Emergencies

A 72-hour emergency kit is an essential resource designed to sustain individuals and families during unexpected disasters or emergencies, such as natural disasters or power outages. According to Prepared Yukon, this kit should contain crucial items to meet basic needs for at least three days.

Key components include non-perishable food, clean water, a first-aid kit, flashlight, batteries, essential clothing, and important documents. Additionally, it's advisable to include personal items, medications, and a means of communication.

Preparing a 72-hour emergency kit ensures you're ready to respond effectively in times of crisis, providing peace of mind and safety for you and your loved ones.

Check out preparedyukon.ca for information on home kits, car kits, and other important information that will be helpful in an emergency situation.



OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

LARRY BARAN

As I was trying to predict, for this municipal government how to best prepare for an impending Trade War with our southern neighbour, I couldn't help but think about all those doom & gloom movies where the planet is about to be hit by an asteroid, or some other disaster, where people have to figure out how to survive after the event. I almost had a vision of me keeping to the shadows on the streets so the roving bands of zombies wouldn't catch me. Okay, maybe it won't be that bad, but you know what I mean about being worried about the future.

And, that's kind of where I am right now. Like most CAOs in Canada, we already have tight budgets to deal with, & with folks south of the border wanting to make it harder for us to succeed, CAOs worry.

Because it is financial year-end time for the Town, we were completing grant reports on projects that we started in 2023 & 2024. Some projects were started & completed, but many have been delayed and needed to be carried over into 2025. It's not because we don't want to complete the project, but because that's exactly opposite. Often, it's a just waiting game. We order something, then wait for delivery. We have good vendors, but they can get caught in a waiting game with their suppliers too.

For example: The Street Sweeper, we had planned to use to clean up after the BST work completed last summer, has finally delivered ... in the middle of March. Our staff can point to all kinds of instances where we have been waiting on someone else. So, I understand the Public Works Department's frustration when they start projects only to have their efforts put ON HOLD. Whether a \$100,000 generator or a \$100 pump part, if we need it but can't get one, the project is stopped until Public Works gets what they need. This last year it really has been a 'Hurry Up, & Wait' game.

Now, with new or increased tariffs, we know things might not get better soon. Increased costs and increased delays may be the biggest challenge the Town deals with in 2025. At times it is hard to believe that we are a QUARTER of the way through this new century, yet life just seems to get more interesting each day. As Canadian communities face new economic challenges, everyone needs to be more creative to meet those challenges. I appreciate the Town Staff we have now, they are great.

Meanwhile, for 2025, Elbows Up!

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RECREATION & EVENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE REC MANAGER

Tina Freake

Arena: The ice at the Arena is holding up. The weather has been favorable for the last month, with freezing temperatures at night allowing the ice to stay frozen. This is the longest that I remember we've had the arena open with natural ice (last year we had to close during spring break). We hope to keep it open as long as we can, so get out and enjoy our wonderful Arena facility as much as you can and enjoy the extended season this year!

Drum Painting – Senior & Youth Workshop: Seniors and youth came together for a Drum painting workshop with Dennis and Jenny. This workshop concluded our Youth Investment Fund project that involved a drum making class and a drum painting class. It was nice to have people of all ages come together and see each individuals' creative ideas come to life on their drums. Thank you to Dennis and Jenny for coming to Faro and delivering quality workshops and sessions for our community to enjoy and learn from.

ARAS Gala: Congratulations to ARAS for planning a great Gala and Community Engagement Session. I hope they received a lot of valuable feedback and support from the community regard-

ing plans and growth for the Arts community.

Seniors' Carpet Bowling Tournament: Faro Seniors hosted a Carpet Bowling Tournament at the Rec Centre on Saturday, March 29th. This event was made possible by the Town of Faro, New Horizon's for Seniors Funding, and of course lots of work and volunteer hours from the Carpet Bowling Group.

Crane & Sheep Festival 2025: Our next planning meeting for the C&S Festival will be Wednesday, April 2nd at Noon. If you're interested in being involved but can't make it during this time, please reach out and we will accommodate for the next meeting. At the time of writing this report we are working on a few details and will provide a verbal update during the council meeting.

Fall Recreation Gathering: I'm excited to announce that Faro has been selected to host the Fall Recreation Gathering this year, taking place on September 22nd and 23rd. The Recreation Gathering is an annual event connecting leaders from across the Yukon. Every year, RPAY strives to offer unique professional development and networking opportunities, cooperative learning, and fun! RPAY welcomes recreation prac-

tioners, youth leaders, volunteer board members, local recreation authorities, and others who work across the territory in recreation. We're excited to assist with hosting this event in Faro and showcasing everything that Faro has to offer.



Summer Planning: We are actively planning events and activities for the summer of 2025. Exciting things are on the horizon. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future programming, please reach out anytime.

Yukon University: We have partnered up with Yukon University to offer training and mentorship opportunities for our youth. We have secured funding to assist with the costs of a Square machine to be used for Kettle Café operations, as well as Barista training opportunities, online courses and workshops. As part of this project, we have secured an individual to come out to Faro in April to offer on-site training in barista and café operations.

Calling all Youth! Join the Kettle Cafe Team and Become a Barista! Are you a coffee enthusiast or a budding entrepreneur looking to dive into the exciting world of barista skills? Do you want to be part of a vibrant team that's all about creativity, community, and delicious brews? Look no further! The Kettle Cafe, a youth-run mobile coffee shop, is calling for passionate young individuals like YOU to join our barista crew!

Why Become a Barista with Us?

Learn Valuable Skills: Gain hands-on experience in coffee preparation, customer service, and teamwork. Whether you're mastering the art of espresso or learning to craft the perfect latte, you'll develop skills that will last a lifetime.

Make a Difference: As part of a youth-led initiative, you'll be contributing to your community while promoting sustainability and local businesses. Your work will help bring joy and great coffee to people in Faro, Ross River and beyond!

Fun Environment: Join a friendly team where creativity flows! Participate in fun events, coffee and specialty drink tastings, and community events and programs.

What We're Looking For:

- Passion for café operations and customer service;
- Willingness to learn and grow;
- Team players who are excited to work with fellow youth; and
- Availability to work flexible hours.

If you're ready to brew up some fun and kickstart your career, come join us at the Kettle Cafe!

How to Apply: Stop by the Rec Centre to express your interest. We'll be taking sign-up for Barista training.

Barista Training Session: Join us for an exciting Barista Training Session on Thursday, April 10th, right after school, for youth 12+. This session will be led by Rebecca Koser, who brings extensive experience in cafe operations and is eager to share her knowledge. Whether you're a coffee novice or looking to refine your skills, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Learn the art of brewing, frothing, and crafting delicious beverages with hands-on guidance from Rebecca. Plus, we'll provide dinner to keep you energized! Don't miss your chance to kickstart your barista journey and connect with fellow coffee lovers. If you're thinking about exploring the idea of working at the Kettle Café, this training session will be a good chance for you to see what it's all about! See you there!

Community Development Fund (CDF) – Kettle Café Project: Our mobile coffee shop is nearing completion; trailer renovations are almost complete! If you're not familiar with our youth's café plans here is a little further information:

The Kettle Cafe project addresses the need for coffee and specialty drink services space and a source of employment and skill development opportunities for local youth by establishing a mobile coffee shop. By being mobile, the Kettle Cafe would have the flexibility to cater to various locations and events within the community, as well as extend its services to neigh-

boring areas like Ross River and across the territory. This mobility would enable the cafe to reach a wider audience and provide a much-needed service to a larger population.

The Kettle Cafe project will be entirely youth-run, providing valuable job opportunities and business management experience to young individuals in the community. This initiative aims to empower and support youth by offering them a platform to develop their skills, gain practical experience, and foster a sense of entrepreneurship. By involving youth in various aspects of the cafe's operations, such as customer service, food preparation, inventory management, and marketing, they will have the opportunity to learn and grow in a real-world business setting. This hands-on experience will not only enhance their employability but also equip them with essential skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and financial management.

The project's emphasis on youth involvement aligns with the broader objective of creating a positive impact on the community. By providing job opportunities and business management experience to young individuals, The Kettle Cafe seeks to contribute to the personal and professional growth of youth while fostering a vibrant and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in Faro.

This youth-driven approach will not only benefit the individuals involved but also bring fresh perspectives, creativity, and energy to the cafe, creating a unique and dynamic atmosphere that appeals to a diverse customer base.

TOF REC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Everyone Welcomes!



Free Entry For All!

Wednesday, April 9th and 16th
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Crafts & Activities
FARO RECREATION CENTRE

Saturday, April 12th
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Easter Games, Activities,
Cookie Decorating & Prizes!

recreation@faroyukon.ca | 867-994-2375




21st Annual
CRANE & SHEEP FESTIVAL

ART POP-UP SHOP | GUIDED
HIKES & TALKS | WORKSHOPS
AND MUCH MORE!

**MAY 2 - 4
2025**
Faro
Yukon

Contact Us
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SCAN FOR SCHEDULE OR VISIT
FARO.CA/P/CRANE-SHEEP-FESTIVAL



Barista Training Session!

JOIN NOW

 Thursday, April 10th at 3:30 pm
Faro Rec Centre

This session will be led by Rebecca Koser, who brings extensive experience in cafe operations and is eager to share her knowledge. Whether you're a coffee novice or looking to refine your skills, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Learn the art of brewing, frothing, and crafting delicious beverages with hands-on guidance from Rebecca. Ages 12+

Dinner provided!
Call 994-2375 or stop by the Rec to sign-up!



April

Bloom where you are planted

2025

| Sunday/Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  TOWN OF FARO | 1 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm | 2 Crane & Sheep Planning Meeting - Noon Seniors Fitness 2pm Basketball 7-9pm Yukon Energy Open House 5:30 - 8:30 pm | 3 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Parsons Sports Night 7-9 pm | 4 Seniors Fitness 2pm Gym Games: Pickleball, Ping-pong, and more! 3:30 -5:30 pm | 5 Open 1-6 pm |
| 6/7 Rec Closed Sundays & Mondays | 8 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm | 9 Seniors Fitness 2pm Basketball 7-9pm Easter Crafts & Activities 3:30-5pm | 10 Youth Group Barista Training Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Parsons Sports Night 7-9 pm | 11 Seniors Fitness 2pm Gym Games: Pickleball, Ping-pong, and more! 3:30 -5:30 pm | 12 Easter Extravaganza Event 1-4pm Open 1-6 pm |
| 13/14 | 15 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm | 16 Basketball 7-9pm (No senior fitness today) Easter Crafts & Activities 3:30-5pm | 17 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Parsons Sports Night 7-9 pm | 18 Good Friday Rec Centre Closed | 19 Open 1-6 pm |
| 20/21 Easter Monday | 22 Rec Centre Closed in lieu of Easter Monday | 23 Seniors Fitness 2pm Basketball 7-9pm | 24 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Parsons Sports Night 7-9 pm | 25 Seniors Fitness 2pm Gym Games: Pickleball, Ping-pong, and more! 3:30 -5:30 pm | 26 Open 1-6 pm |
| 27/28 | 29 Playgroup 10:30 - Noon Kids Club 3:15-5 pm Archery 6-8 pm Floor Hockey 7-9 pm | 30 Seniors Fitness 2pm Basketball 7-9pm | | | Crane & Sheep Festival May 2-4 |

FARO RANGER PATROL

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The Faro Ranger Patrol conducted a Training Exercise 70km North East of Faro in the Tay Lake Area. The Rangers trained in navigating through difficult terrain, building a helicopter landing pad, rope/ice rescue techniques, measuring snow depths and ice thickness, and locating a potential route through to the North Canal Road.

A helicopter from Quebec 414 Squadron, that was participating in Op Nanook, stopped in to inspect camp and talk with the Rangers.



FIRESMART BEGINS AT HOME

FireSmart Your Home

FireSmarting your home in the Yukon is vital for protecting your property and ensuring the safety of your loved ones from wildfires. Given the region's unique climate and vegetation, proactive measures can significantly reduce fire risks. This involves creating defensible space around your home by clearing flammable materials, using fire-resistant building materials, and maintaining a well-manicured landscape. Additionally, implementing proper firebreaks and regularly cleaning gutters and roofs can help prevent embers from igniting your home. By prioritizing fire-smart practices, residents can enhance their resilience against wildfires, safeguard their homes, and contribute to the overall safety of their communities. Visit yukon.ca/en/get-wildfire-updates for more information and current wildfire updates.

Wildfire Reality

Wildfires are a natural part of Yukon's boreal forest. They promote diversity, recycle nutrients, and create a mosaic of vegetation that provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. But as Yukon's communities and our economic and social activities extend further into forested areas, we become more exposed to wildfire danger. Despite this reality, there are things you can do to reduce your home's wildfire risk.

Be fire smart
with electricity in your home.

Did you know?

45,000 home electrical fires each year.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance directly into a wall outlet at a time.

Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

Yukon Fire Department | NFPA

FireSmart Your Home

If you watched the US news recently, you are probably aware of a large wildfire near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina that burned more than 2,000 acres (about 810 hectares). It was started by a resident who just wanted to burn some yard debris and it got out of control.

Fire Departments across Canada are promoting the “Don’t Feed the Wildfires” campaign encouraging residents to not only be careful with burning anything outdoors, but to do all we can to FireSmart our properties. According to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre National Fire Summary, 5,686 fires have been recorded nationally in 2024, burning a total of 5,378,075 hectares. Of that, an estimated 206,201.2 hectares burned in the Yukon during 2024. Please, don’t add to the totals in 2025.

The Town of Faro encourages all residents to FireSmart your property to reduce the wildfire risk of damaging your homes and property.



Public Works

MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER

PAUL MEDVID

Sometimes, We Don't Make the Rules

We don't always make the rules, but we have to follow them. In 2024, we had to implement new, more stringent regulations for operating the Faro Landfill. We all know that things we did in Faro in the 1980s aren't allowed now ... but neither are some things we could do just a few years ago. Waste can't be mixed. We are required to separate metals, E-waste, and Hazardous Waste at the Landfill, each in their respective areas. So, PLEASE, do NOT deposit them in our Hyd-A-Way Bins. White-horse may charge to drop these items off, but those items are still free to dispose of at our Faro Landfill.

By the way, items such as fluorescent bulbs, oil jugs with oil or oil residue, and any e-waste such as vacuums, old DVD players, or anything with electrical connection, is considered E-waste. Please stop in and talk with our friendly landfill operator (Francois) and he will be able to direct you to the proper locations for disposal. And, if he happens to be away fulfilling his bylaw role, metal goes in the metal pile, old oil goes into the white tank next to the Hazardous waste shack, oil filters, batteries, fluorescent lights, and anything hazardous can be put in the hazardous waste shack next to the Landfill Office.

Snow removal remains ongoing, and we would like to remind Council and the public to avoid parking on thoroughfares during snow events. As we have accumulated volume throughout the first half of winter, we will begin removing some of the piles that are staged in various areas. Sanding of travel zones will continue to ensure safe access & egress around town. We have also begun pulling ditches and tramming snow in an effort to reduce snow volume; this will occur once more before spring thaw hits. Please be cautious when driving routes where our equipment is working. We want to move snow, not you.

The street sweeper that the Town purchased last summer, finally arrived in March, so we look forward to using this machine this year.

Finally, our FireSmart Crews have completed the 2024 FireSmart program and it went very well. The trail upgrades are not only functional but vastly increase the safety of our community in the event of wildfire. We have recently learned Faro was one of only a few Yukon communities that fully utilized the available funding, and YG made more funding available. And, in support of Faro's FireSmart initiative on Saturday, May 3rd, we will recognize Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. We plan to have a table set up at the Crane & Sheep Festival where we can discuss, further educate, and inform Faroites on wildfire safety. Administration was able to successfully apply for the 2025 Wildfire Community Preparedness Grant to make this possible.

**The Bylaw Officer is actively
picking up dogs at large within the Townsite!**
Please keep your pets on a leash when not on your property.



To report a dog at large during day time hours, Monday to Saturday, please call 994-2728 or 867-689-3433.

To report a dangerous animal after hours, please call the RCMP.

LICENSE YOUR PETS

All annual pet licenses expired on December 31, 2024. Please come to the Town Office to register your pet. If you have a lifetime pet license, make sure your pet's information is up to date.

Dog License

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| Annual, Neutered/Spayed | \$15.00 |
| Annual, Intact | \$30.00 |
| Lifetime, Neutered/Spayed | \$50.00 |
| Lifetime, Intact | \$100.00 |
| Lifetime, Special Needs | n/c |

Cat License

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| Lifetime, Neutered/Spayed | \$10.00 |
| Lifetime, Intact | \$50.00 |

Dangerous Animal

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| Annual | \$75.00 |
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Replacement of lost tag

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| Each Tag | \$5.00 |
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Please refer to the Animal Control and Fees and Charges bylaws for more information.



Cardboard in Recycling

Most people already know, but our Landfill Attendant wants to remind those people who may not know, the Town has an active and effective cardboard recycling centre in the Industrial Area. Cardboard and paper is bailed and sent out for recycling, so it hurts to see someone dump cardboard in the Landfill Area.

Take a moment to separate and make a quick stop to divert recyclable waste from filling the landfill prematurely. You'll also save a few trees from being turned into pulp; please, do your part.

Landfill Hours

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | 9a.m. - 4p.m. |
| Wednesday | 1p.m. - 4p.m. |
| Thursday | Collection Day (landfill closed) |
| Friday | 9a.m. - 4p.m. |
| Saturday | 9a.m. - 4p.m. |
| Sunday | Closed |

**The Landfill will be closed
April 18 & 22**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

In a Community Emergency

What happens if there is a wide-scale communication outage again in the Yukon, and we have no phones, no internet, or no electricity? What do you do? How do you find out what is happening?

The Recreation Centre has a separate back-up generator, so it becomes a *reception centre* where people can keep warm.

The Town Office becomes the *information centre* where the most current emergency information will be posted for the residents.

Meanwhile, do you have a **72 Hour Emergency Kit** for you & your family?



TOWN OFFICE

Public hours are Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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www.faro.ca

April Office Closures

In recognition of Good Friday and Easter Monday

The Town Office will be closed April 18 & 21

The Landfill will be closed April 18 & 22

The Rec Centre will be closed April 18 & 22

If you fail to STOP for a school bus you can be fined up to **\$500 & 8 Demerit Points.**



Questions for the Del Van Gorder School?

Call 867-994-2760

You can contact the school during business hours with any concerns or questions.



REMINDER

Please renew your business license for 2025

DO YOU HAVE A NEW BUSINESS?

Please call 994-2728 ext: 5 or e-mail admin-faro@faroyukon.ca for more information.

