



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven  
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Meeting # 2025-04-29**

**Council:**

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun  
Councilor Samo Takkiruq  
Councilor Paul Puqiqnak

Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq

Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq

Councilor Stephanie Aaluk

Councilor Salomie Qitsualik

**Staff:**

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers

**Guests:**

Kaelyn Draeger RCMP Detachment commander

Mike Rowan – Finance Support

Bill Williams – Oceanographer

**1. Call to Order 7:10pm**

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Aglukkaq

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Puqiqnak

**Motion # 2025-04-29-001** carried unanimously

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared

**3. Delegates**

- i. **Introduction of Mike Rowan** – who is in the community for one month to assist with audit preparation and finance process development. He will also be responsible for collecting receivables that are long overdue (\$5M currently owed to the Hamlet)
- ii. **Bill Williams** – discussing the Sherman Basin research project which Gibson and Barbara Porter have been involved with in the past – two new youth will be invited to participate this year.
- iii. **Kaelyn Draeger** – RCMP March Update  
Motion to accept RCMP March 2025 Update  
**Moved by:** Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Puqiqnak  
**Motion # 2025-04-29-002** carried unanimously

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Deferred until the minutes have been translated

**5. Reports**

a. **CAO Report**

i. **Calendar Review and upcoming events**

1. Wednesday April 30 – planned town hall meeting to discuss petitions and council priorities. Council asked to prioritize attending. Councillors who wish to have input on the event and messaging can contact the Mayor.

2. Thursday May 1, Community meeting about Search and Rescue with Coast Guard Officials.
3. Next Week, Tuesday May 6, we will have another council meeting.
4. Wednesday May 7 – Grand Opening of Shelters – with anticipated dignitaries to include the Premier of Nunavut, the NTI President, the Commissioner of Nunavut, and the Minister of Family Services.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Third and Final Reading of Bylaw# 243 – Domestic Animal Bylaw

#### **Motion to proceed with second reading of Bylaw # 243**

**Moved by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruaq

**Discussion** – a councillor was concerned that the bylaw may not be aligned with traditional values. There have been two council readings and a community meeting, and many opportunities to have input on the bylaw. A number of changes were made based on traditional values and community feedback. As outlined in previous minutes,

“A community meeting was held March 31 to discuss the amended dog control bylaw, and changes have been made including

- Removal of higher cost of dog registration for dogs that are not spayed or neutered, as we do not want to disincent traditional dog ownership and breeding.
- Requirement of dog owners to clean up messes made by their dogs (or pay the Hamlet the cost of labour to have the cleaning done) before they can retrieve their dogs
- Clarity around situations in which community members can take steps to control dogs.”

**Motion # 2025-04-29-003 carried unanimously**

**Bylaw # 243 is adopted and bylaw # 21 is repealed.**

## 7. New business

### a. Nunavut Housing Corporation – Development Permit Approval

- i. CAO shared Development Permit Application 2025-DP-002 – for lot 2, Block 6, Plan 4840, where NHC proposes to build 5 2-bedroom homes. The homes will be close together – but the lands administrator has confirmed that is aligned with the requirements of our zoning bylaw.

**Motion to approve NHC Development Permit Application 2025-DP-002 for the construction of 5 two-bedroom homes on lot 2, Block 6, Plan 4840**

**Moved by** Councillor Akkikungnaq, **Seconded by** Councillor Takkiruaq

**Motion 2025-04-29-004 carried unanimously.**

### b. Approval of New Business License

- i. CAO provided documentation for Jackie Kameemalik’s NEW business license application, which the Lands administrator has confirmed is complete. He is seeking a license for Qarlikichuq Mine Solutions Inc, providing industrial services for the mining and industrial sectors.

**Motion to approve Qarlikichuq Mine Solutions Inc’s Business License for 2025-26**

**Moved by** Councillor Akkikungnaq, **Seconded by** Councillor Puqiqnak

**Motion 2025-04-29-005 carried unanimously.**

## 8. Councilor Concerns

### a. Councilor Puqiqnak

- i. Requesting that the road to cabins be plowed, so that his father and others can get to their cabins as the weather is getting nicer.
- ii. Would prefer to have CEDO in gjoa Haven, would like to know if she is still working and being paid
- iii. Indicated that he is seeking help related to addictions, attended AA meeting, will stick to his decision and encourage people to respect that this is a dry community.

#### Discussion –

- Mayor indicated that we will speak with public works about whether we have the capacity to also plow the roads to the cabin at this time as we need to ensure we meet our core obligations with the staff and equipment that we have.
- CAO indicated that the CEDO is working full time – had provided an update by email to all staff and council recently.. Anyone that calls the hamlet with inquiries is directed to her and she is supporting them remotely, also tracking our contribution agreements, writing many of the proposals that have secured funds and helped community members secure funds. There are plans to train someone locally, as previously the only local candidate that applied withdrew before their interview (it was posted for several weeks). CAO agrees that it is preferable to have someone in town in the role and that is the goal. Other priorities and problems are consuming Hamlet resources, and there are plans for that department. It will be further developed when we have a response from Makigiaqta and a local trainee. Makigiaqta is 10 months behind reviewing proposals and committed to reviewing / prioritizing ours.

### b. Councillor Aglukkaq

- i. Agreed with Councillor Puqiqnak that it is easier if the CEDO is in the community. CAO indicated agreement with this as well, as that is what is planned for the department.

### c. Councillor Akkikungnaq

- i. Would like to know why James Dulac's Motor Vehicles position was moved to Rankin Inlet.
- ii. Is escorting his spouse on medical May 4-8
- iii. Would like to see improvements to signage  
CAO to contact Motor Vehciles for further information on why the position was moved to Rankin Inlet.  
Improving road signs is a project currently planned for the summer.

#### Motion To Adjourn at 9pm

Moved by: Councilor Puqiqnak Seconded by: Councilor Takkiruq

Motion # 2025-04-29-006 carried unanimously

CAO Dwalgijj

May 27, 2025.

Mayor

Ray (Dugler)

