



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Meeting # 2025-05-20**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councillor Paul Puqiqnak

Councillor Peter Akkikungnaq
Councillor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councillor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig

Guests:

Kaelyn Draeger, RCMP Detachment Commander
Aurelien Hospital, Tetrattech Consulting
Boyd Chislett, Auditor, Baker Tilley

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

When calling the meeting to order, mayor Quqshuun discussed that as we did not have 100% of councillors present, we would not be able to proceed with three readings of new bylaws that are urgently needed. An additional unscheduled council meeting will be required next week, as three readings can not be completed on one occasion without the full council.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Hillier **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2025-05-20-001 carried unanimously

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

3. Delegates

i. Kaelyn Draeger – RCMP Detachment Commander – RCMP Update for April 2025

1. Council comments – thank you for the donations to the community SAR, concerns about alcohol brought to the community and sold to young people, concerns about the mini quads driving on the road and the need to enforce wearing helmets.

Motion to accept the April RCMP Update

Moved by: Councillor Ikkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-05-20-002 carried unanimously

ii. Aurelien Hospital and Chris Young – Small Craft Harbour

1. They described the engagement they have come to the community to do, related to the needs for a small craft harbour, and potential

improvements to the boat launch. Notification of community meeting tomorrow night.

- iii. Paul Ikuallaq – did not attend – had requested to speak to council related to a vacant house.
- iv. Boyd Chislett – auditor, Baker Tilley
 - 1. Discussed progress on the current audit, which he is in town to complete. Noted that the Hamlet has a number of positive initiatives underway, and indicated that he is pleased to answer any questions or have conversations with council members at any time.
 - 2. The question arose related to the issue that for nearly 20 years, we have not been making payroll contributions for pension, and that this was not picked up on audit. Boyd agreed that this was an oversight, on the part of many players.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Deferred, as Inuktitut version of minutes not yet complete

5. Reports

i. CAO Report Presented in council package covering

- 1. Council calendar and upcoming events
- 2. Recent mischief and B&E at the garage
- 3. Quarry update- Geotech and other work happening this summer, some challenges with contractors wishing to control the supply of granular material
- 4. Public Works Revenue
- 5. SAR / Fire news
- 6. Capital Projects Update - snow fence, morgue renovations, and development of new lots
- 7. New \$3.25M in KIA funds for infrastructure .

Motion to accept CAO report

Moved by: Councillor Puqiqnak **Seconded by:** Councillor Aglukkaq

Motion # 2025-05-20-003 carried unanimously

6. Old Business

a. Second Reading of Bylaw# 244 – Business License Bylaw

Motion to proceed with third reading of Bylaw # 244 - business license bylaw

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hillier

Motion # 2025-05-20-004 carried unanimously

7. New business

a. First and Second Reading Bylaw# 245 – Acquisition of Heavy Equipment

A list of equipment was approved through council motion # 2025-04-15-006, for purchase at auction or new, by the PW Director. The formal acquisition bylaw, confirming the purchases, was presented.

Motion to proceed with First and Second Reading Bylaw # 245 – acquisition of heavy equipment

Moved by: Councillor Hillier **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-05-20-005 carried unanimously

b. Review of proposed projects for the #3.25M in infrastructure funding from Kitikmeot Inuit Association.

KIA has advised that they are making \$3.25M available for Gjoa Haven to advance key infrastructure projects. Fast action is needed, in order to ensure that all relevant items can be put on the sea lift this year, for projects to be completed by March 31, 2025. A list of proposed projects, as recommended by the executive committee, was presented to council, including

- \$2.5M in heavy equipment for granular operations
- Improvements to the arena and hall canteens and sound systems
- Completing electrical work in the carving studio
- Training structures for bylaw/SAR
- Dog pound improvements
- Purchase of two ATCO trailers for shelter at the quarry and dump
- Outdoor play space at the daycare
- A flatbed truck to support quarry operations

Motion to accept the funding agreement from KIA and approve the list of projects and budget as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Hillier **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter

Motion # 2025-05-20-006 carried unanimously

c. First Reading of Bylaw# 246 – Quarry Permitting Bylaw

A new bylaw, prepared by Northern Futures Planning, who has also drafted out Land Admin and Zoning Bylaws, was presented to council. CAO suggested that we require a quarry permitting bylaw, and it indicates that council may opt not to issue quarrying permits. CAO recommends passing the quarry permitting bylaw for future years, but that for this year, with very scarce granular resources, the Hamlet should be responsible for all quarrying and have control of the material that is quarried.

Motion to proceed with First reading of Bylaw # 246 – Quarry Permitting Bylaw

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Porter **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-05-20-007 carried unanimously

MOTION: Council has determined that no quarrying permits shall be issued in 2025 or 2026, while the Hamlet regains control of this scarce resource, and establishes a new quarry.

Moved by: Councillor Puqiqnak **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq

Motion # 2025-05-20-008 carried unanimously

MOTION: to extend the council meeting to 10:30

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

Motion # 2025-05-20-009 carried unanimously

d. First Reading of Bylaw# 247 – Municipal Dump Bylaw

A bylaw regulating use of the dump has been in place since 1994, but not enforced for several years. The language of the bylaw has been modernized, and the fees for tipping

garbage at the dump have been updated, as have the fines for non-compliance with the bylaw. The bylaw was not ready in time for this meeting and will be presented at next week's meeting.

e. First Reading of Bylaw # 248 – Municipal Rates Bylaw

Over the past year, several staff have contributed to reviewing the price of various hamlet services and rates. Most recently Tom Matus and Steve Hodges have assisted in making adjustments to granular, equipment rental and other rates, on review of rates in other communities. These have been presented to the executive committee and discussed with the public works committee.

Motion to proceed with first reading of Bylaw # 248 – Municipal Rates Bylaw

Moved by: Councillor Puqiqnak **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq

Motion # 2025-05-20-010 carried unanimously

f. Discussion: more efficient sharing of council materials and consider timing of meetings.

- i. CAO described the amount of time consumed by preparing for meeting every two weeks, particularly with the amount of paper and binders – usually consuming much of a weekend, and requiring staff to work over time.
- ii. CAO suggested that materials could be provided to council on a tablet, rather than in a binder, and while there is a cost to the tablets, it would save staff wages and paper and CAO time. In addition, considerable savings will be achieved in the council budget this year, with the new use of the Microsoft translation function. This will save nearly \$1000 per council meeting for translation of documents.
- iii. CAO also suggested that it might be more efficient to have meetings over two consecutive nights, once per month, rather than every two weeks. One could be focused on updates from delegates and departments, and the second on decision-making and finance etc.

Council motion to proceed with a trial of providing council materials on a tablet, rather than on paper, and to purchase tablets from the council administration budget.

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter

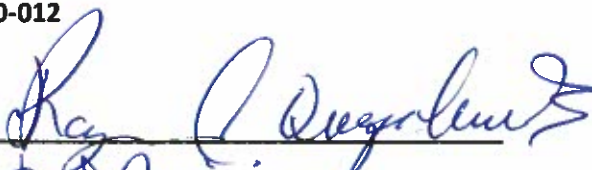

Motion # 2025-05-20-011 carried by 4 votes, 1 abstention (councillor Puqiqnak)

8. Councilor Concerns – deferred

Motion To Adjourn at 10:33

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Porter **Seconded by:** Councilor Aglukkaq

Motion # 2025-05-20-012

Mayor 
CAO 
Date June 24, 2025.