



Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Meeting # 2025-06-24

Council:

Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk

Councilor Samuel Takkiruaq
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig

Guests:

Kaelyn Draeger, RCMP Detachment Commander
Charlie Cahill, CAP Enterprises

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-06-24-001 carried unanimously

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

3. Delegates

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

1. Council comments – young people are getting into trouble at night and sometimes burning things. We need to speak with their parents.

Motion to accept the May RCMP Update

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Aaluk

Motion # 2025-06-24-002 carried unanimously

ii. Charlie Cahill – CAP Enterprises

1. Shared with council that he had planned to retire and sell homes to housing corp, but his daughter Chelsea is buying Bob's share in the business and Charlie plans to stay in business for five more years.
2. Shared that CAP is donating \$150,000 in food to the community - sea cans are being filled and he has some volunteers in the south, and is hoping to have one or two big distributions after the sea lift arrives.
 - a. CAO Comment – benefits to the community are known to improve if smaller amounts of food are given to families over time, rather than one large distribution. Recreation or other Hamlet staff may be able to help create a distribution program.

Motion to accept the CAP Update

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

Motion # 2025-06-24-003 carried unanimously

4. Adoption of Minutes

- i. Motion to adopt the minutes
 1. Council Meeting May 20, 2025 (without quorum)
 2. Council Meeting May 27, 2025

Motion to adopt both sets of minutes

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-06-24-004 carried unanimously

5. Reports

- i. **CAO Report Presented in council package covering**
 1. Summer Recreation Team
 2. Staffing
 3. Public Works
 - a. Quarrying to start June 30, and road improvements.
 4. Lands / Capital Projects
 - a. New subdivision development / engineering this summer
 - b. New Snow fence will cost \$2.5M – materials shipped this year, construction next year.
 - c. Morgue renovations – we are taking steps to acquire the building from the GN and subdivide the lot.
 5. Shelters
 6. Finance Projects – audited statements to be approved next council meeting

Motion to accept CAO report

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruq

Motion # 2025-06-24-005 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 Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruq

Motion # 2025-06-24-006 carried unanimously

7. New business

- a. **Paul Puqiqnak – Resignation from council**

The legal opinion from the Hamlet's lawyer was shared with council, related to the conflict in obligations between a person serving on municipal council and also having a leadership role in the union of Hamlet employees. The Mayor shared this information with Paul and let him know he would need to choose between the two roles.

The resignation letter from Paul Puqiqnak was read to council.

Council discussed options for filling the vacancy, and determined that they would move ahead with announcing the vacancy and appointing an eligible community member.

Council comments – we are elected to serve our community, and not to think about one person. We should not take sides with our family but focus on the good of the community.

Motion to accept Paul Puqiqnak's resignation and to move forward with announcing the vacancy and appointing a new member.

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq

Motion # 2025-06-24-005 carried unanimously

- b. **Heritage Society Retreat Planned for two days July 2-4 – all councillors asked to attend.**

c. **Archaeological Permits**

Motion to approve the following archaeological permits

- 2025-34A – Seabourne Expeditions – Cruise 1
- 2025-36A – Seabourne Expeditions – Cruise 2
- 2025-52A – Thomas Hartman – Archaeology Research

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-06-24-007 carried unanimously

d. **4 Demolition Permit Applications - Nunavut Housing Corporation**

Motion to approve demolition permits for the following units

- Unit 32 Lot 230 Plan 401
- Unit 82 Lot 117, Plan 1141
- Unit 94 Lot 143, Plan 1141
- Unit 103 Lot 314, Plan 224

Moved by: Councillor Takkiruaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik

Motion # 2025-06-24-008 carried unanimously

e. **Business License Applications**

Motion to approve business licenses for the following units

- Northern Industrial Construction (NIC)
- Pilitak Construction
- Gjoa Haven Cleaning
- 6027 Nunavut Inc (Darrin Kogvek)

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq

Motion # 2025-06-24-009 carried unanimously

f. **Acquisition of GN “surplus warehouse” currently used as morgue and subdivision of lot, in order that the Hamlet may renovate that “warehouse to make a more suitable space for its current use.**

After much discussion with CGS infrastructure (now called Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut (TIN), and dialogue with the nurse in charge and RCMP, the Deputy Minister of (TIN) has invited the Hamlet to send an Expression of Interest to acquire the warehouse that the community uses as a morgue.

CAO read out the Expression of Interest, to be sent to the Department on behalf of the council, requesting the acquisition of the morgue, and the purpose of the building, and also requesting support in subdividing the lot, in order that the Hamlet can be permitted to renovate it.

Motion to approve submission of the Expression of Interest in acquiring the GN Surplus warehouse currently in use as a morgue.

Moved by: Councillor Takkiruaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Aaluk

Motion # 2025-06-24-010 carried unanimously

g. **Bylaw # 249 - Acquisition of the House at 11 Nattiq St, Lot 411, Plan 2900**

CAO Shared the offer that has been made to from Rahabi Kamookak, as discussed and approved by previous council motion. One of the sale conditions is that the GN must approve the purchase and financing, following 1st and 2nd reading. Third reading will only be possible if the GN approves the purchase.

Motion to undertake First and Second Readings of Bylaw # 249, for the acquisition of 11 Nattiq St, Lot 411, plan 2900 – for use as a staff house and overflow B&B.

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruaq
Motion # 2025-06-24-011 carried unanimously

h. Motion to submit funding application for volleyball clinics to Sport Nunavut.



Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Aaluk
Motion # 2025-06-24-012 carried unanimously

8. Councilor Concerns – deferred

Motion To Adjourn at 10:18

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councilor Aglukkaq

Motion # 2025-06-24-013

Mayor 
CAO 
Date July 22/25