



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Meeting # 2025-07-22**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk

Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councilor Samuel Takkiruaq
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Finance Director Hammad Amjad

Interpreter: Simon Okpakok

Guests: Kyle Pressenger, RCMP

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Aglukkaq

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2025-07-22-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Delegates

i. Kyle Pressenger - RCMP Update for June 2025

1. Council comments

- a. It is scary when people come to the community with alcohol. Recently a child was seen sleeping outside. Drinkers seem to have no love for their children
- b. Does the detachment have a bilingual receptionist?
 - i. Answer – No, but there is a translator they can call at all hours for telephone translation
- c. There is a person in town who may have mental health challenges, people feel unsafe because of his bizarre behaviour – how far does it have to go before someone helps them find an assisted living home etc.
 - i. Answer – RCMP have a very small list of reasons they can apprehend someone for mental health reasons. In a case like this it is best to bring it to family services.

Motion to accept the June RCMP Update

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

Motion # 2025-07-22-002 carried unanimously

- ii. **Welcome to Hammad Amjad – new finance director**
- iii. Hammad is a Chartered Accountant. He has taken on a two year contract, and comes highly recommended by his previous employers and has worked in Taloyoak.
- iv. He will leave the community on September 5 and return in October with his wife.

5. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Motion to adopt the minutes
 - 1. Regular Council Meeting June 24, 2025

Motion to the minutes

Moved by: Councillor Qitusalik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq

Motion # 2025-07-22-003 carried unanimously

6. Reports

- a. **CAO Report Presented in council package covering**
 - 2. Council calendar – upcoming events
 - 3. Challenges retaining summer staff
 - 4. Purchase offer made on new staff house (Rahabi Kamookak)
 - 5. Public Works – ongoing concerns with gravel quarry
 - 6. Onboarding of new finance director
 - 7. Local partnerships
 - 8. Bingo information - \$1.8M spent on bingo in Gjoa Haven each year

Motion to accept CAO report

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

Motion # 2025-07-22-004 carried unanimously

b. Mayor Report

- i. Council vacancy – still looking to replace Paul Puqiqnak – ideally someone from the younger generation who can lead recreation
- ii. CAO assessment – An independent firm will complete a 2650 assessment of the CAO – and council members, staff, community members and hamlet partners will be interviewed.

c. NHS Board Member Update

- i. No update provided

7. Old Business

8. New Business

a. Approval of Draft Audited Financial Statements

The draft audited financial statement was presented by the CAO and approval recommended by the finance committee.

Motion to approve the draft audited statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2025-07-22-005 carried unanimously

b. Approval of Hamlet response to Management Letter from auditor

The CAO reviewed the management letter, and how the Department of Finance / CAO plan to address the matters raised. Finance committee recommended approval

Motion to approve the Auditor Management Letter response as presented on July 22, 2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Porter Seconded by: Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2025-07-22-006 carried unanimously

c. Approval of monthly financial statements for February, March and April 2025

The CAO and finance committee reviewed the April financial statement with council, and all being in order, recommended approval of February, March and April.

Motion to approve February, March and April 2025 monthly financial statements.

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-07-22-007 carried unanimously

d. Approval of New Business Licenses

CAO provided documentation confirming the two businesses have met the requirements to receive a business license

- i. The Okpik Nest – Margaret Neveacheak
- ii. Mosher Engineering (will build the snow fence)

Motion to approve the business licenses for two businesses: The Okpik Nest and Mosher Engineering

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Councillor Takkiruq
Motion # 2025-07-22-008 carried unanimously

e. First Two Readings of Bylaw 249 – Acquisition bylaw – staff house

First Reading of Bylaw 240 – Acquisition bylaw.

Motion to approve first reading of Bylaw 249

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-07-22-007 carried unanimously

Motion to approve second reading of Bylaw 249

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-07-22-009 carried unanimously

2. Councilor Concerns – deferred

Motion To Adjourn at 10:18

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

Motion # 2025-07-22-010

Mayor Chris

CAO Julia

Date August 27/28