



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven**  
**Minutes of Special Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 24, 2025**  
**Meeting # 2025-07-24**

**Council:**

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun  
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter  
Councilor Samuel Takkiruq

Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq  
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik  
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq

**Staff:**

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig

**1. Call to Order 7:00pm**

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq  
**Motion # 2025-07-24-001 carried unanimously**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared

**4. New business**

**a. Discussion Regarding Lot for New Power Plant, and QEC Request for Variance**

The CAO provided the sketches and variance request provided by Pilitak Construction, requesting that council approve the sketches which place the new power plant 65 m from the nearest house.

- The land administration bylaw require that industrial construction should be a distance of 200m from the nearest house
- The lot chosen prior to this council's term does not have a space for a power plant that is 200m away from the nearest house. This lot choice was made long ago – and starting now to identify a new lot would likely cause cancellation of construction of the plant this year and considerable cost, potentially resulting in the community losing its priority for the next power plant.
- The sketches provided place the new power plant squarely in the middle of the lot. If the plant construction were moved to the far East side of the lot, this would gain considerable distance from the nearest home. However, when our consultant asked them to consider redrawing the sketches, to place the building at the farthest side of the lot, the Pilitak Construction project manager said "no", that redoing these sketches would cause unacceptable delays and costs. The proceeded to finalize their variance request for submission to council on that basis.
- The Hamlet's only contact to date related to the new power plant has been from the contractor (Pilitak construction) that will build the power plant. They do not seem to value the community's perspective and right to make decisions. They are pressuring our staff to push through a motion agreeing to have the power plant near homes.

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**Discussion:**

Council indicated that they did not feel that they could make an informed decision, and the following points were raised

- We do not wish to delay the construction of a new power plant
- There is a reason that experts recommend a 200m setback for industrial construction, and that kind of construction also includes noisy factories etc. The new power plant may not be noisy.
- The current power plant is not particularly noisy, but we do not know what kind of technology will be included in the new plant, the new plant's size, or noise level.
- The construction company is a contractor of the Nunavut Power Corporation. The Power Corporation is accountable to an elected minister. We can assume that the elected minister has the community's interests in mind and would understand the local council's need to make informed decisions.

**Motion to approve the variance request with the following conditions**

- The Minister Responsible for the Power Corporation must confirm that the costs and delays that would result from moving the power plant to the far East of the available lot outweigh the potential impacts on the community, of having the plant 65m from housing.
- The QEC must commit to providing information to ensure that community members are aware of the technology in use and the potential impacts of its proximity on local residents.

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

**Motion # 2025-07-24-002 carried unanimously**

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion To Adjourn at 7:50 pm**

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

**Motion # 2025-07-24-003**

Mayor



CAO



Date

