



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Meeting # 2025-09-24**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Susan Hillier

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

Staff:

Assistant CAO Lewisa Oppong
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig

Guests: RCMP Detachment Commander Corporal Kaelyn Draeger, Troy Hall, Hamlet Lead Mechanic, Jeff Deziel, Pilitak Site Manager for QEC Power Plant Construction

Interpreter: Ben Kogvik

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Delegates

i. Introduction of Lewisa Oppong, new Assistant CAO

ii. Introduction of Troy Hall, new heavy equipment mechanic

iii. Introduction of Jeff Deziel, Pilitak Construction

iv. RCMP Monthly Report for August – Detachment Commander Corporal Kaelyn Draeger

Motion to accept the August RCMP Update

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-002 carried unanimously

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. Motion to adopt the minutes

1. July 24, 2025 Special Meeting, QEC Power Plant

2. August 19-20, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to adopt both sets of minutes

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-003 carried unanimously

6. Reports

a. CAO Report Presented in council package covering

3. Council tablets arriving soon.
4. Elder bus and considerable heavy equipment have arrived in town.
5. Org Chart Changes – ACAO and Quarry Team
6. Grants secured for CEDO Trainee and Bylaw Mentorship
7. Driver training, first aid training, admin essentials training, Sage training, rec training and daycare training all happening in the next 2 months.
8. Ongoing challenge of limited staff
9. Community Safety / Bylaw projects moving forward with new officers
10. Morgue renovations – working through administrative delays in securing ownership of the morgue.
11. Strengthening local partnerships.
12. Review of Council Calendar – and upcoming Mayors' Forum and Innovation Confernece

Motion to accept CAO report

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-003 carried unanimously

b. NHS Board Member Update

- i. No update provided

c. HR Update – Sharon Dwyer provided a written update for the council package, which was read by the CAO. It covered her observations since returning to work in July, including positive changes (new collective agreement, all retro pay paid out, new positions created, new more efficient software. Some challenges related to the mines hiring qualified Hamlet staff. The report highlighted guiding principles she has identified for the Department (prioritizing ensuring qualified people are in all roles, and training to support local Inuit to be qualified for all positions, following collective agreement on all matters). She is actively pursuing funding for wage subsidy / training programs for trades training.

Motion to accept HR report

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-004 carried unanimously

7. Councilor Concerns

a. Councilor Aglukkaq

- i. Concerns about garbage boxes – and need to keep the community clean. Summer students did a good job, but we need proper garbage boxes

b. Councillor Takkiruaq – no comments today

c. Deputy Mayor Porter


- i. Recently attended housing AGM, noting that their policy is to charge 30% of the the highest income earner's wage for rent in public housing. Concerned that this is high, and may be a disincentive to working.

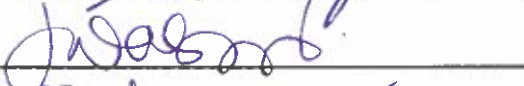
- 1. Discussion to raise the disincentive to work as concern at Mayor's forum and at NAM.
- ii. Thank you to Search and Rescue for their quick response during searches. Perhaps hamlet can make warm clothing for searchers who are out saving community members in bad weather / rain.
- iii. Pleased with the elder bus.
- d. Councilor Aaluk
 - i. Noticed that high school students under 15 are taking ATVs to school. They don't stop or look for traffic and just drive off.
 - 1. Discussion that posts are needed to community that underage kids should not be driving ATVs, that people driving should know the rules of the road, respect stop signs, wear helmets. There have been accidents and deaths in other communities.
 - 2. Discussion that new bylaw officers plan to do more public communication and we also have new ATV/Skidoo bylaw being reviewed by legal counsel.

Motion To Adjourn at 9:40

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

Motion # 2025-09-24-005

Mayor 

CAO 

Date 02/23/25