



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Meeting # 2025-09-25**

Council:

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

Councillor Samuel Takkiruq
Councillor Peter Akkikungnaq
Councillor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councillor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
ACAO Lewisa Oppong

Guests:

Jeff Deziel, Pilitak Construction

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Hillier **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2025-09-25-001 carried unanimously

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

3. Old Business

a. Third Reading of Bylaw# 249 – Acquisition of Staff House

Motion to proceed with third reading of Bylaw # 249 – acquisition of staff house

Moved by: Councillor Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Hillier

Motion # 2025-05-25-002 carried unanimously

b. Committee for Respectful Burials and Cemetery

i. Discussion regarding creation of committee. Councillors Aglukkaq and Qitsualik will sit on the committee along with Mayor Quqshuun and/or Deputy Mayor Porter

c. Filling Vacant Council Position

i. Three candidates put their name forward for the vacant council position: Willie Aglukkaq, Kelly Putuguq, David Siksik

ii. Question by councillor Aglukkaq, about whether she could vote, as one candidate was her son. Mayor indicated that she does not have to abstain, as conflict of interest in only if she or a family member in her household will gain financially by the decision.

iii. By secret ballot, there were 3 votes for Willie Aglukkaq, and 2 votes each for Kelly Putuguq and David Siksik. Willie Aglukkaq will be the new councillor and will be sworn in in October.

4. New business

- a. **Lands Department** – approval of survey sketches for Pilitak workers' camp
Motion to approve the provided sketches for survey file # Gjoa-415(40-2)25_LOT-A_SAT for the development of a worker's camp and laydown area for the new power plant.
Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Hillier
Motion # 2025-09-25-003 carried unanimously
- b. **Northern Store Request for council approve to sell lottery tickets.**
- i. Each councillor was asked to share their perspective.
 - ii. Council discussed that there is a lot of gambling (bingos, cards, hockey pool, online gambling) in the community, and they prefer not to approve additional opportunities for gambling.
 - iii. SAO directed to record in the minutes that the majority of councillors are not in favour, and to notify the Northern Store Manager of this decision.

c. **Arctic Research Foundation – Memoranda of Understanding First Reading of Bylaw# 246 – Quarry Permitting Bylaw**

CAO presented two memoranda of understanding that were proposed by the Arctic Research Foundation and discussed in recent meetings between the mayor, representatives of the ARF and HTA.

One MOU is an agreement to collaborate with the Arctic Research Foundation, and confirm that the Hamlet sees them as a valuable partner in the community.

The second MOU is between the Arctic Research Foundation, the hamlet, and the Canadian Government's Department of Agriculture and AgriFood Canada. Signing this MOU will allow the Arctic Research Foundation to apply for grants, and confirm that the Hamlet is supportive of the ARF as a local partner.

Motion to proceed with signing the MOUs as presented

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

Motion # 2025-05-20-004 carried unanimously

5. Councilor Concerns

a. **Councillor Hillier**

- i. Thanked Hamlet for recent assistance from visiting sound technician, who was able to get the school's sound system working.
- ii. Pleased with the amount of training being offered by Hamlet – which will make the community stronger
- iii. Likes the stickers that are being placed on the side of Hamlet trucks – they really stand out and it is good to know which vehicles belong to which organizations.
- iv. Prefers the new format of meetings (over two nights in a row – with earlier ending times.
- v. Notes that people are driving fast near the school – it is dangerous and kids are not always watching
 1. Noted that the new bylaw may help, if people are required to register their vehicles. Would like to see more public communication. We need to speak with parents.
- vi. Concern about local GN offices – that Gjoa Haven seems to have lost positions.
 1. Discussion that the new MLA should be approached about this and it can be brought forward as a concern to the Mayors' Forum and NAM meeting

a. Councillor Qitsualik

- i. Discussed Inuit Language – and need to ensure that we promote the Gjoa Haven dialect
- ii. Discussed concerns about Honda driving, and a near-collision she witnessed, involving a child – underage drivers should not be driving.
- iii. Arctic College – should be used for teaching Inuktitut
 - 1. Discussion that the NAC campus is not running. This should be brought forward to mayors' forum. Next meeting we should discuss what issues to bring forward to Mayors' forum.

b. Councillor Akkikungnaq


- i. NAC Building – it should be painted, it's a great building, and it should be used for the community.
- ii. Cruise ships – Peter saw cruise ship catering workers going into the cash donations and giving it out as tips to dancers, singers, guides. It was meant as donation for community.

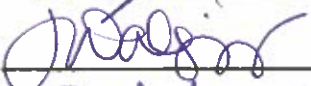
Discussion regarding orientation of new councillor: there are two new councillors since the election two years ago. We committed to providing council training periodically. This would be a good time to ask our lawyer for refresher council training before next council meeting.

Motion To Adjourn at 9:55

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

Motion # 2025-09-25-005

Mayor 

CAO 

Date October 23/25