



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven  
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 4, 2025  
Meeting # 2025-11-04**

**Council:**

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun  
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq  
Councilor Samuel Takkiruq  
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq

Councilor Salomie Qitsualik  
Councilor Susan Hillier  
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk

**Staff:**

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

**1. Call to Order 7:13pm**

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Aglukkaq

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor M Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq  
**Motion # 2025-11-04-001 carried unanimously**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared

**4. Delegates**

**i. RCMP Update Detachment Commander Kaelyn Draeger**

Commander Draeger introduced new detachment personnel and provided the September RCMP update.

**ii. Community Safety / Bylaw Report**

Community Safety Liaison, Sam Tutanuak, presented statistics for bylaw officers and Search and Rescue

**Motion to accept the reports of the RCMP and Community Safety Liaison**

**Moved by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Hillier

**Motion # 2025-11-04-002 carried unanimously**

**iii. Introduction of new Health Living Director, Emelia Jayko**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**a. Motion to adopt the minutes of Regular council meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2025 and Thursday October 23, 2025**

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

**Motion # 2025-11-04-002 carried unanimously**

**6. Reports**

**a. Shelters Committee Report**

As of Saturday November 1, 2025, the Hamlet has assumed responsibility for operating the shelters. HR has prepared contracts for all of the shelter staff and management to ensure a smooth transition and all staff have been kept on as shelter staff, with a 6 month probationary period. We will be posting the position of Director, and Lewisa Oppong is assuming the role of Acting Director of Shelter Services.

**b. Mayor Report on SEMC Meeting, Cambridge**

Mayor Quqshuun attended the SEMC meeting, where important information was shared about socio-economic data in our region. He has asked that they meet more frequently and be kept better informed of this work.

**c. Update from Nattilik Heritage Society – no update provided.**

**d. Community Economic Development Officer Report** the current list of businesses was provided, as well as a summary of activities and revenue from cruise ships, and plans to host a business plan development workshop in December.

**7. Old Business**

**a. Committee Membership**

Council members reviewed the committee membership chart to confirm which council members chair and support each council committee.

**Motion to approve revised committee membership chart**

**Moved by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Hillier

**Motion # 2025-11-04-003 carried unanimously**

**b. Draft Resolutions Concerns for Mayor / CAO to bring forward to Mayor's Forum and NAM**

After the cancellation of the Regional Mayors' forum due to weather, a regional list of potential Resolutions from the Kitikmeot communities can still be presented at the NAM meeting next week.

CAO presented a list of concerns that has been compiled for the last several weeks. The mayors and CAOs will meet in Yellowknife, to review draft resolutions from each community and compile a list of regional concerns. Resolutions were in the following categories

- Future-Oriented – Youth and Training
- Mental health & Addictions and Health Services
- Morgues and Burials
- Other General issues (municipal training, re-centralization at the GN, the wage/rent scale, the NAM remote community challenge)

**Motion to approve the presented list of regional concerns on behalf of the council of Gjoa Haven.**

**Moved by:** Councillor M Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councilor Hillier  
**Motion # 2025-11-04-004 carried unanimously**

**8. New Business**

**a. In-Reach Project**

Carleton University has created a database for tracking InReach devices which was originally set up for monitoring hunter activity and wildlife. However, it is clear that it can also be valuable for Search and Rescue. Carleton University can re-establish the web site and InReach program if the Hamlet will invest \$75 per device per month – a cost of possibly \$10,000 per year, which may be a strong support in Search and Rescue.

**Motion to invest \$75/month for up to 10 InReach Devices, in support of Search and Rescue initiatives, to be led by our Community Safety Liaison.**

**Moved by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkirug  
**Motion # 2025-11-04-005 carried unanimously**

**b. Proposed IQ Days – council involvement**

CAO reminded council that in our collective agreement, we are obligated to host one IQ day per year, and some staff are interested in holding a day of traditional games. Councillors were invited to participate in the planning and enjoyment of an IQ day early in the new year.

**c. Staff Christmas Party**

Previous Christmas parties were discussed – where staff and their spouses were invited, but often a few families also bring their children, and it is sometimes a source of contention. Options were discussed for full family parties, or a separate party for kids. CAO and staff to plan an inclusive party for all staff and their immediate families.

**9. Councilor Concerns**

**i. Deferred.**

**10. Motion To Adjourn at 9:52**

**Moved by:** Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter  
**Motion # 2025-11-04-006 Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Christine P...

CAO Jonathan March 31, 2026

Date March 31, 2026