



Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 9 & Thursday December 11, 2025
Meeting # 2025-12-09-11

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Susan Hillier

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

Staff:

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
Interpreter Lena Arqviq

Guests/Delegates:

Simon Hiqiniq Jr, Local 2 President, Nunavut Employees' Union
RCMP Detachment Commander Corporal Kaelyn Draeger, and Officer DJ Ezlinga
Community Safety Liaison Sam Tutanuak
MLA David Porter – did not attend

1. Call to Order 7:18pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2025-12-09-11-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Delegates

- i. **Simon Hiqiniq Jr.** – Introduced himself in his role as Local 2 President of the NEU, and stated that the Vice President is Shawna Arqviq, and Secretary Molly Hallugqalik. He presented a cheque in the amount of \$4000 towards the Hamlet's Christmas Food Hampers.
- ii. **RCMP Monthly Report for October and November** – Detachment Commander Corporal Kaelyn Draeger, accompanied by Officer DJ Elzinga

Motion to accept the October and November 2025 RCMP Reports

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-12-09-11-002 carried unanimously

- iii. **Community Safety Update** Sam Tutanuak provided an update on the current bylaw schedule and shared detailed stats of bylaw calls for the month of November and there were no SAR searches in November. Council expressed

appreciation for the detailed report and increased communication/accountability from the team. Discussion of challenge with “catching” young people speeding at night on skidoos, and likely solution that the new quad/skidoo bylaw will provide, which will be implemented in the new year.

5. Adoption of Minutes – none to adopt – November 25 minutes deferred to January

6. Reports

a. CAO Report Presented in council package covering

- i. Key positions filled (CEDO Trainee, Shelter Services Director, and Manager of Facilities)**
- ii. Overview of training / mentorship contract proposed for the Shelter Services Director**

Motion to approve the Organizational Chart dated December 2025, as presented, as the new Organizational Chart of the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven.

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

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-003 carried unanimously

- iii. Recreation and Wellness**, active new committee and desire to create separate committee for wellness
- iv. Finance Update:** New revenue of \$355,000 from gravel quarrying, and \$50,000 more revenue than anticipated from cruise ships. Tonight we will approve financial statements from May-October, and going forward we will have monthly statements.
- v. Elder bus and ambulance**

Motion to spend \$95,000 from the surplus in cruise ship revenue and gravel quarrying revenue on driver training for the bus and van and advanced first aid for medical transport attendants.

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

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-004 carried unanimously

- vi. Discussion with Anglican Bishop Regarding vacant lots they own, and their wish to use them for something that benefits the community:** CAO requested that they meet with council to discuss further.
- vii. Boat Launch:** A project is underway to replace / repair the boat launch (“short dock”) which is currently too short, and not meeting the community’s needs.
- viii. Nunavut Association of Municipalities 2025 Municipal Leadership Award:** The Mayor and Council and CAO were given this award at the annual NAM meeting in November in recognition of the changes they

are making through strong leadership, collaboration, and partnerships.

Motion to accept CAO report

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

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-005 carried unanimously

9:55 pm Motion to Recess until Tomorrow

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Councillor Hillier

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-006 carried unanimously

Thursday December 11, 2025
Continuation of Meeting # 2025-12-09-11

Call to order at 7:10pm

In attendance:

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councillor Miriam Aglukkaq

Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Samuel Takkirug
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
Interpreter BenKogvik

Guests/Delegates:

7. Old Business

- a. **Committee Membership:** Review of chart from November 2023, to confirm council membership on committees, after recent changes.
 - i. Decision to create additional committee (Health and Wellness Committee), and the councillors on the committee will include Deputy Mayor Porter and Councilors Qitsualik and
 - ii. Councilor Aaluk has stepped down from the board of the NHS, and Councilor W Aglukkaq will sit on the committee in her place.

- iii. CAO has directed managers to hold monthly committee meetings, and to share the minutes with her.

Motion to accept the changes discussed to the council committee membership list.

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2025-12-09-11-006 carried unanimously

8. New Business

- a. **Application to Sport Nunavut for \$20,000 for electrical work at the Hall.**

CAO explained that we have a quotation for \$40,000 in electrical work for the community hall, and that we can apply for \$20,000 to Sport Nunavut to cover half of these repairs.

Motion to submit the proposal as presented to the Government of Nunavut, for \$20,000 to support electrical work required at the hall.

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruq
Motion # 2025-12-09-11-007 carried unanimously

- b. **Letter from Ralph Porter Jr requesting free water / sewage services for himself and other retired long-serving Hamlet Employees.**

Mayor and CAO discussed with council that the expense of delivering water and sewage services is not covered through a grant but is closely governed by the GN, who tracks our water/sewer expenses, and uses this to control the rate we can charge for water. Council agreed that this is not something the Hamlet can offer, and that giving special treatment to former employees can set up a dangerous precedent for future requests. Council directed the CAO to write a letter explaining that this request cannot be accommodated.

- c. **Business License Application – BCDL Construction**

- i. Dodd LaCroix, the new manager of the Naurvik Centre, living in Gjoa Haven, is a Red Seal Carpenter, willing to be an instructor for local apprentices, and will teach carpentry through the garbage box program that will wrap up early in the new year. He is seeking a business license.

Motion to approve a new business license for BCDL Construction

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Aglukkaq
Motion # 2025-12-09-11-008 carried unanimously

- d. **Business License Application – Altan Katuvik Inc**

- i. Jackie Kameemalik has applied for this business license. His company will provide “Industrial and mining services, including engineering, construction, maintenance and workforce rental services.

Motion to approve a new business license to Altan Katuvik Inc.

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

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-009 carried unanimously

e. Business License Application – NCC Developments

- i. NCC has been building new housing in Gjoa Haven and the replacement GN building for over 2 years, and operating without a Business License. In June, 2025 the CAO drew this to their attention and again every 6-8 weeks since. The Gjoa Haven bylaw indicates that a fine of \$100 per day will be issued to businesses operating without a license, and issued them a fine for over \$17,000 on November 21. Only today, December 11, was the application received, along with a request to waive the fine. This request, to waive the fine, was denied.

Motion to approve a new business license to NCC Developments

Moved by: Councillor Qistualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Aglukkaq

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-010 carried unanimously

f. Review and Approval of Financial Statements May – October 2025.

CAO reviewed highlights of the financial statements. Finance Director was invited to provide additional comments. He explained the reason for the delays in producing financial statements since May, and committed that going forward, each month council will receive the previous month's financial statements. The Mayor indicated that the Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends council's approval of the statements presented.

Motion to approve financial statements from May, June, July, August, September, October and November 2025.

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

Motion # 2025-12-09-11-011 carried unanimously

9. Correspondence

- a. **CAO read out loud, an advisory from the GN related to social media use among youth and the risks that it poses to mental health and wellbeing in our communities.**

Council directed the CAO to post the notice, and encourage parents and families to review and consider their families' social media use.

10. Council Concerns

a. Councilor Akkikungnaq

- i. Motor Vehicles Office: Please ask them to report to council on their role in the Department, about their programs and services and what their plans are in the future. CAO will follow up.
- ii. Radio station: Concerns that the person running it cuts off people giving important 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 Takkirug – 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 seaches. 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 Takkirug

Motion # 2025-09-24-005

Mayor Chris

CAO Wally

Date March 31, 2024