



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Meeting # 2026-03-04**

Council:

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

Councillor Salomie Qitsualik

Staff:

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

Interpreter: Jacob Keanik

1. Call to Order 7:13 pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion # 2026-03-04-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Reports

a. CAO Update

i. Water Services Crisis – Current Status CAO explained that a water main break affected both the water and sewage systems. Temporary measures were implemented while management continues to work with NEM on longer-term solutions. NEM provided a one-time shipment of bottled water for the community. Mayor shared updates with residents on Facebook and radio. Water delivery has since returned to normal operations, with two shifts per day, four water trucks, and three sewage trucks in service.

ii. Questions on CAO's update

Councillor Akkikungnaq asked how regularly NEM could supply bottled water to the community. The CAO explained that the bottled water distribution was a one-time shipment, but NEM is working with

local stores to supply drinkable water and exploring the use of two equipment to provide treated water to residents.

Councillor Qitsualik asked if ice is safe to drink, noting that Elders prefer to use it in tea. The mayor stated that traditionally ice has been considered safe according to IQ principles.

Councillor Takkiruq mentioned he had occasionally forgotten to boil tap water and was fine, but the mayor emphasized that residents must continue to follow the Boil Water Advisory.

- b. CAO suggested to council to go in camera to discuss communication and HR issues.**

**Moved by Councilor Takkiruq Seconded by Councilor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2026-03-04-002 carried unanimously**

- c. Council moved out of camera.**

**Moved by Councilor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2026-03-04-003 carried unanimously**

5. New Business

- a. Council Motion-Municipal Funding Application 2026-27**

CAO shared the application for core municipal funding for 2026-27 plus proposal-based applications to accompany the core funding application. These included ILIF: \$19,200 for interpreter training and services due to a shortage of interpreters, and \$47,000 through the Municipal Collaboration Program to support a regional Mayors' Forum, proposed to be held either in the community or in Yellowknife to avoid weather challenges experienced last year. In addition, she shared a 2025-26 proposal for \$100,000 through the Community Development Fund to train Class 3 and Class 2 drivers with airbrake certification to address the loss of municipal drivers to the mines

Motion to submit the applications as presented

**Moved by: Councillor Aglukkaq Seconded by: Councillor Takkiruq
Motion # 2026-03-04-004 carried unanimously**

- b. Council Motion- Approval of December and January Financial Statement
Motion deferred**

- c. Council Motion – John Magaknak Business License**

CAO informed Council that John Magaknak applied for a business licence to provide taxi services in the community. As it was taking some time for Council to meet, the CAO made an executive decision to grant a temporary approval.

Motion to approve a new Business Licence for John Magaknak

**Moved by: Councillor Takkiruq Seconded by: Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2026-03-04-005 carried unanimously**

d. Council Motion-Sports and Rec Proposal

CAO explained that the Recreation Department is applying for \$175,344.46 in funding to support healthy living activities throughout the year, including events such as Charmania, Nunavut Day, Hamlet Day, Canada Day, a hockey tournament, and a square dance competition in the community. Some of the funds will also be used to purchase sporting equipment, such as volleyball and badminton poles, a treadmill, and other recreational items. This will aim to increase youth engagement, strengthen cultural identity, foster regional unity and build healthier, more connected communities.

Motion to submit the application

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Aglukkaq

Motion # 2026-03-04-006 carried unanimously

e. Discussion and Council Motion: Nunavut Sivuniksavut request for Financial Support

CAO explained to Council that a Nunavut Sivuniksavut student has written to request financial support for their year-end trip to showcase Inuit traditions in three countries. The CAO further explained that Hamlet contributed \$2,000 toward the program last year and recommended providing the same amount again, noting that there are currently four students from Gjoa Haven at Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

Motion to approve this request for 2,000 for NS

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

Motion # 2026-03-04-007 carried unanimously

6. Councillors Concerns

- i. Councilor Qitsualik-** Councillor Qitsualik inquired whether the Hamlet is still operating at a deficit or loss as in previous years. He also urged fellow Councillors to support the Hamlet and emphasized that matters discussed during Council meetings should remain confidential and not be discussed outside of Council.
- ii. Councilor Akkikungnaq-**no comment today

Motion To Adjourn at 8:19pm

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

Motion # 2026-03-04-007

Mayor Chusee R
CAO Judith
Date March 31, 2026