



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Special Council Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
Meeting # 2026-03-12**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk

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

Staff:

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

1. Call to Order 7:10 pm

Opening Prayer led by Councilor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councilor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2026-03-12-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Delegates

- a. **Introduction of new Mechanic Corey Sutton (Red Seal Mechanic) and Interim Public Works Director Joe Brown** (20 years in Public Works with the City of Iqaluit). Both bring excellent skills and experience to our team. Mayor and council welcomed them, and looks forward to working with them.
- b. **4 Crew Members from the HMCS Max Bernays were in the community to** introduce new leadership on the crew, and to share that on board the vessel, the 100-member crew did fundraising to raise funds for food banks / food security in the Kitikmeot. The donation will be sent to Kitikmeot Inuit Association, where it will be divided among the 5 communities. Gjoa Haven will receive approximately \$2,000.

5. New Business

a. **Bylaw # 251 – Heavy Equipment and Vehicles**

A bylaw was presented to council by CAO and Interim PWD for the purchase of needed new equipment on sea lift, including a new water truck, a new sewage truck, a loader, a tire changing machine, a mobile heater trailer, and a pick up truck – expenses totalling \$1.6M and coming from appropriate reserves.

First Reading of Bylaw # 251 – Heavy Equipment and Vehicles

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Porter **Seconded by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq
Motion # 2026-03-12-002 carried unanimously

Second Reading of Bylaw # 250 – Heavy Equipment and Vehicles
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Porter **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2026-02-12-003 carried unanimously

b. Motion to Increase Daycare Fees

Whereas the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven shall to increase the base Parental Fees in alignment with the inflation rate (2.4%) for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

And whereas Daycare fees are subsidized by the Government of Nunavut and by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and such increase will not affect the amount that parents are required to pay for their spaces at the daycare

THEREFORE The Hamlet of Gjoa Haven Daycare Centre’s base parental fees shall be increased in accordance with the 2026/2027 inflation rate as follows:

SPACE	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE AFTER 2024 - 2.4% INFLATION
INFANT	\$38.75	\$39.75
PRESCHOOL	\$42.50	\$43.50

The centre will begin charging parents the new fee(s) for April 1st 2026.

Moved by: Councillor W Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2026-03-12-004 carried unanimously

c. Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Project List

CAO presented the project list for the CCBF funds (\$3M over 5 years) that is administered by Community Services, for capital projects. The main projects undertaken to date were the hiring of a capital projects manager (Tom Matus) and the planning for this spring’s construction of a Snow Fence uptown. That snow fence cost \$2.6M (over a Million more than anticipated). The CCBF project list was therefore revised, to reflect these expenditures, and shall be submitted to Community Services so that further payments can be released.

Motion to approve the CCBF Project List, March 2026, as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Porter
Motion # 2026-03-12-005 carried unanimously

Discussion: Councillors wish to discuss the current cemetery – when graves are dug, they fill with water, and it has been a problem for some time.

CAO has been researching, and plans to discuss with engineers this year – who have indicated that drainage could help this situation. Our new (interim) PW

Director was involved in work done on the cemeteries in Iqaluit for the last several years, and is interested in supporting this project. CAO will involve elders Qitsualik and Aglukkaq in the committee when this is discussed.

6. Motion To Adjourn at 8:50pm

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

Motion # 2026-03-12-006 carried unanimously

Mayor Christen R.
CAO J. [Signature]
Date March 31, 2026