



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven  
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 31, 2026  
Meeting # 2026-03-31**

**Council:**

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

Councilor Salomie Qitsualik  
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq  
Councilor Samuel Takkiruaq

**Not in Attendance**

Councilor William Aglukkaq  
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq

**Staff:**

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig  
ACAO Lewisa Oppong

No Interpreter

**1. Call to Order 7:15 pm**

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik  
**Motion # 2026-03-31-001 carried unanimously**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared

**4. Adoption of Minute**

Councillor Qitsualik mentioned that she was unable to read the minutes because she had been out of town. Councillor Akkikungnaq asked whether the CAO performance review had been completed. Mayor responded that the report has been reviewed, and the council now has the report. Mayor also noted that although 10 councillors, staff and partners were interviewed, and that those who initiated petitions to remove the CAO from town were invited to comment, the report did not result in any concerns, and that council is happy with the report.

Councillor Qitsualik raised concerns about people making negative remarks on the radio and about individuals spitting and dropping cigarette butts at Swan Lake,

**Motion to approve the Murphy/Dillon Archeology Permit**

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

**Motion # 2026-03-31-006 carried unanimously**

**d. Writing off debt – employees with negative leave balance**

CAO explained that some very long-standing staff currently have negative leave balances because they were previously allowed to take holidays they had not accrued. As a result, they now owe holiday hours. The Executive Committee met to review the matter and recommended forgiving the hours owed and allowing the employees to reset their leave balance to zero. The CAO noted that these are long-term employees and that the situation resulted from poor record-keeping in past hamlet administrations, rather than the employees' actions. The employees affected are Elijah Takkiruaq, Peggy Porter, and Charlie Kamookak.

**Motion to write off \$45,960.84 in debt related to negative leave balance for 3 employees**

**Moved by: Councillor Porter Seconded by: Councillor Takkiruaq**

**Motion # 2026-03-31-007 carried unanimously**

**e. Formal approval of lot for transitional housing unit-Lot 8,9, Block 2-4632**

Cecile Lyle came to council to present information on the Nunavut Housing plan and the NTI plan to build shelters in the community. Council passed a motion at that special meeting, to confirm lot 8, 9 Block 2-4632 would be the location of a transitional housing unit. However, minutes were not recorded, as it was not a formal council meeting. A formal motion is required for the minutes. It was also noted that one unit of the 5-plex will be designated as staff housing for the Shelter Director.

**Motion to approve Lots 8,9, Block 2-4632 for a 5-plex transitional housing unit with one unit allocated for staff housing for the shelter director.**

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

**Motion # 2026-03-31-008 carried unanimously**

**f. CEDO Operating Budget for 2026-27**

CAO explained that this is the budget for the current CEDO who is working remotely. She is aware that this position will be terminated once the CEDO trainee becomes confident in her duties. Councillor Akkikungnaq asked why the Northern Allowance is listed as \$0. CAO explained that the current CEDO is working remotely and is not residing in the community, therefore she is not entitled to receive the Northern Allowance.

**Motion to approve CEDO Operating Budget for 2026-27**

**Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik Seconded by: Councillor Hillier**

**Motion # 2026-03-31-009 carried unanimously**

three skidoos for Search and Rescue. Councillors commended the staff for the work done in securing these funds, noting that these initiatives will greatly benefit the community.

**i. Approval of 2026-27 Operating Budgets**

**i. Water and Sewer Operating Budget**

CAO presented the operating budget and noted that the budget is not balanced, as we are incurring \$40,000 in extra operating costs while the water main remains broken and we are running two shifts (16 hours per day) to haul water from the lake to the water treatment plant and to buildings in town. The budget would be balanced if this were not required. Executive committee has recommended adoption of this deficit budget.

**Motion to approve Water and Sewer Operating deficit Budget for 2026-27**

**Moved by: Councillor Hillier Seconded by: Councillor Qitsualik**

**Motion # 2026-03-31-012 carried unanimously**

**j. General Government Budget**

CAO presented budget overview noting that there were expenditures that we had hoped could be covered with our new revenues from gravel and shelter ops admin fees. However, as we have created new positions, once the preliminary budget was calculated, we were facing an \$800,000 deficit budget. Cut backs were required in a number of areas, including staff training budgets and in recreation.

**Motion to approve General Government Budget for 2026-27**


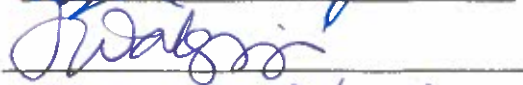
**Moved by: Dep. Mayor Porter Seconded by: Councilor Takkirug**

**Motion # 2026-03-31-013 carried unanimously**

**Motion To Adjourn at 10:15pm**

**Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by : Councillor Aaluk**

**Motion # 2026-03-31-014 carried unanimously**

Mayor   
CAO   
Date April 28/26