



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Special Council Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2026
Meeting # 2026-06-22**

Council:

Acting Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councilor Samo Takkiruq

Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Peter Akkikugnaq
Councilor Willy Aglukkaq

Staff:

CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Contract Interpreter Jacob Keanik

1. Call to Order 4:15pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Akkikugnaq

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Akkikugnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor W Aglukkaq

Motion # 2026-06-22-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. New Business

a. 6 Bay Parking Garage

CAO explained that council issued a Development permit in September 2024, for the construction of a 6-Bay parking garage, however, funds for construction were only confirmed this month. Construction will take place over two construction seasons, 2026, and 2027.

Council Motion: Hamlet of Gjoa Haven agrees to accept Contribution Agreement MPGP-27-03 in the amount of \$8,074,000 for the construction of a 6-Bay Parking Garage on Lot 202, Plan 1404.

Moved by: Councillor S Takkiruq **Seconded by:** Councilor W Aglukkaq

Motion # 2026-06-22-002 Carried Unanimously

a. Cemetery Geotech Assessment and Recommendations for Improvements for Consideration by New Committee

CAO explained that Dillon consulting, who will be doing surveying for a new residential and commercial neighborhoods in Gjoa Haven this summer, also come recommended due to their expertise in supporting other communities with improvements to their cemeteries. They will provide options for ways our current site could be improved, for our new committee to review and discuss. Council can then decide to make improvements to the existing site OR explore starting a cemetery in a new site, based on community input.

Discussion: in other communities with wet cemeteries, one option has been to put a load of gravel 4-6 feet high on top of the land, and then bury caskets in that gravel. There are mixed feelings on this option. This is likely to be one of the 3 options that will be presented.

Councilor Akkikungnaq mentioned that as this site was formerly a runway, there are some large boulders under the surface that make digging difficult. It may be necessary to excavate a large area and fill it with earth that is easier to dig.

Council Motion: Hamlet of Gjoa Haven agrees to engage Dillon Consulting in a consulting contract for \$50,000 plus travel and accommodations for an assessment of the current cemetery located on the former runway East of the airport. This work will be funded by the Land Development Reserve.

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor M Aglukkaq
Motion # 2026-06-22-003 Carried Unanimously

5. Motion To Adjourn at 5:10pm

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Takkiruq
Motion # 2026-06-22-004 Carried Unanimously

Mayor 
CAO 
Date June 30 / 26