



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Meeting # 2026-07-21**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councilor Samo Takkiruaq
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik

Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Willy Aglukkaq
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
ACAO Lewisa Oppong
Interpreter Tuppittia Qitsualik
3 summer students also in attendance

1. Call to Order 7:13pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-001 carried unanimously

3. Delegate Presentations

a. RCMP Report provided – Officer DJ Elzinga

Motion to Accept RCMP Report

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

Discussion: Councilor Qitsualik thanked the RCMP for their report, and asked whether more can be done about alcohol use in the community. Officer Elzinga indicated that more could be done, if more community members came forward with proof and were willing to testify in court as a witness. The biggest challenge in enforcing alcohol related crimes is that people do not wish to come forward.

Motion # 2026-07-21-002 carried unanimously

b. Office of the Auditors General: Caroline Chretien and Nadine Cormier explained that they were in town to assess Nunavut's access to drinking water, and the scope of their work.

c. Community Services Inspectors: (Dyan White, Moses Qimirpik, Barbara Tartak, Terry McCallum) attended the council meeting, after having held a meeting with council last night, discussing the purpose of their visit. They attended the council meeting to observe.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

5. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to Adopt the Minutes from Regular Meeting June 30, 2026

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-003 carried unanimously

6. Reports

a. CAO Report

- i. **Water Main Repair:** The water main was repaired June 16, however we remain under a boil water advisory 5 weeks later, as there was no plan in place on the part of TIN, to move ahead with cleaning the tanks in the existing WTP once the main was repaired, and it is taking them time to secure a contractor to do that work to their specification.
- ii. **Finance / HR Update: CS inspectors are in town.** Finance Director and the finance team are working with Nasaijit and the auditor to have the audit complete. There were once again issues with the water meters, and we will need to issue invoices based on past averages, from this past July until June of this year.

Motion to Accept the CAO Update

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-004 carried unanimously

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Protection of Drinking Water / Swan Lake

- We do not want it to be polluted
- People drive snow machines and there could be an oil spill or other disaster to our drinking water
- We see cigarette butts, containers and cans left behind.
- There are other lakes close by.
- Many people rely on that lake for water and ice and fishing, and community may resist – we may not be able to stop people from using it – it is the closest easy-access lake
- Decision to research further and have community meeting / radio show some time before the spring, before posting about restrictions on using the lake and to inquire with GN about best practices in protection of drinking water.

b. Land Application CAP – lots 21, 22, Block 4, Plan 4147

CAP enterprises has submitted an application to use these two lots, adjacent to their garage, in order to build a parking garage for equipment and vehicles. The application follows the community plan and zoning bylaw.

Motion to approve the CAP Enterprises Land Application for lots 21,22, Block 4, plan 4147

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-005 Carried with 5 yes votes, one absention (W Aglukkaq)

c. Land Use Permit – Arctic Fresh Lot 16, block 4, plan 4147

Arctic Fresh has requested the use of this lot as a lay down area for its sea lift supplies for a period of two years. The annual rental would be \$1,028.50 per year.

Motion to approve the Arctic Fresh Land Use permit for lot 16, Block 4, plan 4147 as a laydown area for 2 years.

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-006 Carried unanimously

d. Development Permit lots 4-5, Block 6, Plan 4048

The development permits for the 2-storey 8-plex and 2-storey 12-plex have expired. A new Development permit is requested.

Motion to approve the NCC Development Permits for lots 4-5, block 6, plan 4048

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-007 Carried unanimously

e. Civic Address Bylaw - # 256

As discussed previously in council meetings, many partners use different numbering systems for our properties in the community. Numbers are not logical and sequential, and the most visible house numbers are the RCMP numbers. RCMP have created a logical number system for different parts of town. Many community partners (RCMP, Housing, municipal garage) are in favour of adopting the RCMP numbering system. A draft bylaw was presented.

Motion to undertake First Reading of the Presented Bylaw Civic Address Bylaw # 256

Moved by: Councilor Akkikungnaq **Seconded by:** Councilor Qitsualik

Motion # 2026-07-21-008 Carried Unanimously

Council Discussion: There are also concerns about some of the street names that appear on maps. Work was done in the past to confirm street names, but some have been inappropriately translated to English. We should include Street name updates before finalizing the civic address bylaw.

f. Junior Boys' Basketball – Seeking council motion for status as local charity, to be eligible for lottery licenses.

Although the Hamlet will no longer be issuing lottery licenses effective September 1, council will still be asked to confirm which local groups are eligible charities. The eligibility application was filled out properly, and all members of the proposed charitable group are in good standing.

Motion to approve Junior Boys' Basketball as a local charitable group

Moved by: council W Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councilor Takirruq

Motion # 2026-07-21-009 Carried Unanimously

8. Correspondence

- a. Nunavut Corrections – is seeking members for its Inuit Societal Values Committee, to provide advice and guidance for the Corrections Department / Prisons.

- b. **Hamlet Letter of Support** has been provided to Dillon Consulting, related to an Integrative Fisheries Study they will conduct while assessing a second water source lake for our water source expansion project.

9. Council Concerns

a. Councilor Akkikungnaq

- i. Asked for clarification on the clean energy project, and whether the opportunity to put solar panels on homes will be offered again to other home owners. CAO clarified that we had received a special grant and selected homes by a draw for homeowners to have solar panels installed. There are currently no plans to seek additional solar panels for homeowners. Clean energy program investments, per council direction, are now focused on Hamlet facilities.
- ii. Stop signs and other road signs – need to be sturdier – sometimes they get bent and are unsightly - Gjoa Haven looks unkempt with lots of damage everywhere. (CAO agreed to raise this with Public Works Director).
- iii. Drinking Water lake – not only concerned about the drinking water – but safety for children

b. Councilor W Aglukkaq

- i. Discussed the road names – that some Inuktitut names are on maps – and instead of using roman orthography for Inuktitut words... the words have been translated. This is not appropriate.

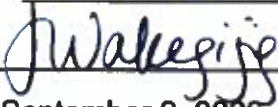
c. Councilor Qitsualik

- i. Happy to see summer students cleaning up around town. She has noticed that outside of many buildings and homes there is lots of old garbage and old skidoos. If people aren't using them, can there be a dump run for excess garbage. Would be nice to have community clean. Gjoa Haven should be beautiful. We have tourists coming in August.

10. Motion To Adjourn at 9:48pm

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

Motion # 2026-07-21-010 Carried Unanimously

Mayor 
CAO 
Date September 9, 2026