



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Meeting # 2026-04-28**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq
Councilor Samuel Takkiruaq
Councilor Peter Akkikungnaq

Councilor Salomie Qitsualik
Councilor Willy Aglukkaq
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Susan Hillie

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Interpreter: Ben Kogvik

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Motion to adopt the minutes of Regular council meeting Tuesday, March 31, 2026

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-002 carried unanimously

b. Motion to adopt the minutes of Regular council meeting Friday, April 10, 2026

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-003 carried unanimously

5. Delegates

a. Deferral of RCMP report

b. Miali Coley-Sudlovenik and Amanda Holland – Nunavut Arctic College – NTEP and ECE Programs

- CAO learned yesterday they would be in town and invited them to participate in council meeting.
- NAC plans to re-open the campus for the NTEP program, as the elementary school principal had provided 33 names of interested students, if the program were offered in town.
- Council informed them that Gjoa Haven has low school attendance rates and has not had access to post-secondary NAC programs for many years, leaving the community and council concerned about future employment. The building itself is very old. There are many other programs that there is much interest in, including trades programs, ECE program, completion of high school, interpreter training and a PSW program,

which was offered only once here, when the CCC was opened. Daycare staff could receive higher wages with their ECE diploma, but there are barriers to leaving town for the program.

- Councilor Hillier raised that there are graduates in Gjoa Haven who left the community to complete the program, and were never given a graduation celebration, while the graduates in other communities post about their beautiful celebrations.
- NAC representatives said they are aware of the outstanding graduation celebration, that has been postponed twice due to weather or other issues, and now there is an audit underway to confirm the correct diplomas are given out. The celebration is planned for August.
- The NAC representatives indicated that putting our needs in writing helps to raise awareness and make things happen – and indicated that they can't represent other program areas, but would provide contacts for those.
- Councilor M Aglukkaq indicated that it is important for Gjoa Havenmiut to speak up more, was pleased they were visiting.

6. Reports

a. CAO Report

CAO spoke to the written report in the council package (Appended) covering

i. Emergency Management

- Discussion – council asked CAO to ensure that we raise with the GN, the 10 weeks of time lost, and high cost of operating two shifts per day, paying RAM for overseeing the water treatment system and pump house. CAO indicated this would take place once the repairs are complete, and total costs can be assessed.

ii. Community Engagement

- Good news coming (opening of food bank, evening dedicated to women and girls' sports, parade and activities for snowy owl champions)
- "Keyboard warriors" on facebook continue to bring negativity to the community and undermine confidence in council and CAO. CAO requesting further support with regular Mayor or other radio shows.

iii. Compliance with Water License

- Meeting planned with NWB this week, to ensure that the Hamlet remains in compliance with the water license, following on comments raised by NWB director during public meeting.

iv. Human Resources

- Mental health program launched for staff and council – information will be circulated about how to book appointments
- New Finance Director and Public Works Director starting mid May.
- Garage Foreman and Mechanic coverage managed until that time.
- Legal counsel approaching the Union about potential move to shift work
- We have secured grants to support part of the wages of several people that are in training / mentorship programs
- We have received summer student funds again and will be posting soon.

v. Capital Projects

- Updates on Gravel quarry and road to quarry, snow fence project, morgue renovations, shelter renovations, recreation complex project, and clean energy projects appended.

Motion to accept the CAO report

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-004 carried unanimously

7. Old Business

a. Third Reading -- Bylaw # 241 – Land Administration Bylaw

- i. First and Second Readings were in November and December 2024 and a community public hearing took place in November 2024 regarding the new bylaw.
- ii. We have now received Ministerial approval and sign-off to finally pass the new Land Administration Bylaw

Motion to undertake, and finally pass Bylaw # 241 – Land administration Bylaw, and repeal Bylaw #143

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-005 carried unanimously

8. New Business

a. Motion to Increase Landing Fee for Cruise Ship Guests

CEDO prepared notes regarding the 6 ships that will be coming to the community this year. This provides needed employment and positive visibility for Gjoa Haven. We raised the rates of pay for guides and others last season, and the feedback from guests has greatly improved. Other communities charge \$100-\$150 per visiting guest. We currently charge \$125. Increasing to \$150 per guest will allow us to continue to improve our guest experience.

Motion to increase the cruise ship landing fee from \$125 to \$150 per guest effective 2026.

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-006 carried unanimously

b. Land Development Permits

a. DPA-001-2026 Arctic Research Foundation Site

Motion to approve DPA-001-2026 – Arctic Research Foundation Site per materials provided.

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-007 carried unanimously

b. DPA-002-2026 Nunavut Housing Corporation Construction of a 3-Bedroom Unit

Motion to approve DPA-002-2026 – Nunavut Housing Corporation

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-008 carried unanimously

c. DPA-003-2026 Nunavut Housing Corporation Construction of a 2-Bedroom Unit

Motion to approve DPA-003-2026 – Nunavut Housing Corporation

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-009 carried unanimously

d. DPA-004-2026 Nunavut Housing Corporation Construction of a 3-Bedroom Unit

Motion to approve DPA-004-2026 – Nunavut Housing Corporation

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

Motion # 2026-04-28-010 carried unanimously

c. Review of Conceptual Sketches for Surveying New Residential Neighborhood and New Commercial Subdivision

i. Residential Neighborhood Uptown

Council Reviewed Sketches of lots for development uptown, which include , with two options for proceeding with surveying

- a) to survey just the first phase of lots (approximately 30 lots), or
- b) to invest now in surveying both phases (an additional 22 lots).

Council discussed that while it will likely be many years until phase 2 lots are required, it would be wise to invest now, as surveying costs will increase in the future, including required flights.

Motion to approve surveying of ALL presented uptown lots for new residential subdivision (option b).

Moved by: Councillor W Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2026-04-28-011 carried unanimously

ii. Commercial Subdivision Past Tank Farm

Council Reviewed Sketches of lots for a commercial subdivision near the tank farm with two options

- a) To create a cul-de-sac road, with a loop at the end to turn around. This option would be less costly, requiring less gravel.
- b) To create a U-shaped Road with two exits from the subdivision, and fewer lots with their only frontage on the main road.

Council discussed that cul de sacs have not been effective in town – and that for safety reasons, and practicality of snow clearing, it is preferable to have a u-shaped road with two exits to the main road.

Motion to approve option b for surveying of U-shaped road for the new commercial subdivision.

Moved by: Councillor W Aglukkaq **Seconded by:** Councillor Qitsualik
Motion # 2026-04-28-012 carried unanimously

9. Councilor Concerns

a. Councillor Miriam Aglukkaq

- i. Concerns about the messy foyer at Tuttarvik – particularly the dead foxes that were brought there. Wishes for them to be removed, as they are becoming smelly. CAO mentioned that some groups that are using the space at no charge are leaving the kitchen messy, with dirty dishes, and public health inspector had some concerns. When asked which groups – it is the Tuttarvik Committee and the Drum Dancing Group. Our janitors can clean, however, groups are expected to clean up after themselves. CAO committed to passing on to Wellness team that the foxes should be removed, and the front area kept tidy.

b. Councillor Stephanie Aaluk

- i. Spring is finally here and there are large snow banks – kids are climbing and people are driving fast. Concerned about safety, with blind spots and high piles of snow. Mayor responded that this will be discussed with Public Works and prioritized. Similarly there is snow blocking the way to access the land by the shoreline.

c. Councillor Samuel Takkiruaq

- i. Mentioned that his son is interested in working, and his family needs the support. Mayor suggested his son speak with Sharon about his interests and she can let him know what positions to apply to.

10. Motion To Adjourn at 9:52

Moved by: Councillor Akkikungnaq Seconded by: Councilor Takkiruq

Motion # 2026-04-28-013 Carried Unanimously

Mayor Raymond Angshumwa

CAO Shirley

Date May 13, 2026