



**Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Meeting # 2026-05-26**

Council:

Mayor Raymond Quqshuun
Deputy Mayor Christine Porter
Councilor Miriam Aglukkaq

Councilor Samo Takkiruaq
Councilor Salomie Qitsualik
Councilor Stephanie Aaluk
Councilor Susan Hillier

Staff:

Executive Secretary Catherine Anguttitauruq-Rogers
CAO Jennifer Wakegijig
Public Works Director Mazin Mohamed
Quarry Engineer Iyiola Olaseni
Interpreter Jacob Keanik

1. Call to Order 4:12pm

Opening Prayer led by Councillor Qitsualik

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion # 2026-05-26-001 carried unanimously

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None Declared

4. Reports

a. CAO Report

i. Governor General's Leadership Conference Delegates – Visit

1. Agenda for May 27 – includes tour of town, meeting with youth, hosted by Amber E, and a dinner with council at hotel

ii. Quarry Operations

1. Quarry equipment being moved across the river to new quarry
2. Plan for road construction in place

iii. Water Sewer Operations and Scheduling

1. Still no confirmed date for repair of water main.
2. Exploring changing scheduling since services are limited on weekends. Considering 10-hour shifts, with full time drivers required to work weekend days – they voted against this, but no part time or casual drivers attended the meeting.
3. Mayor and Peter meeting all drivers, including casual and part time tomorrow, to determine how we can achieve 7-days of service.
4. Considering also just having service on weekdays. This would negatively impact local facilities and crowded homes.

iv. Shelter Construction – and construction worker accommodations – potential to refurbish existing derelict houses in a way that benefits the Hamlet.

1. ArcticFresh has been awarded the contract to build the 24-bed shelter and 5-plex (transitional housing). They would like to refurbish a derelict house and use it as housing for their contractors, and then give it back to the Hamlet
 - a) The Hamlet does not currently have any derelict houses but is exploring options that include upgrades to housing owned by other organizations (Coop, Anglican Church), that could then be rented to the Hamlet. In addition, our lawyer has determined that the former arcade, long held in trust by a bankruptcy firm, is the property of the Hamlet. This will be explored, and discussions undertaken with the family so they are aware.

5. Old Business

a. Third Reading – Zoning Bylaw - #225A Amendment

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

Motion # 2026-05-26-002 Carried Unanimously

6. New Business

a. Land Development Permit – DPA-005-2026

There is a hydro pole on this property that must be moved before construction can begin. It is QEC that must move it and we are discussing with them whether they will move it at their cost. However, the construction company requires the permit to proceed with placing orders for sea lift, and we believe the pole will be moved imminently.

Recommendation to approve the permit conditional on the power pole being moved (at QEC or Hamlet cost).

Motion to approve the Land Development Permit DPA-005-2026 conditional on moving of the misplaced power pole prior to construction.

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

Motion # 2026-05-26-003 Carried Unanimously

b. Addressing Social Media Issues

Mayor noted recent social media issues –

He described some unpleasant comments about hiring of employees and managers from out of town or non-Inuit. These comments are directed at the Hamlet and the CAO. He stated that Councillor Akkikungnaq and Acting Foreman Doyle Qingnaqtuq were involved in the hiring process. No local people applied for the Director of Public Works, and yet there are then complaints about who is hired. This makes people feel unwelcome and does not shed a positive light on our community.

Mayor indicated that we need to encourage local people to take training and become qualified for our positions. We need people who know how to take care of finances, supervise people in all departments. We need to treat all people the same, and we have no choice but to hire from outside the community in these situations. The younger generation is now going outside of the community for education, and in the future, these positions can go to local Inuit, but until then, we need to welcome qualified people to our community.

Everyone is always on 6 months probation, and if they are not serving our community well, we can let them go.

People are making unpleasant comments without thinking.

7. Motion To Adjourn at 5:13pm

Moved by: Councillor Qitsualik Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Porter

Motion # 2026-05-26-006 Carried Unanimously

Mayor

CAO

Date

Ryan J. Anglin
J. Wabgi
June 30/26

