



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting #08-2026

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councillor, Darren Price

Councillor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councillor, Vikki Gibbons

Councillor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councillor, Jimmy Main

SAO, John Hussey

Staff:

COSAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

Mayor Savikataaq Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #58/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves amending the agenda to include ATHA Energy Corporation as a delegate, to add two letters from local residents, and to approve the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting for Thursday, April 16, 2026.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- RCMP Monthly Report for the month of March
 - Update on statistics for the month of March
 - States that there was misinformation spreading about the community going on lockdown. Stated that they are addressing the issue by planning a lockdown drill and increasing awareness about what a lockdown is and how it should be carried out in the event of a real situation.
- ATHA Energy Corporation -Update on Anglilak Project
 - Update on 2026 summer plans at Angilak lake.
 - Update on current state of project.
- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
 - Asked about the process used to ensure that radiation levels do not affect animals passing through areas where drilling occurs.
- ATHA
 - Says that when drilling in mineralized zones, centrifuges are used to collect hot cuttings, which are then stored and shipped off-site. Adds that the drill site is rehabilitated and cleaned to ensure no casings are left behind. Notes that a wooden post is left to mark the location, and the site is revisited to monitor radiation levels. Emphasizes that the use of centrifuges prevents any loss or leftover material.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #59/26

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the minutes for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 -Regular Council Meeting Minutes and for Monday, March 23, 2026-Regular Council Meeting minutes.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- COSAO-Mrs. Tattuinee
 - Update on the removal of Arviat fund bingo and Nevada slot that were on Thursdays and the change in the price for the chase the Ace tickets.
 - Requesting guidance and approval from the Mayor and Council to plan the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hamlet of Arviat.

- Discussion with mayor and council on the Niqitaarvik's approved funding.
 - Update on the opening of the community freezer for the 2026 season. Says the community freezer will be opening on Friday, April 17, 2026.

- Councillor, Caskey
 - Requested that anyone bringing boxes or bins to the community freezer ensure items are properly packed and fully covered before placing them in the community freezer.

 - Update on ITK's Inuit Nunangat University celebration in Arviat on April 23, 2026.

 - Update on approved funding for taxi vouchers for the elders of Arviat.

8. Mayor's Comments, Councillor Members Topics & Concerns

- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
 - Says at the previous meeting with the CGS, he requested that CGS keeps the council updated regularly and are on time with the planning and construction of the new tank farm to accommodate the growing infrastructure in Arviat, especially with the Inuit Nunangat University being built in the near future.

- Councillor, Price
 - Says he would like to see the roads being resurfaced this summer as he noticed that there are some areas where the road requires resurfacing and asked what the plans are.

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - Notes that the Public Works Department has a busy summer ahead, including gravel placement for the new fire hall, university, and subdivision, as well as upgrades to the sea lift area and various road improvements.

- Councillor, Hannak
 - Asked how the Hamlet is preparing for the construction and operations of the new Inuit Nunangat University, specifically upgrades to the airport and runway as well as upgrades to the community hall and other areas where services are needed. Asked if the community is ready to accommodate the university students.

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - States that Arviat is expected to receive a new terminal, though no new runway is planned. Notes that the community hall will enter its third phase of upgrades this summer. Adds that once those upgrades are complete, the next project will focus on the arena, including the installation of artificial ice to extend the skating season. Also mentions plans to open a weight room in the community hall, in the space previously used for the curling rink.

- Councillor, Hannak
 - Says that with summer approaching, suggested to continue the improvements at the graveyard and have summer students work on improvements along with working on the blueprint of the cemetery. Says her thanks to the public works foreman for the work he is doing.
 - Requesting that the hamlet council write a letter to the Government of Nunavut, specifically the department of health's minister and the premier to emphasize the on-going issues with the medivac back haul for those who require the medivac plane to travel back home. Stressed that this on-going issue should be resolved so that loved ones who are in palliative care are able to spend as much time as they can with their loved ones.

Motion #60/26

Moved by: Councillor, Hannak

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to draft a letter to the Minister of Health and the Premier requesting improvements to medivac backhaul services for patients in palliative care.

-Carried-

- Councillor, Curley
 - Says there have been several vandalisms happening to construction sites, specifically the windows of the new apartment/housing units that are currently being constructed. Suggested to start the night watch men early in the season to patrol the streets.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

- Discussion on the recommended location of the new tank farm.

Motion #61/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the proposed site for the new tank farm, on the condition that the pipeline is installed east of the future location of Inuit Nunangat University.

-Carried-

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on letter for the NWC regarding rising fuel costs.
- Discussion with council on the letter from Chelsea St. John regarding bingo and Nevada lottery.
- Discussion with council on letter from Rosie Aggark regarding water delivery overflow.

Motion #62/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the development permit application from Nunavut Housing Corporation for lot 523, plan 2011, building 'A'.

-Carried-

Motion #63/26

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the Development Permit application from the Nunavut Housing Corporation for lot 523, plan 2011, building 'B'.

-Carried-

Motion #64/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the land application from Daniel and Brianne Alagalak for a single-family dwelling on lot 854, plan 4377.

-Carried-

- Discussion on CIF funding request from Hiulik amma iqluraq fishing derby committee.

Motion #65/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the ED&T funding request from April Ollie.

-Carried-

Motion #66/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to draft a support letter for the Aqqiumavvik Society in their efforts to studying and mapping of the sea bed.

-Carried-

11. New Business

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

14. Adjournment

Motion #67/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price


Seconded by: Councillor, Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to adjourn the Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:02 PM

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey

