



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting #09-2026

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Councillor, Darren Price

Councillor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councillor, Vikki Gibbons

Councillor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councillor, Jimmy Main

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

ASAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

Mayor Savikataaq Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

2. Opening Prayer

– Led by Councillor Curley

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #68/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves amending the agenda to include KIA as a delegate and Mr. Cohen to present the Hamlet of Arviat's budget for the period of 2026-2027, and to approve the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting for Thursday, April 28, 2026.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- KIA – Mr. Karetak and Mr. Alariaq
 - Update on community information session on KIA's funding programs.
 - Update on KIA funding programs available to community members and businesses.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Requested information on who to contact regarding daycares.
- Mr. Alariaq
 - Says Nanasie who is the director of inuit program services at KIA would be the best person to contact for programs related to daycares and how to submit requests.
- SAO, Mr. Hussey
 - Requested information on funding availability for a feasibility study for a new drop-in centre.
- Mr. Alariaq
 - Says to contact Nanasie for more information. Agreed to provide contact information to the SAO.

- Councillor, Mr. Price
 - Welcomed Mr. Karetak and Mr. Alariaq to Arviat. Asked how the hamlet of Arviat council can support and help in getting the word out regarding funding programs available from the KIA. Asked the mayor if hamlet is able to add the KIA funding program information on the Hamlet of Arviat website.
- Mr. Alariaq
 - Says they can announce on the radio. Says there is a new funding program, the Sapuulutaq fund where the hamlet can look into applying for funding to do a feasibility study on a new drop-in centre. Says the information is also available on the KIA website.
- Mayor, Mr. Savikataaq Jr
 - Agreed that it is possible to add the KIA funding program information on the hamlet of Arviat website.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Asked where the information sessions are held and how long they will be in Arviat.
- Mr. Alariaq
 - Says they are located at the Katimavik suites conference room for anyone who would like to attend the information sessions.
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says his thanks to the KIA staff for coming to Arviat and says to let the hamlet know if they need any help in advertising the KIA funding programs.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #69/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the minutes for Thursday April 16, 2026- Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr. declared conflict of interest on item 11-6 at 7:38PM

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- Mr. Cohen
 - Update on Hamlet of Arviat's budget for the year 2026-2027

Motion #70/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the operating budget for the Hamlet of Arviat for the fiscal year April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

-Carried-

Motion #71/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the capital expenditures for the Hamlet of Arviat for the fiscal year April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

-Carried-

- SAO- Mr. Hussey
 - Update on March 27, 2026 meeting with RCMP to discuss future lockdown procedures. Mr. Kablutsiak also attended the meeting.
 - Update on March 27, 2026 meeting with Trevor Bell and an associate from the Smart ice who is doing work with the Aqqiumavvik Society in the planning of services her facility will offer. He will be involved in the research side of things that the facility could offer.
 - Update on March 28, 2026 where he attended the high school science fair as a judge. Reviewed 5 of the 13 presentations and scored each one accordingly.
 - Update on April 8, 2026 – Zoom Meeting with Mr. Collier, Mr. Krullman, Mr. Bowler and Mr. Kablutsiak to discuss the next steps of the sealift project.
 - Update on April 9, 2026 -Meeting with Mr. Price, manager of Northern Store and the mayor to discuss the retail business in Arviat.
 - Update on April 17, 2026 Brief meeting at the airport in Iqaluit with Ryan from CS to discuss the future solid waste project upgrades.
 - Update on April 21, 2026, phone meeting with Mr. Khol requesting that the contribution funding for the position of Lands and Planning office be allocated to a contractor until the hamlet hires an employee. Says Mr. Khol would look into it and get back to the SAO. Mr. Khol called back and confirmed the funding was not restricted and that the Hamlet can use it to pay a contractor.

- Update on April 22, 2026 Mr. McCrudden signed on to be the new director of corporate services. His first day will be on Monday, May 4, 2026.
- Update on April 24, 2026, zoom meeting with Northern futures to discuss upcoming visit on May 25 to May 29 to have capital planning discussions and by-law updates. Michelle, Sadie, Amber and Daniel also attended the meeting.
- Update on April 24, 2026, The sale of the ADC building closed proceeds of the sale in the amount of \$143,450 was deposited into the Hamlet bank account.
- Update on April 25, 2026, Mr. Cohen returned to the hamlet to continue budget and prepare for the audit.
- Update on April 28, 2026, Meeting with Mr. Alariaq from KIA to requested to attend the council meeting to night at 6PM to update council on KIA's visit to the community.
- Other Items.
 - May 1, 2026 -SAO will be on vacation for the month of May.
 - May 25, 2026 at 6PM -Monday -Special council meeting to discuss capital projects, community plan and zoning by-law. A council Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, and followed by a public consultation scheduled for Wednesday May 27.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Asked if there will be anyone replacing the lands and planning position for those who request assistance regarding planning and lands.
- SAO, Mr. Hussey
 - Says the Northern Futures will be taking over the lands department while the hamlet waits to hire a new lands and planning officer.
- Councillor, Mr. Price
 - Requested to have a list of capital projects and the current state of projects be presented to mayor and council.
- ASAO – Mrs. Tattuinee
 - Says they wrote and submitted a proposal to the Government of Nunavut for a pilot project that would allow the hamlet to manage the elders fuel subsidy program to better support the elders who own their own homes.
 - Says they are starting to prepare the lot cleaning program and the pick up of garbage at people's lots and along the maguse road for those who drop off their garbage on the side of the maguse road.

- Says she is working with the recreation department and the drop in for summer programs for students. Says Mrs. Curley will do a presentation to council on May 26 on the plans for the summer programs.
- Says there will be a big bingo jackpot on May 8 in celebration of Mother's Day.

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

- Councillor, Mr. Price
 - Requesting information on ordering 5 plexes from SIBS for the hamlet for revenue streams.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there are currently no information at the moment as they have not yet reached out to SIBS but believes the priority for SIBS right now is their own needs to house construction workers and staff of the SIBS factory.
- Councillor, Mr. Price
 - Asked if there is a possibility of running a new station on the radio where it would be a tracking station to program music.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there was a similar program on the arviapaluk radio where a laptop was set up to play music when regular radio shows were not airing. Unfortunately, the radio station was broken into, and the laptop was stolen which stopped the program from continuing.
- Councillor, Mr. Price
 - He reports receiving a phone call from the convenience store regarding an incident that occurred. At the time, he was already driving and went to the scene to investigate. Upon arrival, he found two individuals in a very serious situation. He contacted the RCMP but noted that there was a significant delay between the emergency dispatch and the information being relayed to the RCMP. Fortunately, he is trained in first aid and was able to assist and transport the individual to the health centre. He expressed concern about the RCMP's response time and requested information on how long it took for the RCMP to receive the dispatch information and attend the scene.

Motion #72/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the drafting of a letter to the RCMP requesting improvements to their response times in emergency situations.

-Carried-

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Thanked Mr. Price for taking over and assisting the injured individual and for taking them to the health centre. Says to give his thanks to the Northern staff for their assistance.

- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Requested information on the Arviat fund groups who received funding, specifically the fishing derby groups.
 - Requested information on who the fishing derby groups are and who the members are.
 - Request that the hamlet council recommend scheduling fishing derbies on different weekends for each group.

- ASAO, Mrs. Tattuinee
 - Clarified the information regarding the funding received from the Arviat Fund.

- ~~Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.~~
 - Concerned that with the fishing derbies approaching, he says there may be people who are already planning to come to Arviat for the derby and does not want to interrupt their plans or make changes in the last minute. Says the 2 fishing derby groups are aware that they are doing the fishing derby during the same weekend.

- Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut
 - Says her thanks to the water/sewage and heavy equipment operators for their hard work during the snowstorms with clearing of snow and delivering water/sewage services.

- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Requesting update on QEC's light poles and if there are any plans to replacing lights and power poles this summer. Requesting information on plans for the summer and asked if there will be power poles going up to the dumps.

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says he does not think there will be power poles installed on the road leading to the dumps. Says the Forman for the hamlet went around town and identified dark areas and gathered information on power poles that need replacements and upgrades. Says he believes the QEC will be focusing on the new subdivision and the new sea lift area regarding new power poles.

- Councillor, Mr. Curley
 - Says he filled out forms for those who went to the TB sanatoriums. Says there have been no updates and he believes they are not being processed.

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there were 2 locations that a lot of Arviat residents went to be treated for TB that were not eligible for the claim processes as they were provincially run facilities and not federally operated.

Health break at 7:25PM

Meeting resumed at 7:35PM

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

11. New Business

Motion #73/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the land application from NHC for lot 18, block 2, plan 4891.

-Carried-

Motion #74/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to grant variance to the NHC for lot 523, plan 2011 to allow 2 main buildings on the lot instead of 1.

-Carried-

Motion #75/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to appoint Michelle and Sadie from Northern Futures as development officers to assist council in administering the zoning by-law.

-Carried-

Motion #76/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the ED&T funding request from Joe Savikataaq Sr.

-Carried-

Motion #77/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to waive the community hall rental fees for the Grade 8 moving up ceremony in their funding efforts for their moving up ceremony.

-Carried-

Motion #78/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the multiple archeology permit applications from IHT. Arviat Solid waste facility, KHFL, Furgison lake project, Angilak project and Thelon project.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

14. Adjournment

Motion #79/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak


Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to adjourn the Thursday, April 28, 2026,
at 7:40 PM

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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