

Arviat Hamlet Council Regular Meeting # 21-2025 Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councilor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

2. Opening Prayer

Led by deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #137/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve the agenda for

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- Aqqiumavvik Society in partnership with the University of Alberta, Indigineous and Global Health Research Group
 - Information and update on the research study on the effects of COVID-19
- Aqqiumavvik Society Sherly and Kukik

Motion #138/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren Price

Seconded by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a letter for the Aqqiumavvik society on their application for funding from the Mclean Legacy Fund to provide wellness and healing programming to Arviamiut who are survivors of the federal Indian day school.

-Carried-

 Update and information session on the proposed Arviat integrated shelter and supportive housing hub.

- Nigitaarvik Society Steven Westlake, Bradley Williams and Bonnie Kuksuk
 - Information and update on plans for the future of the Niqitaarvik food bank.
 - Health break at 7:05PM
 - Meeting resumed at 7:12PM

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #139/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, July 15, 2025 -Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 22, 2025 -Special Council Meeting, Thursday, August 7, 2025- Committee Meeting.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councilor Darren Price declared conflict of interest on item 10-5.

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- ASAO-Amber Tattuinee
 - Says 10 graduated from the class 3 course.
 - Update on community hall closure from August 24 until the end of October due to renovations.
 - Update on last reload of leftover funds from the JP food voucher program.
 - Update on creating a policy for municipal service outstanding balances.
 - Update on teen dance closure. Suggested to open square dance only until winter. Suggested on creating a policy of who can rent the community hall to host teen dance.
- Discussion on Hamlet teen dance policy differed to next meeting.
- Discussion with mayor and council on the suggestion of a policy for outstanding balance for municipal services.

 Discussion with mayor and council on teen dance closure and the possibility of opening square dances.

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

- Councilor Darren Price
 - Follow up on his suggestion on hiring a 2nd air traffic control personnel at the airport.
 - Suggested to request to have the air traffic control course be held in Arviat.
 - Suggested to open the waterways to allow cruise ships to come to Arviat to boost the economy in Arviat.
 - Says it is sad to see funds gone for the JP food program.
 - Says he noticed the shelves at the store were empty and that it shows the food insecurity.
 - Suggested to write a letter to the federal government to inform them that families need support and to suggest hiring a person to write support letters for those in need.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says Melodie can check into the cruise ship routs.
- Councilor, Doreen Hannak
 - Says a suggestion should me made to the HTO to put the cross back up that is across the bay.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the hamlet laborers can put the cross up when it is safe to go across the bay. Says he will inform Daniel from public works.
- Councilor Doreen Hannak
 - Suggested to have the man-made hill by the water reservoir be flattened as it is causing a lot of dust to be accumulated in and around the water reservoir.
 - Says it would be best to flatten the hill to control the dust.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the gravel at the mad made hill is not suitable for the roads.
 - Says CGS said it was not a part of the contract to flatten or remove the large pile of gravel.

- Says a lot of silt is going into the water reservoir. Says at least a million has been spent on water filters at the water reservoir.
- Suggested to add soul to control the dust.
- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Suggested to connect a road from ihuarutnaaq to qamutyuaqtalik.
 - Asked if there are any updates on the Maguse road.
 - Asked if there are any plans to smooth the road to Maguse lake.
 - Says there are too many sea cans that are stored at the sealift landing area, causing a concern for accidents as there are some that are stacked 3 sea cans high.
 - Suggested to get a hold of NEAS to have them removed as they have been sitting in the sealift landing for quite some time.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the road to Maguse lake is usually worked on before the September long weekend.
 - Says he will inform Daniel from public works.
- Councilor Doreen Hannak
 - Asked if the heavy equipment operators stop working on the road at 4th bridge.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey
 - Says the grader can not pass the 4th bridge as there are too many large boulders and rocks in that area.
- Councilor Darren Price
 - Suggested to write a letter to NEAS requesting them to move the sea cans for safety reasons.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says he will check into moving the NEAS sea cans.
- Councilor Vikki Gibbons
 - Asked if they can ask NEAS if they can provide a sea can to the Niqitaarvik society and other local businesses.

- Says calm air now only allows two luggage's and one carry on. Suggested to check with calm air if that is the new policy.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says if NEAS denies the donation of a sea can for the Niqitaarvik Society, the hamlet can donate the one that is sitting by one of the staff houses.
- Councilor Joshua Curley
 - Says if the man-made hill by the water reservoir won't be flattened, he suggested to create a bike rout/park.
 - Says covid is still around. Says he went to the arena and noticed there are a lot
 of spit on the walls/floor and asked what can be done.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the recreation staff have been enforcing as best as they can and that signs are up stating that spitting is not allowed.
- Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik
 - Says there have been break in and enters happening and asked if there are anymore funding for night watch men. Says construction workers are losing power tools and that arson has been happening at the construction sites.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the night watch men ended on Friday with 12AM being the end time. Says there were no more funding to continue the night watch men.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

Motion #140/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the ED&T funding request from Julia Okatsiak, Sherlyn Kadjuk, Makayak Nipisar.

-Carried-

Motion #141/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak Seconded by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the policy for the rental of the hamlet staff house.

-Carried-

11. New Business

Motion #142/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey Seconded by: Councilor Darren Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 5 applications for municipal land from the Kivalliq Inuit Association.

-Carried-

Motion #143/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the application for

commissioner's land from Kelly Owlijoot.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

Motion #144/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the Arviat fund

grant applications.

-Carried-

13. By-Law

Motion #145/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren Price Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 1st reading of

by-law No. 352, amendments to the community plan.

-Carried-

Motion #146/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey
Seconded by: Councilor Doreen Hannak
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Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve the 1st reading of by-

law No. 353, amendments to the zoning by-law

-Carried-

Motion #147/25

Moved by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve the 1st reading of by-

law No. 354, Snow piling and removal by-law.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #148/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to adjourn the August

19, 2025 regular council meeting at 8:15PM.

-Carried-

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

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