



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting #29-2025

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Absent:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. **Call To Order**

- Councillor Caskey called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

2. **Opening Prayer**

Led by Deputy Joshua Curley

3. **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion #215/25

Moved by: Councillor, Main

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the agenda for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. **Delegates**

- Nuki Corporation – Kivalliq Hydro Fibre Link Project Update.
- Christina Blouw, Andrew Wolaniuk, Graham Smith.
 - Update on proposed 1,200km Hydro fibre link project.
 - Update on potential transmission line corridors between Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake and Chester Field Inlet.
 - Update on Regulatory process involving the Nunavut Planning Commission and the Nunavut Impact Review Board.
- Councillor, Main
 - Noted that consultation will include other communities including Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet, and inquired whether the Arviat corridor has already been planned and approved.
 - Asked if the project is viable without Federal Government funding.
- Christina Blouw
 - Clarified that the corridor to Arviat is already deemed suitable, and the other corridor assessment between Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake was a transparent response to past community request.

- Says the corridor does not directly impact Arviat and it is important to inform the community of Arviat on the plans of the proposed Kivalliq Hydro Fibre Link Project.
- Andrew Wolaniuk
 - Says the financial viability depends on securing agreements with power purchasers, private equity and a financial supplement from the Government of Canada to cover a funding gap.
- Christina Blouw
 - Says they are requesting a support letter from the Arviat Hamlet Council to aid with permit and funding applications.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #216/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the minutes for Tuesday, November 25, 2025 -Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- Councillor Mrs. Gibbons declared a conflict of interest at 7:00PM on item 10-3

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- SAO Report – Hussey
 - Update on November 25, 2025 where he attended the regular Council Meeting
 - Update on November 26 to 28 where he worked with a team to complete the application for the location of the Inuit Nunangat University be in Arviat.
 - Says he was on vacation from December 1-5th.

- Upcoming event: February 2 to February 6, 2026 – Kivalliq Mayors Meeting in Rankin Inlet Sponsored by the Hamlet of Arviat where the Mayor and SAO will be in attendance.
- Discussion with council on the EPLS invoice for the stabilization repairs at the John Ollie Complex.

Motion #217/25

Moved by: Councillor, Main

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves two invoices from EPLS for the foundation stabilization repairs at the John Ollie Complex in the total amount of \$333,564.28.

-Carried-

- Says he met with the water-sewage clerk to discuss the water and sewage services statements.
- Says the water and sewage clerk mentioned that it takes time to print invoices and that statements were not included in those with a balance of less than \$500.00.
- Says statements for the month of November were included in the invoices that were mailed out.
- Says the water and sewage clerk would like to know if it's possible to include statements with the invoices on a quarterly basis rather than monthly, due to the cost of postages
- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Asked if the statements that are included in the invoices will include the amount of water delivered to customers.
- SAO, Hussey
 - Explained to council that Sage and Fluid Manager are separate systems -Sage for accounting and Fluid Manager for tracking water delivery – and each requires different data entry.
- Councillor, Caskey
 - Says he is okay with the statements being included on a quarterly basis.

- Says he would like to see longer statements in the future and used December as an example, suggesting that the December statement include the entire year.
- Councillor, Price
 - Asked if there is any way to access municipal service invoice and statements electronically.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Voiced her concerns on those who do not have access to email especially for elders.
- Discussion with council on when to include statements in customer invoices for water delivery. Council approved adding quarterly statements to municipal service invoices and issue a comprehensive annual statement in December.

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

- Councillor, Curley
 - Says he was outside his place doing work and noticed that there were people bringing in snow machines into the arena garage and says the arena garage is not for personal use. Asked that this matter be looked into.
 - Says he attended the Socio-Economic meeting that was held in Rankin Inlet. He noted that the individuals who helped create the territory of Nunavut were acknowledged, and he is pleased that the federal government is finally recognizing those who worked hard to establish the territory.
- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Says he listened to the Mayors Radio show. Says they were talking about the Inuit Nunangat University and did not want to change the subject when she calls in regarding parking space by the community hall. Says she had a discussion with her colleagues at the school, and they recommended that snow be cleared for a parking lot behind the community hall to ease the traffic that accumulates when there are activities going on at the community hall, especially during the Christmas games and the hockey tournaments.
- Councillor, Main
 - Says the community hall is very busy during the Christmas season and asked if there are recreation employees who are monitoring when Christmas games and dances are held by other organizations.

- Councillor, Caskey
 - Confirmed that there are recreation staff that are at the community hall during the Christmas games that are hosted by other organisations.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Says there are recreation staff that are at the community hall when it is open.
- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Says there are fulltime recreation staff members on site in each area-community hall, canteen, arena and indoor playground.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Says the John Arnalukjuak High School gym is now closed in the evenings. Asked if it is due to no volunteers. Asked if the recreation department can open the gym for youth to use in the evenings.
- Councillor, Caskey
 - Says there is no longer an agreement with the DEA in regard to opening the JAHS gym in the evenings for youth.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Asked if the agreement can be reinstated to allow the recreation staff to open the gym for youth in the evenings. Says many young people would benefit from having access to the gym during the evenings especially during the colder months.
 - Suggested to remind dog owners to tend to their dogs or to tie them up as there are many loose dogs roaming around.
- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Says Brighter Futures is now under the Ilitaqsiniq and that they oversee running the programs.
- Councillor, Price

- Asked if there will be extra operating hours at the radio station during the Christmas season. Says this would be good for those who are unable to go out due to mobility issues and for elderly people.
- Suggested to run the radio show into the late nights as this is usually done in the past and is enjoyed by many.
- Councillor, Caskey
 - Says the seacans that Hamlet owns that are behind the Pana building will need to be moved.
- SAO, John
 - Says he will look into having the radio show open late into the night during the Christmas season.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on letter from Tamar Mukyunik.
- Discussion on letter from DEA.
- Councillor, Main
 - Says he submitted his name, for a role with the language committee.
- Councillor, Curley
 - Asked what the Language Committee is.
- Councillor, Hannak
 - Explained to Councillor Curley what the role of the language committee are.
- Discussion on funding request from Arviat Minor Hockey.

Motion #218/25

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to provide \$10,000.00 in funding from the CIF for the Minor Hockey Association to support their efforts in purchasing new Arviat Kings hockey jerseys.

-Carried-

11. New Business

Motion #219/25

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the ED&T funding request from Sherry Ussak and Annie Gibbons.

-Carried-

Motion #220/25

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the Survey Sketch Plan SK-ARV-25-03 to create a new road parcel and a new lot for development.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

Motion #221/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the 1st and 2nd reading of By-law 355, Land Acquisition By-law.

-Carried-

Motion #222/25

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the 1st and 2nd reading of By-law 356, Land Disposal By-law.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #223/25

Moved by: Councillor, Main

Seconded by: Councillor, Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to adjourn the December 9, 2025, Regular Council meeting at 7:10PM

-Carried-

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Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

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