



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting #05-2026

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councillor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councillor, Vikki Gibbons

Councillor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Councillor, Jimmy Main

Councillor, Darren Price

Staff:

COSAO, John Hussey

COSAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

- Deputy Mayor Kidlapik called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #30/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday February 24, 2026 -Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- Sue Ball and Don Moors – Update on Cancer care fundraising
 - Thanked the Hamlet council for their support over the past 10 years.
 - Says they have raised over \$47,000 over the past 10 years for Manitoba Cancer Care Foundation. Thanked the Hamlet council for waiving the fee for the rental of the community hall.
 - Says the penny sale and food court event was a success. Says they raise a little over \$7,000 at the January 31st penny sale. Says it was the highest amount raised at a single fundraiser since fundraising efforts began.
 - Says they raised a little over \$1,300 at the food court, which was their first time to host a food court fundraiser.
 - Says other nonprofit organizations also participated in the penny sale.
 - Says their goal this summer is to sit down with other organizations to plan for the next years fundraising event.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
 - Thanked Sue and Don for their hard work and efforts in raising funds for the Cancer Care Manitoba foundation over the past 10 years.

- Councillor, Caskey
 - Expressed the belief that securing as much funding as possible for cancer research is essential. Shared concerns that cancer appears to be affecting more individuals and at a younger age. Says that increased funding for research improves the chances of developing effective solutions.

- Elizabeth Issakiark -Arviat Fund bingo letter
 - She explained that she received a letter from the Hamlet of Arviat that was neither dated nor signed. This letter was issued after she went on air to clarify to the bingo caller that additional numbers had been called after she had already won the bingo game.
 - She emphasized that she did not harass anyone. She is requesting that any future correspondence issued by the Hamlet be formal, dated, and signed.

- Discussion with council on the no tolerance letter Mrs. Issakiark received from the Arviat Fund.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #31/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 -Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

Motion #32/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to go on-camera at 6:18PM

-Carried-

Motion #33/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to go off-camera at 6:25PM

-Carried-

• COSAO -Hussey

- February 10, 2026 -Attended the regular council meeting.
- February 11, 2026 – Community Freezer Compressors arrived and installation is scheduled for early to mid-March
- February 11, 2026 – Meeting with Shirley and her consultants to discuss the shelter project, Norther Futures, Mrs. Tattiunee, Mr. Kablutsiak and Mr. Hussey attended the meeting.
- February 17, 2026 – Zoom meeting with Dephin Mutema, Victims Services Mananger for the Government of Nunavut. To discuss 2025-2026 Victims Services Budget. Mrs. Tattuinee was also in attendance.
- February 17, 2026 – Zoom meeting with Michael Frind from QEC to discuss the future location of a new power plant for Arviat. Also on the line was Randy Mercer and representatives from Community Services. Mr. Kablutsiak and Mrs. Illnik were also in attendance.
- February 17, 2026 -Telephone call from SAO of Whale Cove and his Public Works Director. They may be interested in purchasing some parts from the old grater from the Hamlet of Arviat that is no longer in service. Mr. Kablutsiak also attended the meeting and will work with them to see if the parts are available.
- February 18, 2026 -Zoom meeting with Mary Jane, Alena, and Tim who are the architect and engineers, consultants for the new fire station. They reviewed the building location, truck access to and from the site, snow accumulation patterns, site drainage conditions, the location of existing power poles, and the alignment of the proposed new road.
- February 19, 2026- Spoke with Mr. Collier regarding the Parking Garage Program. An amended agreement will be signed for planning and design (originally \$300,000), with Accutech selected to complete the work. As the project will extend into the next fiscal year, the GN is prepared to extend the agreement into 2026–2027 and may increase funding up to \$5,000,000, subject to Cabinet approval. The GN will fund only one garage within the next 2–4 years; alternative funding will be required for construction of the second garage.

- Upcoming event: March 10-11, 2026 – On site visit from ITK and Associates
- Upcoming event: April 21 to April 23 -ITK Visit to the community.
- Discussion with council on existing infrastructure and infrastructure needs to ensure reliability, scalability, and maintainability with the growth of the community and the addition of new buildings.
- COSAO, Mr. Tattuinee
 - Update on Arviat District Education Authority agreement for the use of the John Arnalukjuak High School gym for the recreation department.
- Discussion with council on the Arviat DEA gym usage.

Motion #34/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves signing the joint use agreement between the Arviat District Education Authority and the Hamlet of Arviat, subject to requested amendments to the provisions respecting the use of the gymnasiums and that the provisions within the use of the weight room be removed.

-Carried-

Motion #35/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mr. Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the CCB budget and the annual work plan for the Economic Development officer for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

-Carried-

- COSAO, Hussey
 - Update on capital projects that Mr. Collier provided for council to review.

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

- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Advised that she had previously sent an email regarding attendance at meetings by teleconference and suggested reinstating the call-in option for members who are unable to attend in person at the scheduled time.

- Councillor, Mr. Caskey
 - Noted that the call-in option had been tried previously; however, issues were experienced with calls disconnecting and uncertainty about whether councillors remained on the line, which made it difficult to proceed with meetings and led to the discontinuation of the practice.

- COSAO, Mr. Hussey
 - Confirmed that he will take a look at the council procedures by-law to see if there can be changes made on Mrs. Gibbon's suggestion to call into meetings.

- Councillor, Mr. Curley
 - Noted that the airstrip approach markers used to guide aircraft are fading and suggested that they be repainted.

Health break at 7:05PM

Meeting resumed at 7:15PM

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion with council on letter from the Angalik family.

Motion #36/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves that Council, having sought and received legal advice from the Hamlet of Arviat's legal counsel, acknowledges that the Council does not have the legislative authority to banish or permanently exclude a community member from the community of Arviat; and that direct administration to provide written correspondence to the Angalik Family confirming that the powers granted to the Hamlet under applicable territorial legislation do not include the authority to banish a resident from the community.

-Carried-

- Discussion on letter from Qitiqliq Middle School -requesting any type of support for their recycling project.
- Council directed Administration to respond to QMS advising that a pop can crusher previously used in past recycling programs remains available. Council further noted that QMS may find a seacan for the storage of recyclable materials until such time as funding becomes available to facilitate shipment of the recycled items out of the community.

11. New Business

- Review of information for the archaeology and paleontology permit application -Arviat Solid Waste facility upgrades.
- Review of information for the archaeology and palaeontology permit application - Kivalliq Hydro Fibre Link Project.

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

14. Adjournment

Motion #37/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mr. Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday,
February 24, 2026 at 7:30PM

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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