



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 02-2026

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Staff:

COSAO, John Hussey

COSAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

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

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #01/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to amend the agenda to include ED&T funding request from Peral Curley and J & E Repairs also to include the 3rd and final readings of by-laws 355, Land Acquisition by-law and 356, Land Disposal by-law and to approve the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- RCMP -Monthly Report -Constable Kevin Li.
 - Update on monthly report for the month of December
 - Update on 2025 statistics

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #02/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 -Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 16, 2025 -Executive Council Meeting Minutes.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- COSAO Report, Hussey
 - Update on his return to work from annual vacation on January 7, 2026
 - Update on his attendance on Arviat Fund Committee meeting on January 8, 2026
 - Update on Northern Futures planning and support services on a one-year term.

Motion #03/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to award a one-year contract to Northern Futures to provide planning and support services for the Hamlet of Arviat, as and when needed at a cost of \$8,000 per month, for a total contract value of \$96,000.

-Carried-

- Discussion with mayor and council on the Hamlet building another one or 2, 5 plex apartment units.
 - Update on municipal services statements.
 - Update on council resolutions for the Kivalliq Mayors meeting in Rankin Inlet.
 - Upcoming event, Mayor and SAO to attend the Kivalliq Mayors Meeting in Rankin inlet from February 2-6, 2026, which is sponsored by the Hamlet of Arviat.
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- COSAO Report, Mrs. Tattuinee
 - Update on Arviat Fund Committee meeting.
 - Update on Arviat Fund request and budget.

Motion #04/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the Arviat fund committee's recommendations to approve the funding requests from various organization and groups for a grand total of \$242,670.00.

-Carried-

- Update on community hall closure from June to November 2026 for phase 3 of renovations.
- Says the arena will be available to book as a venue.

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

- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
 - Says he travelled to Rankin Inlet to attend the Nunavut Water Management Strategy Development Workshop, but the meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions and flight cancellations in most communities. Says the meeting was rescheduled to early February but no update has been provided yet.
- Councillor, Caskey
 - Suggested that improvements be made to the intersection of 6th Street and 3rd Avenue. Specifically, that the roadway be squared off or adjusted to form a proper angle. He further suggested that this work be considered as a summer project.
 - He recommended that a barrier be installed near the yield sign at the intersection of 6th Street and 3rd Avenue to ensure proper use of the roadway. He further suggested that planners from Northern Futures review and plan this improvement.
 - Says there are now 3 open lots around 6th street and 4th avenue (Old Leonard's and Assoc. Lot), suggested that these lots be made available for use.
- Councillor, Price
 - Says CanaDrill was in Arviat in the fall time. Asked if there are any plans to continue drilling sites.
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says he has been in contact with CanaDrill and was still waiting for a response from them. Says they will respond when updates are available.
- Councillor, Price
 - Says there are piles of snow by the new Sakku factory. Suggested to write a letter to request to have the snow removed to avoid creating snow drifts on the road when blizzards develop.
 - Suggested to add gravel to intersections as it is very slippery.

Motion #05/26

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves with one councillor abstaining, to write a letter to SAKKU to move the piles of snow by their factory, to avoid creating large snow drifts on the road, also to provide the Snow Piling and Removal by-law and the map of the designated snow removal sites.

-Carried-

- Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut
 - Says her appreciation for the hamlet garage staff and heavy equipment operators for their hard work in catching up after the blizzard that happened over the holidays.

- Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons
 - Asked if there were any response from QEC regarding nonfunctioning streetlights.
 - Says she went to the gas station and noticed that the gas station attendees were wearing head lights to see in the dark because there are no working lights in the area. Suggested to put up a flood light for them to use as it is a safety issue to work in the dark.

- COSAO, Hussey
 - Says they will get in contact with PPD and NorthStar to request to have them install a light for the gas station attendees.

- Councillor, Curley
 - Says he noticed that there are not many dogs around his area now. Says his thanks to the enforcement officers for the Hamlet of Arviat.

- Discussion with Mayor and Council on the weight room at the JAHS.

- Mayor, Saivikataaq Jr.
 - States that a new volunteer group was independently formed and is currently working on a request to open the weight room for public use.
 - Suggested to write a letter to DEA to support the new group in their efforts to open the weight room for the youth of Arviat.

Motion #06/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves writing a letter to the DEA in support of the new volunteer group's effort to open the weight room to the public.

-Carried-

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says as the community hall will be closed for the repairs to the foundation.
 - Suggested opening the arena, when the community hall is closed, as a rentable venue for public use, including the addition of a stage and heating to accommodate events.

- Councillor, Price
 - Says the school gyms are also another option for venue space.
 - Asked if the DEA is accepting bookings for the use of the school gyms.

- Discussion with mayor and council on the usage of the school gyms as venues.

Motion #07/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Mrs. Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the drafting and submission of a letter to the DEA and the principals of the three schools requesting that the school gyms be made accessible to local youth.

-Carried-

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on letter from Jillian regarding the working conditions at the Arviat Fund.

- Discussion on letter from the Minister of Health regarding the full-time availability of a Doctor in Arviat.
- Councillor, Caskey
 - He states that, given Arviat's large population, a permanent doctor should be stationed in the community.

11. New Business

Motion #08/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the ED&T funding request from Peral Curley and J&E Repairs.

-Carried-

Motion #09/26

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the drafting of a letter of support for EPLS, which is seeking the Fire Marshal's approval in its efforts to sell fireworks at their store.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

Motion #10/26

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the 3rd and final reading of by-laws 355, Land acquisition by-law and 356, Land Disposal By-law.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #11/26

Moved by: Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00PM

-Carried-

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



