



**Arviat Hamlet Council**

**Regular Meeting # 03-2026**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers**

**Present:**

**Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.**

**Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik**

**Councilor, Darren Price**

**Councilor, Doreen Hannak**

**Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut**

**Councilor, Joshua Curley**

**Absent:**

**Councilor, Nathan Caskey**

**Councilor, Vikki Gibbons**

**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 #12/26**

**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 Sherly Tagalik from Aqqiumavik as a delegate and to approve the agenda for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, regular council meeting.

-Carried-

**4. Delegates**

- Mr. Collier -Update on Capital Projects.
  - Update on Community Hall renovations and progress.
  - Says a representative from Accutech Engineering will be on site to do inspections on the renovations and the tender documents.
  - Says the community hall will be undergoing phase 3 of renovations to the foundation.
  - Says the community hall will be closed in May to continue the renovations to the foundation. Says the community hall should be reopened by December 2026.
  - Says they are working on opening a weight room at the community hall for public use.
  - Says Accutech is looking into the option of installing artificial ice to extend the hockey seasons.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Inquired whether the heating system is included in the inspection to be conducted by Accutech at the community hall/arena.
- Mr. Collier
  - Confirmed that Accutech Engineering will be inspecting the heating system as well.

- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
  - Asked whether the ceiling fans are included in the inspection that Accutech Engineering will be conducting.
  
- Mr. Collier
  - Says he will make a note for Accutech Engineering to check the ceiling fans.
  
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Noted that air quality in the community hall becomes excessively dense during large events, including square dances, and inquired whether the air-handling system is current and operating as intended.
  
- Mr. Collier
  - Says there is an air handling system at the community hall. Says it is over 25 years old and that he will make a note of it to have the air handling system inspected.
  
- Councillor, Price
  - Asked if there is a maximum capacity for the community hall.
  
- Mr. Collier
  - He states that there will be a limit on the number of occupants due to the movement of the floor. He also clarifies that the issue was not caused by the number of occupants, but by floor movement during square/teen dances, which led to movement in the foundation.
  
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
  - He explains that floor leveling is done gradually, as the foundation keeps shifting due to environmental factors and the state of the building.
  
- Mr. Collier
  - Update on upcoming projects.
    - Two, 5 bay parking garages
    - Sealift landing expansion, construction to start summer 2026.

- Councillor, Price
  - Inquired if lighting fixtures will be installed when construction of the sealift landing starts.
- Mr. Collier
  - Says it depends on the cost of gravel. Confirmed that it was included in the planning of the QEC tank farm project.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - She notes that fuel tankers and large vessels frequently use a bulldozer for anchoring. She inquired whether bollards will be incorporated into the plan.
- Discussion on sealift landing expansion project.

**Motion #13/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the recommendation to award Accutech Engineering \$144,000.00 to design two, 5 bay parking garages for the Hamlet of Arviat.

-Carried-

- Aqqiumavvik Society -Sherly Tagalik
  - Update on homeless shelter project.
- Discussion on homeless shelter project.
- Discussion on programs with the Aqqiumavvik Society.
- Discussion on new programs at the proposed men's shelter.

- Councillor, Curley
  - Says he was in Rankin Inlet recently and had a chance to visit the Arctic College Campus. Says the arctic college has programs such as, learning to skin animal hides, learning skills in the kitchen. Asked if this will affect the plans that the Aqqiumavvik has.
  
- Mrs. Tagalik
  - Confirmed that some of the men's programs will be incorporated into the men's shelter programs.
  - Explained that young men are interested in learning basic skills (e.g., hunting) to support their families. Noted that the Aqqiumavvik program provides foundational life skills that can be applied toward other opportunities, including trades programs.
  
- Mayor, Mr. Savikataaq Jr.
  - Noted that KIA has funding programs for cultural activities (e.g., skinning animal hides, butchering). Asked whether KIA had been contacted to explore potential support.
  
- Mrs. Tagalik
  - Noted that most funding from KIA requires applicants to be part of a group or organization.
  
- Discussion on new projects with Aqqiumavvik Society.
  - Young hunters program
  - Mapping of the seabed
  
- Mrs. Tagalik
  - Says ArcticNet is nearing completion of marine mapping. Says ArcticNet would like to go to other communities to continue marine mapping.
  - Advised that new equipment will be acquired to enhance mapping in the Arviat and Nuvuk areas.
  
- Request for a support letter from Aqqiumavvik Society differed to next council meeting.

- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
  - Asked whether marine mapping will be conducted only near Arviat or if it will also include other areas, such as Sandy Point.
  
- Mrs. Tagalik
  - Says there are three hydro blocks in use and operating slowly, with some progress in seabed mapping. Says they had meetings where three hunters identified areas hazardous to boaters. Hunters may use the mapping device in the future to collect data using their boats.
  
- Councillor, Curley
  - Noted awareness of the seabed mapping initiative and expressed support, highlighting the extensive tidal flats in and around Arviat. Observed that, since moving to Arviat, the tidal islands in the bay appear larger than before, suggesting changes in tidal levels.

## **5. Review & Approval of minutes**

### **Motion #14/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, January 8, 2026 -Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - Executive Council Meeting Minutes.

-Carried-

## **6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

- Ms. Muckpah declared a conflict of interest on item 11-2.

## **7. Operational Matters and Reports**

- COSAO Report, Hussey
  - January 13, 2026 – Attended Regular Council Meeting.
  - Update on zoom meeting with Michelle and Sadie from Northern futures do discuss land development for spring, summer of 2026. Mayor, COSAO and Mr. Kablutsiak from public works also attended the meeting.
- Discussion on council resolutions for the Kivalliq Mayors Meeting in Rankin Inlet.
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Suggested that the Kivalliq mayors and SAO collaborate on drafting a letter concerning the availability of the medivac plane.
  - Expressed that medivac planes should be sent from Winnipeg rather than being blocked by cost concerns as this is not about money, but about people—loved ones with families waiting for them, especially in their final days.
- Councillor, Curley
  - Says he agrees with Councillor, Mrs. Hannak.
- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
  - Says the gun buy-back program is ending this March. Suggested to bring this up at the Kivalliq Mayors Meeting.
  - Says he has concerns as it will be illegal for hunters to own semi-automatic rifles.
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Confirmed that mayors are preparing to discuss gun control laws. Confirmed that the premier for Nunavut agreed to discuss the gun control laws.
- Councillor, Price
  - Suggested highlighting the long medical travel wait times that patients experience when passing through Rankin Inlet.
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Says he will bring it up at the Kivalliq Mayors meeting.
  - Says the Premier of Nunavut included the topic in his radio show during his campaign.

- Discussion with mayor and council on medical travel routes.
  - COSAO, Hussey
    - Says public health consultations will be happening in early February to study and do research on health care in the north.
  - Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
    - Says he was interviewed and that the consultants are looking for information on healthcare in the north.
  - Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
    - Asked why the Kivalliq Mayors Meeting is not being held in Arviat as the Hamlet of Arviat is hosting the meeting.
  - COSAO, Hussey
    - Says there were no accommodations available.
  - Mr. Collier
    - Update on Kivalliq Mayors Meeting Agenda.
  - COSAO Report, Mrs. Tattuinee
    - Says she is working on opening a weight room at the community hall.
    - Says she is working on securing funding for the weight room.
    - Inquired whether proceeds from the sale of the ADC building could be used to purchase weight room equipment.

**Motion #15/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council hereby approves the allocation of \$40,000.00 from the proceeds of the sale of the ADC building for the purchase of weight room equipment.

-Carried-

**Motion #16/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approve the reimbursement of \$1,500.00 from the Arviat Fund to Gleason Uppahuak, for the purchase of banners for the Arviat Cup Corporate Challenge.

-Carried-

- Mr. Collier
  - Provided information on the weight room equipment quote.
    - Health Break at 7:10PM until 7:20PM

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

- Councillor, Price
  - Expressed appreciation for the heavy equipment operators for their efforts in clearing snow after the blizzards, noting they worked late nights to catch up.
  - Suggested exploring the purchase of two 5-plex apartment units from SIBS and recommended checking the pricing when they become available.

**Motion #17/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approve the review and consideration of purchasing two five-plex apartment buildings from SIBS.

-Carried-

- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Says she previously mentioned in December, that heavy equipment operators clearing snow from roads should also address small snow piles along property boundaries. Suggested asking operators to remove snow that accumulates in front of residents' driveways when graders/loaders are clearing snow off the roads.
  - Requested an update on the gym usage agreement. Asked if the recreation department looked into it.

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Noted that gym usage was discussed at the previous council meeting and that letters were sent to the DEA.
  
- Councillor. Mrs. Hannak
  - Raised concerns from what she heard on the CB and radio about snow clearing in areas used by elders and people with disabilities, emphasizing these areas should be prioritized for snow clearing.
  
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Says the heavy equipment operators were informed and that he receives calls directly to his home regarding snow removal.
  
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Expresses her gratitude to the by-law officers for their hard work in the cold, particularly when digging graves for those preparing to lay their loved ones to rest.
  - Notes that the gravel placed on the road contains many large rocks and suggests sourcing gravel with smaller, more uniformed gravel.
  - Highlighted that not everyone has a voice, noting that her experience making multiple calls to request a medivac plane from Winnipeg reminded her of those who cannot advocate for themselves.
  - Inquired about who is responsible for hiring across the different departments at the Arviat Hamlet office.
  - Asked whether a hiring committee exists and, if so, who its members are.
  
- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Noted that the administrative team holds sole authority over the hiring and termination of employees at the Hamlet of Arviat office.
  - Provided an update on the submission of the Inuit Nunangat University proposal. Noted that Arviat may have a strong chance of hosting the campus and that a response is expected in approximately two weeks. Mentioned that six submissions were received on time.
  - Noted that SAKKU had originally purchased a rock crusher from the Hamlet of Arviat and is now inquiring whether the hamlet would consider repurchasing it.
  
- Councillor, Mrs. Hannak
  - Inquired about SAKKU's purchase price for the crusher and advised waiting for SAKKU to provide a price.

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
  - Stated that SAKKU will review the condition of the crusher and their finances, and will respond afterward.

**9. Business arising from previous minutes**

**10. Correspondence, Information & Petition**

- 6106 Resource LTD – Requesting Letter of support

**Motion #18/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Curley

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approve the drafting of a letter of support for 6106 Resources regarding their exploration activities at the Hook Lake project, located 140 km northeast of Arviat.

-Carried-

**11. New Business**

- ED&T Funding request – Naomi Muckpah

**Motion #19/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Mrs. Aulatjut

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the ED&T funding request from Naomi Muckpah.

-Carried-

**12. Committee Reports**

**13. By-Law**

**Motion #20/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of by-laws 350, amendments to the community plan and 351, amendments to the zoning by-law.

-Carried-

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion #21/26**

**Moved by:** Councillor, Price

**Seconded by:** Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:40PM

-Carried-



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Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



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SAO John Hussey



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