



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 18-2025

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

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

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #116/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to amend the agenda to include the 2nd reading of by-law 350, amendments to community plan and the 2nd reading of by-law 351 amendments to the zoning by-law and to approve the agenda for Tuesday, July 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- Kivalliq Alternative Energy -Dana and Ruben
 - Presentation and project update
- Discussion on site of turbine and solar arrays.
- Consumer Affairs -Christiane
 - Presentation and information on lotteries and lottery license processes
- Councilor Doreen
 - Asked what they mean by “unlicensed lotteries”
 - Asked what the difference is between non-delegated and delegated
- Christiane
 - Says unlicensed lotteries are the sales of lotteries without a license issued.
 - Says the difference is that the non-delegated are issued by the consumer affairs department while the delegated ones are issued by the Hamlets.

- Says any group or organization needs their own committee and a designated bank account to operate lotteries such as the sales of Nevada tickets and hosting bingo games.

- Councilor Jimmy
 - Asked what the implications are or if there are any fines for operating without a lottery license.
 - Asked if the auditors are aware of it.

- Christiane
 - Says she will have to get back on the question as she does not know.
 - Says she does not know regarding auditors.

- SAO, John
 - Says the auditors are aware of it and that it will be presented to council on the next special council meeting.

- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Asked how online casinos operate.

- Christiane
 - Says the online casino operators receive a license from the federal government.

- Councilor Jimmy
 - Asked how long the license last.

- Christiane
 - Says the license can last 12 to 18 months.
 - Says the Arviat Fund can pay for the lottery license from the funds made from the sales of Nevada and bingo sales.

- SAO, John
 - Asked if the online bingo's fall under unlicensed sales.

- Christiane
 - Says anyone who wishes to host online bingo will need a lottery license to operate.

- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Asked about slot machines.

- Christiane
 - Says the by-law would need to be amended to include the use of slot machines.

- Deputy Mayor Gordy
 - Asked if spots are included in the reporting of unlicensed lotteries.

- Councilor Doreen
 - Asked where they can a form to file a complaint

- Christiane
 - Says there are legal templates available on the government of Nunavut website under the department of consumer affairs and says she will leave forms at the Hamlet office for anyone who would like to submit a complaint.

Motion #117/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a support letter for the Arviat fund committee to obtain a lottery license.

-Carried-

Motion #118/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen

Seconded by: Councilor Nathan

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to establish an independent bank account for the Arviat Fund committee.

-Carried-

- Health Break at 8:38PM until 8:45PM

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #119/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gordy

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to amend the Public hearing minutes and to approve the minutes for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 -Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 -Special Council Meeting, Friday, June 27, 2025- Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, July 3, 2025 -Emergency Council Meeting and Tuesday, July 8, 2025- Public Hearing Minutes

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- SAO, John
 - June 10, attended the regular council meeting.
 - June 11, 2025 -Attended a zoom meeting regarding HAF where the mayor, Daniel, John and Michelle were in attendance to discuss the location of the tank farm, fuel line manifold and remediation of power plant site.
 - June 12, 2025 -Meeting with RCMP Kevin, John and the mayor to review and discuss their annual performance plan.
 - June 16 to June 20 -in person visit from Michelle from Northern futures and Herald from Backbord Consultants Inc. to do onsite visit and workshop on sealift improvement area, subdivision development road construction, tank farm, power plant, road to SAKKU factory and fuel delivery.
 - June 18 2025- Attended Special council meeting where Michelle and Harald updated council on capital projects.
 - June 21, 2025-Zoom meeting with EDO, Keith, Mayor, Margaret and Daniel to discuss the schedule and availability of the staff house for use by contractors and others.
 - June 23, 2025 -New employee who was hired to work as the Victims Care Coordinator for the Hamlet of Arviat.
 - June 27, 2025- Attended an executive council meeting to approve time sensitive request for archaeology permit for the Kivalliq Hydro Link Project.

- July 3, 2025 -Attended the special council /emergency meeting to approve tender from EPLS for the repairs to the John Ollie Complex-Namely thermosyphon project.
 - July 7 to July 13, 2025 – Two representatives from the Government of Nunavut arrived to do a building assessment on all GN buildings in the community. Also to do an assessment on hamlet buildings.
 - July 8, 2025 -Zoom meeting with Michelle from Northern Futures, Mayor Joe Jr. and Daniel from Public Works to discuss snow piling and removal by-law.
 - July 8, 2025- Attended the public hearing for amendments to the zoning by-law pertaining to changes needed for the new subdivision.
 - July 8, 2025 – Received an email from Jamesie Alariaq, manager for the men’s program at the Pulaarvik Kublu friendship centre on a proposed cabin for Arviat.
- Mayor, Joe Jr.
 - Says Kublu friendship centre would like to build a shack at landing lake for a men’s counselling camp.
- Councilor Doreen
 - Suggested to build the cabin closer to town as there are a lot of traffic that goes through landing lake.
 - Says the mikilaa lake area is a good area for a cabin.
 - Says she is concerned about the transportation issues if the cabin is built too far from the town.
- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says he can inform Jamesie on council suggestions as to where to place the cabin for the men’s counselling group.
- Councilor Darren
 - Says it is a good idea to use existing infrastructure
- Discussion with council on location of men’s cabin
- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says one of their concerns were the possibility of vandalism.
- Councilor Jimmy
 - Says the elders cabin area is a good area for a cabin.
- Councilor Darren
 - Suggested that the representative of the Kublu friendship centre come to Arviat to go look at other potential areas for the location of the cabin.

- SAO, John
 - July 15, 2025 -Community visit from Consumer Affairs -Lottery Administration Training at 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M
 - July 24, 2025 -Face to face meeting with staff and mayor with Mr. Jesse from CANNOR to discuss funding, opportunities, and projects and how they may be able to help the Hamlet.
 - July 24 to July 30, 2025 -Visit from Jessica from the Canadian Coast Guard. Community visits for a community wide meeting and gathering information on marine search and rescues and to meet with all organizations in Arviat.
 - July 25 to August 20, 2025 -SAO will be on vacation, Amber will be acting SAO.

- Discussion on hamlet property for potential spot for the shelter that Aqqiumavvik is planning.

- John says the land across the RCMP where the old hamlet garages were is owned by the federal government.
- Says Michelle is looking into the lands department.

- Discussion on state of water and sewage trucks.

- Councilor Jimmy,
 - Says there are a lot of work being done in the public works department and the use of heavy equipment.
 - Asked what the greater need is regarding heavy equipment machinery (Loader, Dump trucks etc.)

- Councilor Darren,
 - Asked if there are enough funds for the purchase of water and sewage trucks.
 - Suggested to purchase one each year to avoid incurring costs.

Motion #120/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the purchase and delivery of one water truck and one sewage truck from Aurora dealership in Hay River N.W.T

-Carried-

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

- Deputy Mayor Gordy,
 - Asked about the new fire hall's structure as he noticed there is a bent, asked if the design will stay the way it is.

- Mayor Joe,
 - Says it will stay the way the architects designed it.

- Councilor Nathan,
 - Asked about the construction of a new terminal in Arviat.
 - Says when they had discussions on the planning and construction of the existing terminal, mayor and council had input
 - Asked if council will have input in the planning and construction of a new terminal.
 - Suggested to provide ideas and input in the planning and construction of a new terminal.
 - Suggested to have opening windows, air conditioning and a standby generator.

- Mayor Joe Jr.,
 - Suggested the air traffic controller have a 360° view, also suggested the airport be on ground level.
 - Says he will write a letter to Nunavut Airports regarding mayor and council input on the construction of a new terminal.

Motion #121/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a letter to Nunavut airports on council input for the construction of a new airport in Arviat.

-Carried-

- Councilor Darren,
 - Asked if there are any updates regarding the dump fire.
 - Asked if there are any plans to deal with the capacity of the dumps as it is at full capacity.
- Mayor Joe Jr.,
 - Says CGS is working on expanding the dumps into the old sewage lagoon.
- Councilor Doreen,
 - Asked if there are any updates on the graveyard
 - Says there have been complaints coming in regarding exposed graves.
- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says there is someone who was hired to replace crosses.
 - Says he will inform Daniel regarding exposed graves.
- Councilor Doreen,
 - Says she noticed that cabin areas around Arviat are very messy.
 - Suggested to hold a contest to encourage cleaning around cabins.
 - Suggested to do incentive on cleaning around cabins.
- Councilor Jimmy,
 - Suggested to work with HTO regarding the cleaning of land near cabins.
- Councilor Joshua,
 - Suggested to talk about it in the winter and spring time so there is time to plan.
- Councilor Doreen,
 - Says there needs to be something done about the drinking of alcoholic beverages at the community hall during teen dances.
- Mayor Joe Jr.

- Says that the Hamlet gets criticized although it is the responsibility of the renter.
 - Asked if the teen dances should be cancelled until further notice.
- Councilor Jimmy
 - Says kids are going home with stories of intoxicated individuals.
 - Suggested to start suspending those who break the rules.
- Councilor Nathan,
 - Says it is the renter's responsibility to ensure a safe space.
- Councilor Darren,
 - Suggested that the hamlet take over all teen dances.
 - Says he is for closing the teen dances until further notice.
- Councilor Joshua,
 - Agrees with Nathan that it is the renter's responsibility and that people have a choice.
 - Says he lives near the hall and has had experience in disturbances during teen dances.
- Mayor and council agreed to close all teen dances until further notice. Wedding receptions may continue.
- Discussion on teen dances.
- Councilor Jimmy,
 - Says since the JP funding stopped, a lot of people have been struggling.
 - Asked if there is any local that can provide services regarding filling of applications.
 - Suggested there be a representative that can help with the application processes to apply for funding from the ICFI.
- Councilor Darren,
 - Says the new term used is Inuit Child First Initiative, says it is no longer in partnership with JP.
 - Says the member of parliament for Nunavut has been lobbying it with little to no success.
 - Says Inuvik and other N.W.T towns had a federally funded representative for the Jordan's principal programs.
- Discussion on ICFI funding and application process.

- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says he agrees with Jimmy regarding a representative who can assist in application processes for the ICFI.

- Councilor Doreen,
 - Suggested that there be a designated person to write support letters for those who are applying for assistance from the ICFI.

- Councilor Jimmy,
 - Asked what will be happening to the playground that is located on the east side of 3rd avenue.
 - Suggested to add gravel and rocks if the playground is staying, as there have been Honda's driving in circles around the playground resulting in safety concerns.

- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says they have had conversations about moving the playground as it is too close to the seaplane landing area.

- Councilor Doreen,
 - Says there are also sharp edges on the sides and steps of the playground that are a concern for injury.

- Councilor Joshua,
 - Says in the 80's and early 90's, the hamlet council invited the government to see that people were struggling to receive food.
 - Says when he travelled to Hall Beach, he went to go see the water reservoir and noticed that it was very clean and that they are very strict when it comes to anyone that tries to go near or in the water reservoir, can be fined or arrested for trespassing.
 - Says he hopes the water reservoir here does not get vandalised as there is easy access to the water reservoir.

- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says he will request the GN to construct a structure that will make the water reservoir more secure.
 - Says he would like to invite community input to gather feedback on how the funds from the Arviat Fund Committee should be allocated.
 - Suggested to create an online survey for those who do not listen to the radio

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

Motion #122/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren

Seconded by: Councilor Nathan

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to donate \$2000.00 from the Arviat fund to the Arviat Wrestling club for their upcoming trip to the Canada Summer Games.

-Carried-

Motion #123/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to donate \$5000.00 to the Eskimo Point U20 Softball tournament from the Arviat Fund.

-Carried-

Motion #124/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a support letter for the Aqqiumawik Society to support their plans of constructing a shelter in Arviat.

-Carried-

11. New Business

Motion #125/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy

Seconded by: Councilor Darren

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the invoice form EPLS for the carpentry repairs at the John Ollie Complex.

-Carried-

Motion #126/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen

Seconded by: Councilor Nathan

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the contribution agreement for the planning phase of the 2-bay parking garage for the hamlet of Arviat.

-Carried-

Motion #127/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gordy

Seconded by: Councilor Darren

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the contribution agreement to attend the Kivalliq Mayors Annual General Meeting.

-Carried-

Motion #128/25

Moved by: Councilor Bridgette

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the contribution agreement for to attend the NAM meeting.

-Carried-

- Councilor Doreen
 - Asked if council members can attend the Kivalliq Mayors Annual General Meeting.
- Mayor Joe Jr.
 - Says if the mayor or deputy mayor are unable to attend the meeting, then they would choose one of the councilors to attend the KMAGM.

Motion #129/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the ED&T funding request from Adrien Tattuinee

-Carried-

- Discussion on the state of the ADC building differed to the next council meeting in September.

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

Motion #130/25

Moved by: Councilor Bridgette

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 3rd and final reading of by-law No. 339, amendments to the zoning by-law.

-Carried-

Motion #131/25

Moved by: Councilor Joshua

Seconded by: Councilor Darren

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve the 2nd reading of by-law No. 350, amendments to the community plan and by-law No. 351 amendments to the zoning by-law.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #132/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy

Seconded by: Councilor Doreen

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to adjourn the July 15, 2025 regular council meeting at 9:09PM.

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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