

Arviat Hamlet Council Regular Meeting # 06-2025 Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councilor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

Finance Director, Tom Ing

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 #44/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren Price Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve and make adjustments to the agenda for the Tuesday, March 11, 2025 regular council meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #45/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik Seconded by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

SAO -John Hussey

- Update on March 4 zoom meeting regarding the insurance renewal for the 5 plex housing units
- Update on March 5th zoom meeting with the Chief of Public health that Mayor Joe Jr Savikataaq and Amber Tattuinee also attended regarding the TB liaison officer. Says they hired an employee to fill the position
- Update on March 5th zoom meeting with Northern Futures
- Update on March 7th meeting with Red Cross and nurses

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

Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Asked if there are any updates regarding the tank farm project

Councilor Nathan Caskey

- Says he has some concerns about the oil smell at the terminal
- Suggested to seal the mechanical room off to the public to control the smell of oil
- Says the oil smell is not safe to work around and that the government of Nunavut should be asked to make a temporary fix as we wait for a new terminal to be built as he and others are aware that there was an announcement made regarding a new terminal in Arviat
- Suggested to seal off the oil smell for safety reasons

Councilor Darren Price

- Says there were community members asking about the JP renewal
- Questions on if there is anyone that blocks off the road by the school during lunch and school dismissals as there have been many speeding vehicles in the area.

Councilor Doreen Hannak

- Asked if the heavy equipment operators are busy
- Asked if the heavy equipment operators will have a chance to work on the magus road

Councilor Joshua Curley

- Says there is a liquor problem in Arviat
- Suggested to do something about it before any serious incidents happen

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

- Says his congratulations to the winning team, Eskimo point for winning the polar bear plate over the weekend in Rankin Inlet.
- Will suggest to the RCMP to watch the school area
- Says there were many delays regarding the drilling and testing the future location of the tank farm. Says cold temperatures played a role in the delays
- Says CGS is working with the drillers
- Will ask the environment health officer to inspect the oil smell and around the terminal
- Says he will write a letter to ask if there will be a new terminal bult in Arviat and will mention the strong oil smell at the terminal
- Says the JP food program was approved to continue for another year
- Says there was a motion at the last meeting to use up remainder of the funds up until the end of April
- Says the road to magus river is usually opens in the month of April due to the many blizzards that happen in the month of March
- Discussion on Geological survey to install permafrost probes for research purposes

Motion #46/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey **Seconded by:** Councilor Viki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the Geological

Survey to install permafrost probes for research purposes.

-Carried-

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

11. New Business

 Discussion on the request to make Keith Collier a signing authority for the Hamlet of Arviat

Motion #47/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren Price

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to make Keith Collier a signing authority for capital projects, applications and contracts for the Hamlet of Arviat.

-Carried-

- Tom Ing -Update on negotiation with Sakku
 - Discussion on negotiations with Sakku regarding the lease of Hamlets Housing units, operational costs and options.

Motion #48/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak Seconded by: Councilor Darren Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves with one member abstaining on the motion to approve to extend the lease agreement with Sakku for another 3 years and to include utility costs with a 5% increase for each year leased.

-Carried-

- Finance Director Tom Ing Appointment of auditor
 - Avery Cooper
 - Bakertilly
- Discussion on proposals for the financial auditor

Motion #49/25

Moved by: Councilor Darren Price

Seconded by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to appoint Avery cooper accounting firm as the accountant for the Hamlet of Arviat on a 3 year contract.

-Carried-

- Health Break at 6:50pm
- End of health break at 7:00pm

12. Committee Reports

13. <u>By-Law</u>

- Public hearing -Zoning by-law amendment

Motion #50/25

Moved by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons Seconded by: Councilor Darren Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the public hearing date for

April 7th at 6pm and to approve the required 14 day window to advertise the public hearing.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #51/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey Seconded by: Councilor Darren Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday,

March 11, 2025, Regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.

-Carried-

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

SAO John Hussey



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