



**Arviat Hamlet Council**

**Regular Meeting # 10-2025**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers**

**Present:**

**Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.**

**Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik**

**Councilor, Nathan Caskey**

**Councilor, Doreen Hannak**

**Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut**

**Councilor, Jimmy Main**

**Councilor, Vikki Gibbons**

**Absent:**

**Councilor, Darren Price**

**Councilor, Joshua Curley**

**Staff:**

**SAO, John Hussey**

**ASAO, Margaret Akatsiak**

**Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah**

**1. Call To Order**

- Mayor Joe Jr Savikataaq called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

**2. Opening Prayer**

- Led by Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

**3. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**Motion #74/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Doreen Hannak

**Seconded by:** Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

**4. Delegates**

- RCMP Monthly Report -Cst Kevin Li
  - Update for the month of April
  - Says there are 2 new permanent members
  - Says there are currently 3 RCMP staffed
  - Says most of the calls that are coming in are alcohol related
  - Says he encourages community members to keep sending tips for bootlegging
- Councilor Nathan asked what the minimum requirements are for the number of RCMP staffed in accordance with the population.
- Cst Kevin Li says the minimum requirements are 3 RCMP officers.
- Cst Kevin Li says they have been having difficulties with finding RCMP officers to move up north.
- Councilor Jimmy Main asked if there is a secretary to help with the workload
- Cst Kevin Li says there has not been much interest and that they are still recruiting
- Cst Li says there are currently 2 applicants that applied for the secretary position
- Says the delay in posting the job ad is due to the HR department reclassification processes
- Cst Li says once the classification is completed, they will be posting the job advertisement
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr says the hamlet staff can post the job ad on the Hamlet of Arviats Facebook page and to ask the SAO or ASAO to post it and they will be happy to advertise the secretary position at the detachment

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

### **Motion #75/25**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

**Seconded by:** Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting and Thursday April 24, 2025, Special Council Meeting

-Carried-

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

- Vikki Gibbons declared a conflict of interest on item 10-8
- Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik declared a conflict of interest on item 7-1

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

### **SAO Report -John Hussey**

- Update on his time off from April 16 to May 5
- March 13 and April 23 update on meeting with EPLS regarding quote for community hall repairs
- Update on community hall repairs
- May 2 update on contribution agreement for new parking garage. Says the application has been submitted for 2 new garages to house 5 water trucks and 5 sewage trucks
- Update on Fire chief Adam Pingushat.
- Update on May 6 meeting with Coleman regarding the sealift port. Says he will be coming in June to survey proposed sealift port.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr introduced to council the sealift port layout map
- John says the project has started and that Forman Daniel Kablutsiak and Michelle Armstrong from Northern futures are involved
- Update on May 8 zoom meeting with Sakku regarding the lease of Hamlet of Arviat's apartment lease.
- Discussion with council regarding lease with Sakku

**Motion #76/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Councilor Jimmy Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to increase the daily rate by \$14 per bed, on a 3 year lease with Sakku

-Carried-

- Update on proposed wheelchair ramp at the Arviarpluk
- Says Robert has applied to CGS in Rankin Inlet
- Discussion on late Bob Leonard's buildings
- Update on May 12 meeting with Justin from Arctic Fund regarding the installations of thermo siphons
- Update on May 12 meeting with consumer affairs regarding lottery by-laws
- Says there will be representatives coming to Arviat in July to train staff and anyone involved in lottery and bingo.
- Says they would like to have a session with council
- Update on contribution agreement with CGS regarding the purchase of granular crusher
- Update on contribution agreement regarding the installation of thermos siphons
- Says there have been calls regarding the immobility of elders during the fishing derbies.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr. says elders suggested to hold a big bingo for those who are unable to travel long distances due to health and safety reasons
- Update on sealift port project applicants

**Motion #77/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Councilor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to award the tender to CTR for the sealift port.

-Carried-

- Update on the arrival of the lawyer who is coming on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May
- Update on auditors who will be here on May 19 until the 30<sup>th</sup> of May to do auditing

#### **ASAO Report -Margaret Akatsiak**

- Update on CTA that restarted on May 2
- Update on community freezer that opened on May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Update on closure of the Resource centre until further notice due to fuel spill
- Update on Arviat Fund application intake that will be opening on May 26 for the fall/winter funding roll out
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr says there has been complaints regarding funerals falling on bingo dates. Asked for council input.
- Says with the growing population, occurrence of funerals are expected to keep rising, suggested to keep the policy as it currently is.
- After discussion, council agreed to keep the policy as it is.

**Health break from 6:55 to 7:13PM**

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

- **Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik**
  - Asked if Forman Daniel is involved in the planning regarding the possibility of shortage of fuel supply.
  - Mayor Savikataaq Jr says PPD would fly in fuel if there is a fuel shortage
- **Councilor Nathan Caskey**
  - Says he is concerned about the mountain of dirt that is sitting behind the water reservoir that is causing dust, silt and clay to accumulate in the water reservoir and into the community when there are northwesterly winds.
  - Suggested to ask the government of Nunavut to flatten or level the gravel, or to ask for funding for the heavy equipment operators to flatten it.
  - Mayor Savikataaq says he will contact the government of Nunavut regarding the large pile of gravel.
- **Councilor Jimmy Main**
  - Says there was an accident involving a minor that drove off a snow bank that required the child be medivacked down to Winnipeg

- Says the large drop off was caused by the removal of a sea can by QEC that left a large empty space, and that the area was not properly sealed
- Says he has concerns about the number of sea cans that are left by shipping companies
- Suggested the hamlet create a policy regarding the storage of sea cans as the numbers will keep rising as shipping continues over the years.
- Says there are residents that are concerned about the storage of sea cans
- Asked about the current situation regarding the old ADC building
- Says there are safety concerns regarding the building as the stairs are falling apart and that kids will be hanging out around the area as the weather warms up
- SAO John says there are currently no funds to repair the old ADC building as the reserved funds were used to repair the community hall.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr asked for suggestions from council
  - Jimmy suggested to secure it for obvious safety reasons
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr suggested building maintainer Robert look into it this summer.
  - Jimmy asked if there are any plans for a community clean up
  - Suggested to write a letter to the Northern store to remind them to clean around their stores
- **Councilor, Vikki Gibbons**
  - Says she saw an email from the government of Nunavut for the request for proposals for youth programs and asked if the hamlet has applied
  - Mayor Savikataaq Jr says Amber and Margaret are working on it
- **Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr**
  - Discussion with council regarding letter from Pauline Copland regarding community hall teen dance.
  - Says there has been incidents involving intoxicated adults and fights happening during teen dances
  - Council suggested to investigate the policy
  - Discussion on community hall rental and building policy differed to next regular council meeting

## 9. **Business arising from previous minutes**

## **10. Correspondence, Information & Petition**

### **Motion #78/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Jimmy Main

**Seconded by:** Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to donate \$500 to the mental health team from the CIF

-Carried-

### **Motion #79/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to donate \$500 to the Kivalliq Canucks from the CIF

-Carried-

### **Motion #80/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Jimmy Main

**Seconded by:** Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the CEDO budget for the year 2025-2026

-Carried-

### **Motion #81/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the ED&T funding request for Jacque John Mikiyungiak, Emilia Okatsiak and Lisa Gibbons

-Carried-

**Motion #82/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the applications for IHT archaeological permit applications from WSP Canada Inc., InterGroup Consultants Ltd. and Santec Consulting Ltd.

-Carried-

**11. New Business**

**Motion #83/25**

**Moved by:** Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 2 quotes from EPLS for community hall repairs in the amount of \$18,033.86 and \$51,388.06 for the sprinkler fire protection system

-Carried-

**Motion #84/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Nathan Caskey

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the application for development permit and variance request for lot 198 plan 0508.

-Carried-



**12. Committee Reports**

**13. By-Law**

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion #85/25**

**Moved by:** Councilor Jimmy Main

**Seconded by:** Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:44PM

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Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

  
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