



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 11-2025

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Councilor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Absent:

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

- Mayor Joe Jr Savikataaq called the meeting to order at 6:04PM

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Councilor Doreen Hannak

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #86/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #87/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Seconded by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

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

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

SAO Report -John Hussey

- Attended the council meeting on May 13, 2025
- Update on May 20-23 Collective bargaining for unionized staff that he attended virtually
- Update on Auditors who are here from the 24th of May until June 3rd
- Update on the appointment of night watch men who started on the 27th of May and are working with Daniel from Public works department
- Update on spring clean up which will start on June 2nd
- Update on upcoming special council meeting on June 3, 2025 at 6:00pm with ATHA energy Corp who will be updating council on Anglilak and Thelon projects
- Update on upcoming special council meeting on June 4, 2025 at 6:30PM with Kivalliq Fiber Hydro project update.

- Update on June 8 to June 16 NHC workshop and board meeting in Iqaluit
- Update on community visit from Mr. Chinedo Ibegulem Project Manager for Transportaiton and infrastructure Nunavut. To meet with the Hamlet regarding the environment conditions existing fire services and schematic design for the new fire station.
- Update on Herold Colman and Michelle Armstrongs arrival to Arviat on June 15 until the 17th to review sea lift expansion project and other projects.
- Update on 30 summer students who will be start working on June 16th for 8 weeks
- Update on July 15th consumer affairs meeting with staff from 9AM to 4PM and council at 6PM

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

- Councillor, Nathan Caskey
 - Says he went up the road and noticed that the bridges are acting like dams.
 - Says he assumes that the public works department is aware of it.

- Councillor, Doreen Hannak
 - Says the water level at the 2nd bridge is very high causing the water to go over the road
 - Says this may be a safety issue
- Councillor, Nathan Caskey says this has happened in the past and that the public works are aware of it
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- Councillor, Doreen Hannak
 - Asked if there are any plans for the summer students to work on the cemetery on mapping the graveyards

- Suggested to inform those who received funding from the Arviat fund, particularly those who hosted skidoo races that there are barrels left at the sea ice and that they should be removed before the ice break up.
 - Asked about updated community hall building usage policy
 - Says there have been issues with those who receive bingo winnings as cheques. Says bingo winners are unable to gain access to bingo winnings when the cheque is more than \$2,000 due to restrictions placed when the winnings are deposited into bank accounts.
 - Says the policy at RBC is that any amount over \$2,000.00 will be on hold for 5-7 business days.
 - Says a lot of people don't like using WE cards as they have high transaction fee's.
 - Suggested to do cash only on Monday's bingo and Nevada slot
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- Discussion with council regarding bingo winnings
 - Councilor Nathan agrees to use cash only
 - Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says another to consider is income support clients who sometimes require cheques to be cashed
 - Councilor Jimmy Main says if using cash, the cash flow will stay in Arviat
 - Councillor Bridgette Aulatjut says another thing to add to summer projects are repairing broken crosses at the graveyards
 - Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says wood for the crosses have been ordered and should be coming in soon.
 - Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Says he has seen complains on facebook regarding Arviat fund grant distributions.
 - Suggested to create a list to publish for the public on how much is given to each organization
 - Councilor Doreen Hannak says our mayor mentions it during his radio programs.
 - Councilor Jimmy Main asked if the committee meeting is on or off camera
 - Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says the meeting is not on camera so the committee meeting can be published online.

- Councillor Doreen Hannak explained that the mayor mentions the results of the Arviat fund committee meeting during his radio programming.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr says that the Arviat Fund info is available for the public.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey says if anyone is interested, we can provide information on which organization was granted what amount.
- Councilor Jimmy Main asked if there are any plans for general maintenance. He also asked if there are any plans to repair the fence around the dumps.
- SAO John Hussey says he will mention it to the public works department.
- Councilor Doreen Hannak asked about the garbage bins and to mention to the public works department. She says the garbage bins are not completely emptied during garbage pick ups.
- Councilor Jimm Main suggested it be dealt with when the community clean up crew are working this summer.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey suggested the garbage situation be a topic this summer, "Better ways for waste management"
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr Says the garbage bins are screwed on pallets to prevent them from tipping over or blowing away.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. Says there have been frequent requests to meet with council and suggested to start charging meeting costs to those who would like to meet with council.
- Councilor Jimmy Main says an option is to have sub committee meetings or executive meetings.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey mentioned that the meeting costs were different.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr says meeting rates are now the same and that more and more are requesting to meet with council.
- Councilor Doreen Hannak suggest asking them to cover the cost of the meeting.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey asked when the last raise was for meeting costs. 2019?

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says it has been longer than 2019
- Councilor Nathan Caskey says if they want to keep meeting with council, to charge them for meeting costs
- Councilor Jimmy Main says the main issue is that hotels are usually booked with no other accommodation available
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr says scheduling issues may arise
- Councilor Nathan Caskey suggested to charge \$1000.00 to meet with council to cover the cost of the meeting
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr agrees with Nathan.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

- Discussion on proposed renters' agreement form
- Councilor Doreen mentioned that even when incidents occur outside of hamlet buildings, people still mention the hamlet.
- Councilor Jimmy Main says it is an excellent idea to use a renters agreement form. Says it is a bit wordy and to change it so that it is understandable for people. He also suggested that those who wish to run a teen dance must not be for profiting proposes but for organizations who are fundraising.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey says the current policy is for hamlet usage. The new one would be for those in organizations or those who are renting for wedding receptions.
 - Discussion on policy
 - Discussion on teen dance
- Councilor Doreen Hannak says after 12AM closing time for Christmas and new year celebration square dances are an exemption.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey suggested to cut the words down on the renter's agreement form so that it is understood properly.

- Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut says to make sure the renters understand the policy.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. suggested to add that renters should pressure to have intoxicated individuals to leave as soon as they are suspected of alcohol use.
- Councilor Nathan Caskey suggested to rewrite the policy so that people fully understand it.
- Discussion on proposed renters' agreement differed to next council meeting
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. asked for council input on building usage policy stating those who violate the policy are to attend regular council meeting to offer an apology to council.
- After discussion, council agreed to remove the policy stating those who violate the policy are to attend regular council meetings to offer an apology to council.

Motion #88/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to go in-camera at 6:53PM

-Carried-

Motion #89/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to go off-camera at 7:22PM

-Carried-

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

11. New Business

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says he is proud of the letter that was provided by the NHC regarding the Nunavut 3000. He also says hes happy that the voices of the people of Arviat were herd and that no more multiplexes will be built.

– Discussion on item 11-3

Motion #90/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the budgetary estimate of \$207,000 + applicable taxes for the supply and installation of a Flat Loop Thermosyphon System at the John Ollie Complex.

-Carried-

- Councillor Nathan Caskey says he is hoping the firemen will have input regarding the construction of a new firehall.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. says when he meets with the fire chief and firemen, he will mention asking for their input regarding the construction of a new firehall.

– Discussion on summer council meeting schedule

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

14. Adjournment

Motion #91/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:29PM

-Carried-

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.

SAO John Hussey



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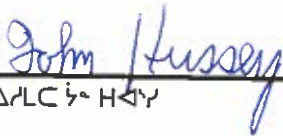
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