



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 25-2025

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councilor, Darren Price

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

CO-SAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

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

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Councillor Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #165/25

Moved by: Councillor, Gibbons

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- RCMP Monthly Report
 - Update on monthly statistics.
 - Says there are less calls for service than the last month.
 - Says there are currently 4 RCMP members.
 - Says there is a potential for a 5th member joining.
 - Says they are looking for a detachment assistant. Says job advertisements will be posted soon.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Asked if it would help if the job was a Government of Nunavut Position and not a Federal position.
- RCMP Kevin Li
 - Says the detachment assistant will be stationed at the detachment with access to data.
 - Says preference will be given to residents.
 - Says they will be keeping it as a Federal Government position.
- Deputy Mayor Gordy
 - Asked why it is taking a long time to hire a detachment assistant.

- RCMP, Kevin Li-
 - Says the position is clerical only and will mostly involve paperwork.
 - Says regular members are currently doing paperwork which is taking up a lot of their time.
 - Says there are 3 RCMP on site with 1 at the office doing CRC's.

- Caroline Nault -Update on SIBS Operations
 - Update on hiring activities.
 - Introduction to recruiting and communications.
 - Information for council on community engagements.

- SAO John
 - Asked if the airline and cargo shipping companies should be listed.

- Caroline Nault
 - Says they have contacted calm air and requested reduced rates.
 - Says there is no need for sealift shipping companies listed as there are no cargo ships coming in during the winter months.
 - Says they are currently organizing community engagements.
 - Says they are trying to align with NEAS sealift drop offs so they can be on site to do engagements.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #166/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - Public Hearing Minutes, Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- SAO- John Hussey
 - Update on September 23, 2025 where he attended the regular council meeting.
 - Update on September 26, 2025 – Issued expression of interest for the ADC building. Closing date 5:00PM Friday October 24, 2025.
 - Update on September 26, 2025 -Took part in a survey from a company called DPRA contracted jointly by CS and NAM regarding future of NAMIX.
 - Update on September 28, 2025 – Zoom meeting with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators to discuss training programs they have in place for Senior Administration Officers. Amber was also in attendance along with Jamie Evic from NAM.
 - Update on September 29, 2025 to October 2, 2025, on site visit from Keith Collier.
 - Update on October 1, 2025 Telephone call with Tommy Bruce to discuss funding for repairs to the community hall.
 - Update on October 8, 2025 where he attended a zoom meeting with Michelle Armstrong from Northern Futures to discuss Land Planning for the year 2026.
 - Upcoming event-October 14-17, 2025 -Site visit from Suncorp to conduct an insurance assessment of all Hamlet of Arviat buildings on behalf of NAMIX, Hamlet of Arviat's insurance provider.
 - Upcoming event-November 10 to November 14, 2025 – Mayor and SAO to attend Nunavut Association of Municipalities in Iqaluit.
 - Upcoming event -November 11 to 14, 2025 -Daniel and Laura to attend the water, wastewater conference in Yellowknife.
 - Upcoming event -February 2 to February 6, 2026 -Kivalliq Mayors meeting in Rankin Inlet sponsored by the Hamlet of Arviat where the Mayor and SAO will attend.

- Says there was a fire at the vacant Leonard's and Associates office building.
- Says the building is a safety issue
- Says a 100lb propane tank was removed from the vacant building.
- Says they got a response from CGS in Rankin.
- Says the permit for demolition is on the works.

Motion #167/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to demolish the old Leonard and Associates office building.

-Carried-

- COSAO-Amber Tattuinee
 - Says there was an internal job posting with one applicant who was selected to fill the DCD position on a one-year term.
 - Says the community hall aims to reopen by the end of October.
 - Suggested to council to open the Arviat fund application intake starting November 10 with an end date of December 15 and meet with committee members in January of 2026.
 - Says the Himngaats square dance competition was cancelled. Requested approval from council to transfer the funds to the recreation department for them to host a square dance competition. Council agreed.
 - Informed Mayor and council that the Arviat Health Centre will not be hosting an Elders feast for Christmas and that the recreation department will be hosting elders feast before the Christmas holidays.
- Deputy Mayor Kidlapik
 - Asked if there are any plans for Halloween activities.
- COSAO
 - Says candy bags will be given to the schools for them to distribute to students.
 - Says the word is out for extra bear monitors to patrol the streets during the Halloween trick or treating.

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

- Councillor Curley
 - Says there are old trailers near the lay zone area that need to be moved.
- COSAO Amber
 - Says she will inform Daniel to move the trailers.
- Councillor Gibbons
 - Asked if the sea cans near the community hall will be moved when the contractors are done.

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the sea cans were added to keeps kids away from the construction site and will be removed once renovations are completed.
- Councillor Aulatjut
 - Says her praise for the hamlet employees who work tirelessly to maintain the roads after rainfall.
- Councillor Price
 - Says if a new road is being built by the dump road, suggested to alleviate the sharp turn at the corner to fit the heavy equipment's when moving supplies to the beach for sealift.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there are plans to widen the road in the future. Says construction is still on-going at the SIBS factory and once the factory is near its completion, construction of the widening of the road will be done.
- Councillor Price
 - Says he would like to have a letter written to Calm air regarding the long layovers, especially during the weekends in Rankin Inlet. Suggested to include change in flight schedules to lessen the layovers in Rankin Inlet for those who are travelling to and from Arviat.

Motion #168/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a letter to Calm Air regarding long layovers for those travelling to and from Arviat, especially during the weekends, in Rankin Inlet.

-Carried-

- Deputy Mayor Kidlapik
 - Asked if there are any updates from CGS regarding a new terminal for Arviat.
- Mayor Savikataaq Jr
 - Says there are currently no new updates from CGS regarding a new terminal for Arviat.

- Says NTI and KIA are requesting to meet with mayor and councillors regarding the Dene overlap discussions.
- Mayor and council agreed to have a special meeting on October 24 with NTI and KIA regarding the Dene overlap discussions.
- Mayor and council had discussion on the possibility of connecting the road on 10th avenue to 6th street or 12th avenue to ease traffic on the intersection on 6th street and near the schools during rush hours.
- Discussion on potential road differed to next meeting.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

Motion #169/25

Moved by: Councillor, Aulatjut

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a proposal to ITK in support of Arviat being the main campus location for the Inuit Nunangat University.

-Carried-

11. New Business

Motion #170/25

Moved by: Councillor, Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the policy for the rental of the Hamlet Staff House.

-Carried-

Motion #171/25

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the ICSP for the year 2026/2027.

-Carried-

Motion #172/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the EPLS Maintenance Service invoice for the John Ollie Complex renovation in the amount of \$99,225.00.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

Motion #173/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 2nd reading of by-law 352, amendments to the community plan.

-Carried-

Motion #174/25

Moved by: Councillor, Aulatjut

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 2nd reading of by-law 353, amendments to the zoning by-law.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #175/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to adjourn the October 14, 2025, Regular Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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