



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting #27-2025

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:00pm Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councilor, Darren Price

Councilor, Doreen Hannak

Councilor, Jimmy Main

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

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 6:03 PM

2. Opening Prayer

Led by Councillor Joshua Curley

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #178/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- McGill University, Michelle Blade
 - Introduction on research project partnered with Aqqiumavvik Society.
 - Says they are conducting research on permafrost and underground creeks at two locations near Arviat, Itiguarjuk and Wolf Esker, during the winter of 2025/2026 as southern scientists' information does not correlate to the reality of the information that scientists in the north have.
 - Says the research pairs with Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit with permafrost and groundwater science to identify and assess locally relevant landscape indicators of winter groundwater movement along overland travel routes.
 - Says they will be installing trail cameras to take daily photos of the overflow water and resulting ice formations.
 - Says they will be installing small sensors to check on the water temperatures, electrical conductivity and water levels, daily.

- Discussion with council on the research project partnered with Aqqiumavvik Society.

Motion #179/25

Moved by: Councillor, Main

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to write a support letter for the Nunavut research centre, partnered with aqqiumavvik society, on their research project to study and assess the changing cryohydrogeologic conditions with locally-relevant landscape indicators in Arviat, Nunavut.

-Carried-

Motion #180/25

Moved by: Councillor, Price

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to write a support letter for the Nunavut research institute and aqqiumavvik in their request to use the SIKU app to collect data from local hunters.

-Carried-

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #181/25

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

Seconded by: Councillor, Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjust Deputy Mayors question for the RCMP on the October 14, 2025, regular council meeting minutes and to approve the minutes for October 14, 2025, regular council meeting.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- SAO Report -Hussey
 - Update on October 13, 2025 -Attended Regular Council Meeting
 - Update on October 14-17, 2025 -Site visit from Suncorp to conduct an insurance assessment of all Hamlet buildings on behalf of NAMIX, Hamlet of Arviat's insurance provider.
 - October 14, 2025 – Zoom meeting with ITK regarding the Inuit Nunangat University in which the mayor was also in attendance.
 - Update on October 16, 2025 -Meeting with local NHC office personnel in which the COSAO was also in attendance.
 - Update on October 17, 2025 -Meeting with Suncorp representative on his findings of his review of Hamlet building, ADC building and drop-in center.
 - Update on October 17, 2025 -Zoom Meeting with representative from community services to update the ICSP list in which the COSAO and Council clerk also attended.
 - Update on October 21, 2025 -Received quote on repairs to the community freezer.
 - Update on October 22, 23 and 24 -Public works department removed the remains of the vacant Leonard's and Associates office building from the fire that occurred two weeks ago.
 - Update on October 23, 2025 -Monthly Senior Management meeting.
 - Update on October 24, 2025 -Attended the special council meeting with NTI and KIA to discuss the progress of the Dene overlap.
 - Update on October 27, 2025 – Zoom meeting with Mr. Arreak from QEC and Northern futures to discuss the transfer of lot 584 from QEC to the Hamlet in which the mayor was also in attendance.
 - Update on October 27, 2025 -Completed and submitted an application for funding country food distribution programs for repairs to the community freezer in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion #182/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to purchase 4 compressors for the community freezer in the amount of \$35,000.00

-Carried-

- Update on October 28, 2025 – Face to face meeting with Mr. Schabell, Safety Officer for the WSCC who came here to inspect the fire station equipment. In which the COSAO and Forman also attended.

Motion #183/25

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to appoint Stanley Komakjuak as Fire Chief for the Hamlet of Arviat.

-Carried-

- Upcoming event -November 10 to November 14, 2025 -Mayor and SAO to attend the Nunavut Association of Municipalities in Iqaluit.
- Upcoming event -November 11 to 14, 2025 -Forman and Water-Sewage clerk to attend the water, wastewater conference in Yellowknife.
- Upcoming event – February 2 to 6, 2026 -Kivalliq Mayors Meeting in Rankin inlet sponsored by the Hamlet of Arviat in which the SAO and mayor will attend.
- COSAO Report - Tattuinee
 - Update on community hall repairs. Says the community hall should be open by November 7, 2025 as per EPLS.
 - Says she is looking for funding to update the video conference equipment for the chambers.
 - Says she will be attending Lottery Administration training
 - Says she received information from the forman regarding the traffic counter.
 - Says in a 24 hour span, the traffic counter counted 785 vehicles/ATV's passing through the 4 way stop on 7th avenue, 789 vehicles/ATV's on 10th avenue and 911 vehicles/ATV's on 3rd avenue in 4 hours.

Motion #184/25

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to go in-camera session at 6:30PM

-Carried-

Motion #185/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to go off in-camera session at 6:36PM.

-Carried-

- Councillor Caskey
 - Says he approves of the collection of data regarding the traffic counter.

- Mayor Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there was also 3 months of data collected from the road going to maguse lake.
 - Says the forman has the data collected from the road going to maguse lake.

- Coucillor Main
 - Asked if there is another allocation time for applications submitted to the Arviat Fund.

- COSAO -Tattuinee
 - Says applications will open mid November and close in mid December

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

- Councillor, Curley
 - Says there are too many dogs around the area where he lives especially in the middle of the night.
 - Says there are too many loose dogs in the area and that the by-law officers should do something about it. Says when it comes to his dog, the by-law response right away but when it comes to other dogs that are always unleashed, nothing is done about it.
 - Asked what is happening regarding the food bank as he has seen many families requesting food on the radio and facebook.
 - Says he was saddened to hear the passing of late Mike Gibbons who was a mechanic for the hamlet of Arviat for many years and also served as a councillor. He suggested that the Hamlet provide a gift to the wife and family of late Mike Gibbons.

- Mayor, Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the hamlet can provide a food hamper or gift for the late Mike Gibbons wife and family.
 - Says there is no more food bank at the health centre
 - Says the Niqitaarvik society is now the operator of the food bank.
 - Says the Niqitaarvik society are starting to pick up after receiving funds for their operations.

- Councillor, Price
 - Says the Niqitaarvik Society did a food drive during thanksgiving holiday.

- Councillor, Main
 - Says he is happy with the outcome of the elections.
 - Suggested to write a letter to congratulate and encourage the newly elected and re-elected MLA's for the government of Nunavut.

- Councillor, Hannak
 - Says councillor Main mentioned what she was going to comment on, to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected MLA's for the government of Nunavut.

Motion #186/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to write a letter to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected MLA's for Nunavut.

-Carried-

- Discussion with mayor and council on the new open lot where old Leonard's and Associates office building was.
- Councillor, Price
 - Asked what the status is of the old ADC building.
 - Brought up concerns regarding medical travellers who get stranded in Rankin Inlet due to weather.
 - Says he and others experienced weather delays and cancellations over the weekend and noticed other medical travellers were unable to get in contact with the appropriate person to find accommodation for the night. Says he was lucky to find a hotel that had rooms. Says this is a concern for elders, especially those with medical conditions and those who are unable to afford the high cost of accommodations.

Motion #187/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a letter to the Department of Health. The letter would voice concerns over medical travelers who require layovers in Rankin Inlet and sometimes get stranded due to weather, facing no accommodations and other roadblocks when dealing with finding suitable lodging.

-Carried-

- Councillor, Caskey
 - Says he wholeheartedly agrees with Darren regarding his concerns over medical travellers getting stranded in Rankin Inlet due to weather.
 - Asked if there are any updates on the new airport for Arviat.
 - Says council should have input for the designing and planning of a new terminal for Arviat.

- Asked if the 2 new lots that were previously owned by old Leonard's and Associates will be available to the public.
- Mayor, Sakivataaq Jr.
 - Says there is currently no updates regarding a new terminal for Arviat. Says they are waiting for information from the Government of Nunavut, and the Government of Nunavut is waiting for information from the Federal Government.
- Deputy Mayor, Kidlapik
 - Says he seconds councillor Curley's concerns regarding families who are requesting food on the radio and on facebook.
 - Asked if there are any updates regarding a new tank farm.
- Discussion with mayor and council regarding reserving 1% of funds from the Arviat Fund to invest it for emergency purposes.

Motion #188/25

Moved by: Councillor, Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to reserve 1% of the funds from the Arviat Fund for investments and for emergency purposes.

-Carried-

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on response letter from Calm Air flight routs and flight schedules.
 - Councillor, Hannak
 - Asked what can be done as a hamlet regarding upgrades to runways, fuel and other infrastructure improvements. Asked where letters can be directed regarding developing infrastructure plans for the future.

- SAO, Hussey
 - Says all infrastructure development and improvements are included in the ICSP submission for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

- Councillor, Main
 - Suggested to invite other airlines to give information on the prices they may offer if they were to have flight routes to and from the Kivalliq.

11. New Business

Motion #189/25

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the purchase of one new freightliner water truck and one new freightliner sewage truck.

-Carried-

Motion #190/25

Moved by: Councillor, Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the municipal land application from Caroline Nault from Sakku.

-Carried-

Motion #191/25

Moved by: Councillor, Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor, Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the structural repairs phase 2, progress claim no. 1 from EPLS for the repairs at the John Ollie Complex.

-Carried-

- Discussion with mayor and council on the status of the old ADC building.

Motion #192/25

Moved by: Councillor, Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the expression of interest from 506521 NWT Ltd., operating as Northstar Enterprises for the purchase of the vacant ADC office building in the amount of \$143,450.00.

-Carried-

- Councillor, Caskey
 - Says he is happy with the decision to accept the offer from Northstar Enterprises for the purchase of the old ADC building. Says the funds will help to go towards the repairs and renovations of the resource centre and the drop in centre.

Motion #193/25

Moved by: Councillor, Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor, Caskey

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to write a letter for the Aggvaq collective in their efforts to revitalize and restore over 100 Inuit clothing patterns of which the largest number of patterns originated from Arviat.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

14. Adjournment

Motion #194/25

Moved by: Councillor, Curley

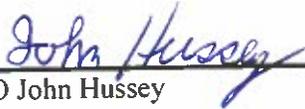
Seconded by: Councillor, Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to adjourn the October 28, 2025, Regular Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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