



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 22-2025

Tuesday, September 9, 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, Jimmy Main

Councilor, Vikki Gibbons

Councilor, Joshua Curley

Absent:

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

1. Call To Order

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr called the meeting to order at 5:58PM

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #149/25

Moved by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Seconded by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to amend the agenda to include a letter from Janet Akat and to approve the agenda for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

- RCMP Monthly Report -Blair Smith
 - Update on monthly report
 - Says the number 1 issue is bootlegging.
- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Asked how many officers are currently employed
 - Asked if there are any updates with the detachment assistant job.
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Says there are currently 4 permanent RCMP officers employed.
 - Says the job advertisement is in the process and should be posted soon. Says it should be posted within the year or a year and a half.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Asked if there is any way to speed up the hiring process.
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Says he is not sure of how to speed up the hiring process but says it is usually a long process.

- Councilor Doreen Hannak
 - Asked if they're randomly checking luggage's at the airport
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Says they search when they get tips.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says a search warrant is not required to search at the terminal, says the only time they would need a search warrant is when the luggage is out of the terminal.
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Confirmed that a search warrant is not required when searching at the terminal and that people have rights. Says forms are filled out prior to searching for alcohol coming into Arviat.
- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Asked if there are any plans to do presentations at the schools regarding traffic safety and the use of Honda's.
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Says a new RCMP that was recently employed is required to do a presentation and that he will be going to the schools to give a presentation on traffic safety.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Asked if there are any hard drugs in Arviat.
- RCMP Blair Smith
 - Says he is not aware of any hard drugs coming into Arviat but says the youth have had strange reactions to marijuana and that tests were done to see if there is a possibility of the marijuana being laced, with nothing coming back. Says the RCMP are aware of the possibility of marijuana laced with hard drugs.

5. Review & Approval of minutes

Motion #150/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

-Carried-

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- SAO- John Hussey
 - Update on July 15, 2025, regular council meeting.
 - Update on July 14-16 where he attended training session with consumer affairs Arviat Lottery Administration Training.
 - Update on July 22, 2025 where he attended the special council meeting to approve the auditor's management letter and 2024-2025 financial statements.
 - Update on July 24, 2025, where he attended a meeting with Mr. Jesse from Cannor to discuss funding opportunities and projects.
 - Update on July 25-August 19, 2025, where he was on vacation.
 - Update on August 22, 2025, zoom meeting with department of health to gather and update on the TB project and Rental of housing requirements.
 - Update on meeting with Aqqiymavvik Society on August 22, 2025, to discuss possible sites for new women's/men's/ elder's shelter.
 - Update on meeting with representatives from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited on August 25, 2025, to discuss renewal of funding agreement with the Hamlet.
 - Update on meeting with Lawyer on September 3, 2025, to discuss the process to receive ownership of former Leonard Property.
 - Update on September 4, 2025, on the arrival of the fire Marshall representative in the hamlet to inspect the fire departments breathing apparatus and equipment.
 - Update on meeting with Sakku on September 8, 2025, to discuss vandalism and damages. Amber and Mayor Joe Jr were in attendance.
 - Update on upcoming First aid Training on September 13 and 14, 2025, for Volunteer Firefighters with a maximum of 12 people.
 - Update on Keith Colier who will be on site from September 28 to October 2, 2025, to follow up on the status of capital projects.
 - Mayor and SAO will be attending the Nunavut Association of Municipalities in Iqaluit on November 3 until November 14, 2025.

- Daniel and Laura to attend the water, wastewater conference in Yellowknife on November 11 until November 14, 2025
- Says Mayor Joe Jr and SAO John will attend the Kivalliq Mayors Meeting in Rankin Inlet which will be sponsored by the Hamlet of Arviat.
- ASAO-Amber Tattuinee
 - Update on the new drop-in centre manager who started earlier this month.
 - Update on Hamlet holiday closure for staff from the afternoon of December 24 until January 5. Council approved.
 - Update on Christmas bonus for staff in the amount of \$250.

Motion #151/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to give Christmas bonus gift cards for the mayor, council and Hamlet staff in the amount of \$250 each.

-Carried-

- SAO John Hussey
 - Monthly report from the Victim services.
 - Says Bradley is doing very well and has been doing a lot of work.
 - Says Bradley will continue to report to council.

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

- Councilor Nathan Caskey
 - Says it is nice to see the cross back up across the bay.
 - Suggested to have the by-law drive around to identify streetlights that are not functioning.
 - Suggested to create a barrier on the road that is being constructed in the marshalling area as there is a drop off to avoid any accidents or to have it flattened out.
 - Says he was happy to see the sea cans near the EPLS warehouse be moved but says there are still 3 sea cans in the area that will cause snow drifts to develop in the winter. Suggested to inform the EPLS of the new snow by-law.
 - Says the sea cans by the EPLS store by the road are causing a blind spot at the intersection. Says it almost caused an accident as it is a blind spot for traffic.
 - Says when he was in Rankin Inlet, he noticed that the graves there have a land assembly where they add gravel to the area of the graves and are covered with crushed gravel. Suggested to use the same method as Rankin Inlet.

- Says he noticed orange rope around the gravesites and asked if there are measuring being done at the gravesite.

- SAO John Hussey
 - Says there is currently someone working full time fixing and monitoring the gravesite.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there were a total of 23 crosses replaced and that work is still being done.
 - Says they are currently waiting for an approval from NPS to add gravel to the drop off where they are currently constructing a new road.

- Councilor Doreen Hannak
 - Suggested to have the cabins at the landing lake area be boarded up as they are being vandalized.
 - Says there have been Honda's and trucks getting stuck at the boat landing area. Suggested to have something done about it.
 - Says the new addition to the Glad tidings church is causing a blind spot. Suggested to see if it is in the lot boundaries.
 - Suggested to remind the bingo and Nevada employees to mix the Nevada tickets in the bin before selling them.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr
 - Says the Glad Tidings Church building should be in the lot boundaries.

Motion #152/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Seconded by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to go in camera at 6:34PM.

-Carried-

Motion #153/25

Moved by: Councilor Doreen Hannak

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to go off in camera at 6:42PM.

-Carried-

Health break at 7:45PM until 7:50PM

- Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut
 - Suggested to push those who received funding from the Arviat fund to do their reporting on a timely manner so that others have an opportunity to apply for funding.
- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Says that QEC was going to install more streetlights and asked if that was done already.
 - Says some streets are very dark at night.
 - Says he was approached by an individual that wanted to purchase gravel but was informed that there was no gravel available. Asked if there is any gravel available for purchase. Asked if the administration is aware of it.
- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says Sakku deals with the sales of gravel. Says to check with Sakku.
- SAO John Hussey
 - Says Daniel from Public Works identified areas with no streetlights
 - Says there were power poles installed on the road to the Sakku factory.
- Councilor Vikki Gibbons
 - Says there are streetlights missing in some areas of town.
 - Asked if there are any updates on the municipal services statements.
- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Asked if there are any progress on the municipal services statements.
 - Says the current statements that are sent do not include a history of payments made.
 - Suggested to include statements of payments made on municipal service accounts when sending invoices.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there are 2 separate operating systems that are used. One to measure the amount of water delivered and another for accounting purposes.

- Councilor Nathan Caskey
 - Suggested to include some form of statement when sending invoices, to show that payments were made.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says there were at total of 23 crosses replaced at the gravesite and that plywood was added to some that were exposed.
 - Says there have been high numbers of vandalism at the Sakku factory where equipment was being vandalised, windows broken, tires being slashed and equipment being stolen. Says there were kids throwing rocks at the construction workers and at the bunkhouse they are staying in. Says Sakku employees are afraid to go to work as they are being threatened. Asked council how this can be dealt with.
 - Says the night watchmen resumed their duties on August 26 to manage the high numbers of vandalism happening around town.

- Councilor Doreen Hannak
 - Says kids are going into vacant buildings to vandalise.
 - Suggested to inform the parents.

- Councilor Vikki Gibbons.
 - Suggested to create a curfew.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says they can not create a curfew due to legal reasons.

- Councilor Nathan Caskey
 - Suggested to keep the night watchmen employed until the cold season to manage the high numbers of vandalism.
 - Suggested that the SIBS hire more than one security at the factory.

- Councilor Jimmy Main
 - Says it is general awareness to inform parents. Says there are too many non-attenders at the school.
 - Asked if the watchmen go to the parents.

- Councilor Doreen Hannak.
 - Suggested to host a radio show regarding the Sakku factory vandalism.

- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says the CEO of SIBS will be visiting the schools to do a presentation.
 - Says the representatives at the SIBS will install cameras at the Sakku factory.
 - Says he will suggest having a radio show regarding the vandalism of the SIBS factory.
 - Says the watchmen document and write names then they give the names to the RCMP.

9. Business arising from previous minutes

- Discussion on teen dance proposed policy

Motion #154/25

Moved by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the community hall renter's policy.

-Carried-

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on letter from Janet Akat.

11. New Business

- Discussion on Water Delivery Invoice Payment Policy.

Motion #155/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the Water Delivery Invoice Payment Policy.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

13. By-Law

Motion #156/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councilor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 2nd reading of by-law 354, Snow piling and removal by-law.

Motion #157/25

Moved by: Councilor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gordy Kidlapik

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve the 3rd and final reading of by-law 335, Land administration by-law

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #158/25

Moved by: Councilor Jimmy Main

Seconded by: Councilor Bridgette Aulatjut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion approve to adjourn the September 9, 2025 regular council meeting at 7:50PM.

-Carried-



Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



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