



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting # 03-2025

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

Present:

Mayor, Joe Savikataaq Jr.

Councillor, Nathan Caskey

Councillor, Darren Price

Councillor, Doreen Hannak

Councillor, Bridgette Aulatjut

Councillor, Joshua Curley

Councillor, Vikki Gibbons

Absent:

Councillor, Jimmy Main

Deputy Mayor, Gordy Kidlapik

Staff:

SAO, John Hussey

ASAO, Amber Tattuinee

Council Clerk, Naomi Muckpah

Council Clerk, Caroline Pameolik

1. Call To Order

- Mayor Joe Jr Savikataaq called the meeting to order at 6:12pm

2. Opening Prayer

- Led by Joshua Curley at 6:13pm

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion #12/25

Moved by: Councillor Joshua Curley

Seconded by: Councillor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves to amend the agenda to include 2nd reading of by-law 336 and to approve the agenda for the Tuesday, January 28, 2025 regular council meeting.

-Carried-

4. Delegates

5. Review & Approval of minutes

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

7. Operational Matters and Reports

- **SAO Report – John Hussey**

- Update on January 15 zoom meeting with Nunavut Housing corporation regarding the construction of new public housing that Nathan and Gordy attended.
- Update on January 20th meeting with Lauren Isabelle regarding 12 new modular buildings.
- Update on SAO's and ministers meeting. -Review of resolutions
- Update on meeting with Sherly Tagalik on January 23 regarding the proposed building of a new woman's shelter in Arviat.
- Update on the new fire chief, Adam Pingushat who will be attending a training camp in February 3 to 7 in Rankin Inlet.

- **Finance Director -Tom Ing**
- Update on December financial statements
- Says the Hamlets cashflow is stable

8. Mayor's Comments Councillor Members Topics & Concerns

- Councillor Nathan Caskey
 - Councillor Nathan Caskey suggested to find more effective ways to request for water and sewage services.
 - Says the answering machine sometimes gets full which causes people to call without leaving a message for water and sewage services.
 - Suggested to a list be generated for water and sewage services.
 - Says that after a storm/blizzard, many calls come in.
 - Suggested to have someone answer calls and radio the drivers for water and sewage services.
 - Says there are large snowbanks near the EPLS garage that are causing snow drifts to build up during winter storms.
 - Suggested to contact EPLS to move the snow away from the road to the airport
 - Says the hamlet vehicles are parked outside of the garages as the garages are at capacity.
 - Asked when the hamlet of Arviat will be getting a new garage
 - Says he agrees with Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. regarding the multiplex's as there are many safety concerns.
 - Says the recent fire in Iqaluit is an example of the amount of loss.
 - Suggested to see if there is funding available to check lots for any contaminants
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- Councillor Darren Price
 - Says there has been many complaints on social media regarding elders being stuck at the Rankin Inlet airport during delays and weather cancellations.
 - Suggested to emphasize calm air to prioritize the well being of the elders when traveling and passing through Rankin.
 - Says the delays were the cause of weather.
 - Says due to weather, kitchens were closed for the public.
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- Councillor Doreen Hannak
 - Says they've had discussions about water and sewage services.
 - Says the old ways were to put up a sign by the water and sewage service area.

- Says she agrees with Nathan to use new way of calling for water and sewage services.
- Says she agrees with mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr. in using an app to keep track of water and sewer services.

- Councillor Vikki Gibbons
 - Wished councillor Bridgette Aulatjut a Happy Birthday
 - Asked where the support letter will be directed to

- Councillor Bridgette Aulatjut
 - Says calm air provides vouchers for meals/food when there are flight cancellations

- Councillor Joshua Curley
 - Says he has been the chair at the housing association for the past 2 years
 - Says he has heard a lot of complaints about 10 plex and 5 plex buildings
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- Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 - Says each driver has a list and a schedule to follow for their daily water/sewer services.
 - Says the water and sewage trucks have large screens they use to keep track of water/sewer services
 - Says maybe an app can be used to keep track of water and sewer services
 - Says he agrees that the garage's are at capacity and that there will be 2 more vehicles coming in the summer of 2025
 - Says he has applied for funding from the municipal funding requests for the construction of a new hamlet garage
 - Says he has contacted the EPLS regarding the snowbanks near the EPLS garages
 - Says the medical travel falls under the department of health
 - Says calm air representatives will be here for the February 11th council meeting
 - Suggested to write a letter to the minister of health regarding the well being of elders when passing by Rankin inlet for medical travel
 - Says he communicated with minister regarding the Thompson funeral home, says they would like input from community members and families of those who experienced delays
 - Discussion on meeting with NHC regarding the construction of new multiplex units

- Says there are many reasons not to build any more 10 plex, including fire safety, social issues and elders safety
 - Suggested to ask NHC to reduce the number of multiplex's from being built
 - Another example is the parking areas around them multiplexes. Says there are no room for parking
 - Asked SAO John to make a by-law regarding the building sizes
 - Says the Aqiumavik society is requesting to build a women's shelter
 - Says he had a meeting with Sherly Tagalik regarding a possible location for a women's shelter.
 - Says Sherly is requesting a support letter to create a program/workshop regarding search and rescue operations
 - Says the support letter will be to the federal government
 - Suggested the search and rescue chair be part of the proposed training by Aaqiumavik
 - Says CGS has a department specifically for search and rescue. Suggested to refer to CGS and reword the letter provided by the Aaqiumavik.
- SAO, John Hussey
 - Says the by-law will need to be a part of the zoning by-laws
 - Says he will have a discussion with NHC regarding the motion
 - Says he got an email from Fossil Creek. Says they will be coming in March to do a training session on search and rescue operations

Motion #13/25

Moved by: Councillor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve to create a by-law that states that all future public housing units will be restricted to 5 plex's and 1 story in height.

-Carried-

9. Business arising from previous minutes

10. Correspondence, Information & Petition

- Discussion on email from Lauren Isabelle regarding NHC public housing units
 - Differed to next meeting

11. New Business

Motion #14/25

Moved by: Councillor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor Joshua Curlely

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve 3 EPLS quotes regarding community hall repairs

-Carried-

Motion #15/25

Moved by: Councillor Bridgette Aulatujut

Seconded by: Councillor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the quote for two 2025 Toyota Tacoma Trucks totalling \$68,622.88

-Carried-

Motion #16/25

Moved by: Councillor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor Darren Price

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve finance directors' recommendation to pay a one time payment of 1million dollars to the RBC mortgage loan.

-Carried-

12. Committee Reports

Motion #17/25

Moved by: Councillor Darren Price

Seconded by: Councillor Bridgette Aulatujut

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve Arviat fund applications and to increase the amount reserved for recreation by 10%.

-Carried-

13. By-Law

Motion #18/25

Moved by: Councillor Nathan Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor Doreen Hannak

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to repeal motion #8/25 that was made on January 14, 2025, regular council meeting and to approve the 2nd reading for by-law 339, amendments to zoning by-law No. 225.

-Carried-

Motion #19/25

Moved by: Councillor Darren Price

Seconded by: Councillor Joshua Curley

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to approve the 1st and 2nd reading of by-law No. 342, by-law No. 343, by-law No. 344, by-law No. 345, by-law No. 346 and by-law No. 347, "capital vehicle acquisition" of various heavy equipment vehicles.

-Carried-

14. Adjournment

Motion #20/25

Moved by: Councillor Doreen Hannak

Seconded by: Councillor Vikki Gibbons

Be it resolved that the Hamlet Council approves the motion to adjourn the Tuesday, January 28, 2025 regular meeting at 7:30pm

-Carried-

Mayor Joe Savikataaq Jr.



SAO John Hussey



