

NOTICE OF DIRECTION ON PROCEDURE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZING PROCESSES FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

Date: October 12, 2016

From September 27 to 29, 2016, a pre-hearing conference was held for all participants in the Nunavut Planning Commission's (**NPC**) process for completing the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (**DNLUP**). NPC staff summarized the feedback received by participants in a report adopted by the Commissioners, and on October 7, 2016, the Commissioners of the Nunavut Planning Commission met to decide on the procedures and process to be used at the public hearing on the DNLUP.

The Commissioners noted a need to broaden the interpretation of rules to allow participants to participate in informal hearings and provide evidence without unnecessary formalities, and to provide a manageable process for the approximately one hundred participants involved in the process. In accordance with rules 4.2 to 4.4 of the NPC's *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews* (*RPHPR*), the Commissioners have issued a Direction on Procedure, dated October 7, 2016, which provides the deadlines and formal requirements for documents to be translated by participants and filed with the NPC and served on other participants, and which supplements, varies, and dispenses with certain rules contained in the NPC's *RPHPR*. The Direction on Procedure also sets out the order of events and processes to be used at the final public hearing. A copy of the Direction on Procedure is being distributed to participants with this notice, and is available at:

http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2016-10-07 NPC Direction on Procedure - DNLUP Public Hearing.pdf

Due to the number of participant presentations expected to be made at the public hearing, the Commissioners directed NPC staff to inquire whether participants with shared interests will agree to make joint oral submissions as a coalition in which they may pool their time. A letter to participants proposing forming coalitions to make joint oral submissions will be distributed shortly. The Commissioners also adopted the following documents being distributed with this notice prepared by Commission Staff summarizing important steps, processes and timelines set out by the Commissioners in the Direction on Procedure:

- 1. A Timeline for Development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan dated October, 2016, available at: http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2016-10-07 Timeline for Development of NLUP.pdf
- 2. Order of Events at the Public Hearing, dated October 7, 2016, available at: http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2016-10-07 Order of Events DNLUP Public Hearing.pdf

A copy of the Summary of Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Pre-Hearing Conference report is available at: http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2016-10-07 Summary of Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Pre Hearing Conference.pdf
The NPC will issue further public notices on additional procedural steps that will take place prior to the Public Hearing, including dates for the filing of documents. Documents are posted on the NPC website and available for download at: www.nunavut.ca. For a copy of the RPHPR, to review the public record of proceedings, or for other related information, please contact:

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