

# **DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN**

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## WELCOME FROM MAYOR CHARLIE INUARAK

Sharon: Good morning, everyone. We're going to start this morning. First of all, before we do our prayer, with the translation headsets, you have to press the button at the back. Andrew?

Andrew: *(Translated)*: Open the back. There is a little button you push until you get to a language you want to hear.

Sharon: Thank you. We will have an opening prayer.

*(Opening Prayer in Inuktitut)*

Mayor Inuarak:

*(Translated)*: Thank you for your arrival to Pond Inlet. I am representing the Hamlet of Pond Inlet. My title is the Mayor. Although we are looking many ways to improve our livelihood, we look for organizations such as NPC, NIRB, and the Water Board. As the Hamlet Mayor, we are looking for full participation in the process of the Draft Land Use Plan. We are glad you are in our community, and I'd like to say short words.

I recall that you were here before, and Lancaster Sound is a big concern to this region. Many mayors are very concerned. The Lancaster Sound is opening up to a lot of traffic, and there has to be a solution to this problem documented as our concern, while you are here. Pond Inlet is concerned as well as a user.

It's a huge harvesting area consisting of many mammals, beluga whales and other mammals, including narwhals and seals. Many mammals come and go, passing through this Sound, and there are many migratory birds in our region nesting on many parts of the land. We utilize these eggs, including our neighbor, Arctic Bay. Millions, in fact, utilize this area for nesting during the spring. There are many areas with many, many birds of all sorts nesting in our region. Canada geese come up here as well to nest, along with other migratory birds.

It's the same with polar bears. Pond Inlet hunters utilize these mammals for hunting. It has been disturbed greatly, and it has to be protected. This Plan has to be final, and it will have to work. I cannot stress enough what I am saying to you. But I know you have been writing to us. It has arrived, and it has been neglected at the desk in the office. It was just yesterday that this letter came to me, so I do apologize for the haste and disorganization. It appears we are disorganized. We like an organization that can plan and work with us especially in marine traffic.

It appears we have the most ship traffic in Pond Inlet during the summer months, and there are so many tourist ships coming in. The mining ships come and go through the Sound back and forth from the loading docks. Many pleasure crafts are coming through as well. I think we will be speaking a lot on marine traffic tonight.

Thank you for your arrival to Pond Inlet. There are no icebergs out there this time of year, so your tea will not be as good as it used to be. But still, even without good tea, we are welcoming communities. Please visit us. Come and see us. We will open our doors. Our teakettles are always boiling. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

## **OPENING REMARKS AND NPC OVERVIEW VIDEO**

Andrew: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Charlie. Delegates, welcome. My name is Andrew Nakashuk. I am the Chair of the Nunavut Planning Commission. I have been with the Commission for four years, and since just July, I've been appointed as a permanent Chair of this organization. Once again, I'd like to say thank you. We are missing two communities due to different reasons, mostly weather. Grise Fjord and Resolute Bay are not here, so if the weather permits, these two communities will be asked to travel to Iqaluit for the next regional consultation. Arctic Bay and Clyde River are here. Welcome.

We are here while traveling to the communities as the Nunavut Planning Commission. They are presenting the Draft Land Use Plan deriving from the communities in Nunavut. These have been amended June 2016, so we are here to hear what your concerns are from your communities. We need to hear from you. For your information, there will be a Final Hearing in March, and we will be listening as the Commissioners with the concerns deriving from these consultations. We would like to work with you and cooperate with you as the Draft Land Use Plan progresses.

It says in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement under Article 11 that we are doing our work, and we are here because of this particular Article. We want to hear from you. We have been to the communities starting in Cambridge Bay on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We also traveled to Thompson, Manitoba to meet with the Dēnesųliné, because there is overlapping jurisdiction that they are concerned about that derives from Article 40. So on October 21<sup>st</sup> we were down there, and then we travelled on to Rankin Inlet on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We then went on to Northern Quebec – Kuujjuaq. I wasn't able to make that trip because of the weather in my home community of Pangnirtung. Once the weather improved, I am glad to be able to sit with you here in Pond Inlet today.

We are concerned with discussing the North Baffin region, and we will be in Iqaluit as well on November 7<sup>th</sup> for the South Baffin consultation. We will go through the same

procedure as we will today. The Commission staff is here to hear your concerns from your communities in preparation for the Draft Land Use Plan Public Hearing.

As I said, the Nunavut Planning Commission is here under Article 11, and it says in the agreement in Article 11 that the Nunavut Planning Commission has to consult as they progress in the Draft Land Use Plan. They are here to work with you to complete their task. The Nunavut Land Use Plan does not apply to traditional land uses, such as hunting, fishing, camping. The Plan does not apply within established parks.

However, mineral exploration and Industry will be of particular concern as they explore and work inside of the Nunavut Settlement Area. The Nunavut Land Use Plan applies to land, water, and marine areas and resources including wildlife and landfast ice zones. The Nunavut Planning Commission is preparing for what is taking place in the future. They will be affected in the future as land users and for healthier communities. This is what the Plan consisted of.

Our lifestyle, our culture – Inuit needs and culture have to be taken into consideration when the land in question is being planned. This is why we are here. We would like to dispense information and to hear from you your concerns. This is why we are here. Today, you will be given information about what the Plan consists of and what it is behind it.

The Plan has a schedule in terms of being discussed, implemented and passed through regulatory agencies. March will be a crucial month when the Planning Commissioners will be conducting a Public Hearing sometime in mid-March to allow everybody to express their opinion. The Nunavut Planning Commissioners will be listening to people who are in attendance, and this would include mining, industry, and other people concerned about the land. It is a very important item. You from each community should work and perhaps consult with each other for perhaps an agreement in the final Public Hearing.

The Draft Land Use Plan Regional Meetings are being documented by video and audio, and we will be giving you a short presentation. It doesn't have Inuktitut narration, but the interpreters will try their best to give you an interpretation in its draft form.

This Nunavut Land Use Plan, once approved, will provide certainty for those who want to use the land. It is important to remember that the land use cannot be planned and managed without reference to the human communities, sociocultural, and economic factors. These must all be central to the land use planning and implementation.

As mentioned earlier, the primary purpose of the Land Use Plan in the Nunavut Settlement Area shall be to protect and promote the existing and future wellbeing of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area. Special attention shall

be devoted to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Inuit and Inuit Owned Land. Taima.

We are going to have a short presentation for you in video form. It is very recent, and it only has started in the last regional consultation. As I said before, it is not Inuktitut narration, but we will be interpreting it in its draft form. Thank you.

Sharon: So before we continue on, we're just going to watch this. We've been putting together all the meetings that we've attended, so we're going to watch a video that is in-progress. As we go to every community, we add more, so hopefully Charlie will be a part and some of you around the table. So we're going to watch so far our journey toward the land use planning process. It will be translated in Inuktitut through your headsets.

### ***NPC VIDEO SHOWN***

Sharon: We hope that you liked the film. It's a work in progress, as we say. As we move towards the Land Use Plan Public Hearing, we hope to have it complete with all the regions that we visited included in the video.

My name is Sharon Ehaloak. Thank you, Charlie for the warm welcome. It is very nice to be back in Pond Inlet. I always feel very welcome here every time we come. I'm the Executive Director of the Planning Commission. I've been with the Planning Commission for 11 years, and I've lived in Cambridge Bay since 1986. We recently opened our office in Iqaluit, so we now have a team working out of Iqaluit, as well as Arviat and Cambridge. I'm now based as the Team Lead in Iqaluit.

A bit about the hall: We have three exits: one on the right, at the back, and on the left. The washrooms are located over here, and we're frantically trying to get some toilet paper, so Ryan should be back right away. I apologize for those that used the washroom with no toilet paper this morning.

Our translations: The headsets if you have any problems, just put your hand up, and one of our techs will come and assist you. We are video and audio recording the sessions with a transcript. So when you speak, please say your name, where you're from and who you're representing so it's on the record. We have a sign-in registry for the morning, afternoon, and evening. Please sign in for all three sessions. For those of you that we've brought in, if you need your paperwork still need to be signed or your checks, Ryan and Annie at the back table can assist you on a break.

I'd like to tell you a bit about the people that we have traveling with us today and our facilitators. On my very far left is Leena Evic. Leena is a former Commissioner of the Planning Commission, and she is educated at McGill University with an educational background. Leena is working with the Commission giving us guidance – traditional guidance – and delivering our presentations for us in first language.

David Livingstone: David is working with the Commission. He is a consultant, and he spent over 30 years working for the Government of Canada. He was instrumental in getting the Sahtu Land Claims Agreement through the planning process and successfully through with the signatory parties, so we are grateful he is working with us to make sure the Commission is successful through this process.

Steve Kennett: Steve is also a very experienced policy analyst. He has over 24 years of experience, and his background is law and political science. Steve is very familiar with the regulatory process in Alberta, Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut. Steve was one of the authors of the Independent Third Party Review that was written on the Commission in 2012, and he has worked with all of the parties, with Canada, NTI, the Government of Nunavut, and the Commission. So we welcome his outside expertise.

Our Director of Policy and Planning, many of you know. Brian has been with the Commission since it started, so we're grateful he still has stuck in to see this Land Use Plan come through to a reality. Jonathan Savoy: Jonathan is our Manager of Implementation. Jonathan Ehaloak: Jonathan is our Manager of Information Technologies. Peter Scholz: Peter is our Senior Planner in the Arviat Office based in Arviat. Alana Vigna: Alana is our Senior Planner out of Cambridge Bay. Goump Djalouge: Planner out of Iqaluit. Allan Thompson: Allan is our Planner out of the Iqaluit office.

Hugh Nateela, where is Hugh? He's running around. He's our Development Tech out of Arviat. Annie Ollie: Annie is at the back. Annie is one of our translators. She runs our office in Arviat, and she is our first female certified mapper, and we are very glad that Annie is with us, as with all our staff. Ryan is not here right now. He is running around. He is our Office Administrator, Executive Assistant to all the Directors. Jared: Jared is one of our GIS Techs responsible for putting together all of our maps, along with Sohail. Sohail is our other GIS Tech. Alan Blair: Alan is our Legal Counsel. Jazz Adkins is our stenographer. David Battistelli is our videographer.

When we break out of the community groups today, all of the staff will be working directly with you. I would like to recognize that we do have Canada: John and Alain are with us from the Government of Canada. Amy and Erika are here from the Government of Nunavut. Everybody knows Steven from QIA. Miguel is representing NTI, and we're very grateful that the parties have come and are here today. If there are any questions directly for the Government of Nunavut, Canada, QIA, or NTI, we'll ask the members that are represented to answer those questions directly.

Our interpreters: I forgot Dorine. Sorry! Dorine is our French interpreter. Tommy, where is Tommy? He's sitting at the back, also with us. He's one of our translators, and in the booth translating now is Abraham who is with us today translating.

So we're going to do just a quick overview of the agenda, and then we'll have a break. Hopefully the coffee will be ready by then. Then we'll get into the presentations and going through everything today. We'll have the roundtable of everyone introducing themselves. I apologize. We'll start with Rhoda, and then all the members in the back if we can have you as well. Rhoda?

Rhoda: I'm from Arctic Bay, the Hamlet Council, and my name is Rhoda Tunraq.

Olayuk: Olayuk Naqitaruik from Hamlet Council, but I'm part of it from the beginning. That's why I'm here.

Susanna: Good morning. My name is Susanna from Arctic Bay Hamlet Council. This is my first time.

Jimmy: Good morning. My name is Adrian Jimmy Pitseolak, Hunters and Trappers Organization Chairperson.

Norman: Good morning. My name is Norman Simonie from the Hamlet Council, Pond Inlet.

Paniluk: My name is Paniluk Sangoiak. I'm here on behalf of the Elders. I'm not representing anybody, but once in a while I become a member for a different organization here in the community here in Pond Inlet. I'm one of the Elder persons in the community. I'm just part of the community, and people are very welcoming to me. If I have any questions, I will ask later on today. I was the Mayor before in the beginning, and I know how the board meetings are and the main things. Sometimes when there is no foundation to talk about things, it doesn't go anywhere.

Mathias: My name is Mathias Kounak. I'm from the Hunters and Trappers Organization.

Mayor Inuarak: If you don't know me, my name is Charlie Inuarak, Mayor. My term is ending. To further Paniluk's information, he has been part of the things that were very difficult to handle, for example cruise ships, different mining situations, and how to protect animals and marine mammals. He has been part of this for so many years and researching. We recognize him, as he is part of the community, and I am very happy today he is sitting beside us.

Also our interpreter, Abraham, he is from the Hamlet Council as well for 13 years. He has been part of the mining issues and environmental issues. He has been dealing with them a lot, representing the Hamlet. He has been delegated to different things. Once we get an interpreter, he may be joining us later on today. Thank you.

- Sam: Thank you. Sam Palituq from Clyde River Hunters and Trapper's Organization.
- Ootoovah: My name is Ootoovah Audlakiak from Clyde River from the Elders and the Hamlet as well.
- Jayko: Good morning. Jayko Ashevak from Clyde River Hamlet Council. There was a person delegated from Clyde River, but he decided to stay in the community, so the Council asked me to participate in this meeting. I'm their replacement for him. He is a member of the Hamlet Council, but he decided to change his mind, so I was delegated to this meeting.
- Patrick: Good morning. Patrick Palituq from Clyde River, from the Youth. This is my first time attending meetings. Thank you.
- Al: Good morning. Alain Joseph, Park Planner with the Iqaluit Office, Parks Canada.
- John: Hello everyone. My name is John Price. I'm with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada in Iqaluit.
- Amy: Good morning. Amy Robinson. I'm with the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut.
- Erika: Good morning. My name is Erika Zell. I'm with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation with the Government of Nunavut.
- Steven: Ublaahatkut. Steven Lonsdale from QIA. I'm responsible for Lands.
- Miguel: Miguel Chenier with NTI Lands In Cambridge Bay.
- Rhoda: Thank you. Rhoda Katsak from Government of Nunavut with Economic Development and Transportation.
- David Q: David Qamaniq. I'm the Interim CLO for QIA. I'm just here to listen. Thank you.
- Sharon: Thank you, everyone, and Patrick, it's very nice to see we have a youth here. We encourage you very much. It's a safe environment. Ask questions if you have any. We recognize you, and welcome as a youth.

*(Applause)*

We are going to take a quick break, and then we're going to get into our presentation. So 10 minutes, and hopefully the coffee is ready. There is juice and refreshments on the side. 10 minutes.

## **BREAK**

David L: Good morning. My name is David Livingstone, and I'll be helping to facilitate the meeting for the rest of the day. I just thought I'd quickly go over the agenda so people are aware of what will be happening, as best as we can foretell. There are copies of the agenda on the table by Annie if you need one.

We've gone through the video and the opening remarks. Leena will do an Introduction and Overview of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. That takes about 40 minutes, so we'll take a short break about halfway through to give people an opportunity to get up and walk around a little bit.

Then we'll go into the Community Breakout Groups, and since there are only three communities here today unfortunately, we'll set up just three tables. There will be a representative from the Nunavut Planning Commission sitting down with each community and going through the maps. You'll see copies of the maps on the wall as well. The maps that they will show you will be more detailed, more precise, but I'd invite people to take a look at the maps on the wall when they get a chance.

That will take us through until about lunch break. Then in the afternoon, Brian will walk us through a Regional Summary of the Draft Land Use Plan. It will be basically a recap of what was said in the morning. Then following that, there will be a roundtable on Key Issues and a brief discussion on the Tools Used by Community Representatives when they go back to their communities and discuss what they've heard and learned, and bring to the March meeting in Iqaluit the views of the communities.

It will also be important that the community representatives here be prepared to submit in writing the views of the communities in January. January 13<sup>th</sup>, I think is the deadline for written submissions, but I'll ask Alan to recap the milestones this afternoon as well, just so people are aware of the timelines. Then if there is a need, we'll go into an evening session. We've discovered over the course of the last few meetings that the evenings are probably best devoted to just sitting down again with the maps and going through them, but we'll see how the afternoon plays out and whether there is a need for that session.

So I'll turn it over to Leena to do the Overview of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, but just on a personal note – and I'm betraying my age here – I first visited Pond Inlet in 1974. It was a different community back then and unrecognizable now. I have been here a few times since, but the last time was about 15 years ago, maybe 10 to 12 years ago. It has changed enormously, but I think back to 1974. I was working on a research ship, the Hudson, and we just pulled up into the Sound here, came ashore in lifeboats, and wandered through the community. I think the rules regarding marine transportation and people just dropping in on communities like that have changed

enormously since too. It was a community of two or three rows of houses down near the waterfront, and an airstrip behind. It was very traditional, and I remember those days fondly. So Leena, I'll turn it over to you then. Thanks.

## **OVERVIEW PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN**

Leena: *(Translated)*: Thank you, David. This morning, I welcome everyone. Thank you for welcoming us. As this morning we heard, I will be expanding about the details of the Plan. I will be talking mostly in Inuktitut what we have done. Everyone has been informed that it has been changed up to today. But first of all, I would like to say I have been here a number of times in the community as a teacher, and I'm very happy to visit the community. When I started working at NTI after my teaching, right away back in 1993 when the Land Claims Agreement was signed, I was part of the staff up to 2000.

Our focus is still on Nunavut, and we are still making policies. This is our land, and we need to gather up information. I'm very happy to be here this morning. I'm not staff for anyone, but I'm a consultant. I'd like to recognize Charlie, as he was part of teaching. We are using Inuit knowledge and culture to draft and use them in the foundation. We only teach in Inuktitut, and we need to bring this to have better policies in place. That's where I learned how to speak my language. The presentation I will be talking about in its entirety will be in Inuktitut, but since I don't want to skip anything, we will use the interpreter. As of today, the Planning Commission is in the community. The main reason why is the Land Claims Agreement.

We are in the final stages of completing a first generation Nunavut Land Use Plan. We are here today to help you understand how the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan works, how it would affect your community, to help you and your community discuss the Plan, and make suggestions for improvement at the final Public Hearing in late March that our Chairperson mentioned earlier. That is our focus, and we are informing different community representatives to be prepared, and we'd like to hear from the community members. As he was saying, we need to submit in writing before January. I know in March, all the participants here will have to attend the meeting in Iqaluit. The things I'm saying, I will keep repeating with planning. The hardest thing for you will be in getting an agreement for your community for getting suggestions to improve and refine the Draft for the areas around your community. This is a chance to take the task, and we thank you all.

*(Slide – NPC and Land Use Planning)*: The Nunavut Land Claims Agreement created a regulatory system that provides residents with opportunities to participate in regulatory decisions for resource use and development. Under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NPC, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, and the Nunavut Water Board

all work in different ways to make sure that the land and water around your community is used appropriately. Land use planning is the first step in the regulatory system in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Here in Nunavut, we are here to consult the communities for the Land Use Plan for our future. It does not consult when it receives individual proposals. This means it is very important that the land use plans are supported by communities. The planners at the NPC are not experts on any of the topics, and rely on input from participants in the planning process. Planners only develop options for managing land use based on the input received.

The Draft Plan uses Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit extensively. This was done in four ways:

- Community consultations
- Use and occupancy mapping
- Written input from communities and individuals, and
- Literary research.

The people who are here today will be in the PH in March. We will assist you with the tools to help you in the next three months.

*(Slide: Process History):* In Nunavut, the North Baffin and Keewatin Regional Land Use Plans have been in effect for 15 years. These plans are still being implemented today, but other areas of Nunavut do not have approved land use plans in place. Since 2007, the NPC has been working to create a single land use plan for all of Nunavut, which would also replace the two existing plans in the Kivalliq and the North Baffin region.

*(Slide – Process History 2):* Since 2004, the NPC has been conducting Use and Occupancy mapping interviews with Nunavut residents, which provides an overview of how communities are using the land. The NPC has used this information to supplement information coming other participants.

In 2007, the Nunavut Planning Commission approved a document that was developed in close consultation with the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated on how the Nunavut Land Use Plan would be structured. Between 2008 and 2011, information was collected and the first draft of the Plan was written.

*(Slide: Process History 3):* In 2012, the Nunavut Planning Commission publically released the first version of the Draft Plan. Between late 2012 and early 2014 the NPC consulted with over 30 communities, twice, in Nunavut, Nunavik, Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In June 2014, the NPC released a second Draft Plan. In 2015 and as Andrew said in early 2016, Nunavut Planning Commission held four Technical Meetings to discuss parts of the Plan that required more attention. These discussions and additional written submissions led to a further revised Plan released in June 2016.

*(Slide: Steps and the Public Hearing):* A final Public Hearing on the Draft Plan is required before it can be submitted for approval to the Federal Government, the Government of Nunavut, and NTI.

The Public Hearing will be an opportunity for participants and communities to provide oral feedback and written submissions on the Draft Plan in a public setting in accordance with the requirements of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The Public Hearing will be held in Iqaluit in late March 2017. After the Public Hearing, the Plan will be revised one last time before submission.

Your role in this process is essential. You are the representatives of your communities in this planning process. You will collect the input from all the people from your communities, and present that input to the Commissioners through a written submission that can be as detailed as you'd like. You may also provide a brief oral presentation at the Public Hearing. The written submissions must be provided to the NPC by January 13, 2017. This Land Use Plan is the detailed representation of how Inuit would like their land to develop now and in the future. It is very important work and we thank you for your participation.

The hardest part for you will be in getting agreement from your community on suggestions to improve or refine the Draft Plan for the areas around your community. This is a challenging task, and we thank you for it.

The purpose of our meeting today is to review the Draft Plan so that you understand how it works and what it means for your community and your region, and you are prepared to represent the views of your community at the final Public Hearing. The people who are here today are the same people that will be attending the Public Hearing in late March in Iqaluit. We will also provide you with tools to assist you in communicating with your communities in the next 3 months.

*(Slide: Format of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan):* We would like to begin our discussion of the Draft Plan with a quick overview of the different pieces that make up the Plan.

The main document of the Plan consists of seven chapters. There is an introductory chapter, then five chapters that each relate to a different planning goal. The last chapter is an Implementation Strategy, and there is a set of Annexes and a series of Tables. Also included in the Draft Plan is a series of poster-sized Schedules, which show all of the mapped information that is part of the Plan.

*(Slide: Options Document):* There is also a separate Options and Recommendations document that references all the information that was considered and recommends a preferred option for each issue. This document includes detailed maps for each location.

*(Slide: The Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan):* Chapter 1 provides an introduction to land use planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area and covers a number of important concepts that are key to our discussions today.

*(Slide: Land Use Regulatory Concepts):* There are a few important terms that the Plan uses to manage land use:

**Prohibited uses:** Prohibited uses identify land uses that do not conform with the Land Use Plan. This means that any activity that is listed as a prohibited use in a given area would not be allowed to happen. The Plan would first have to be amended. These uses are identified in Table 1.

**Conditions** identify requirements such as setbacks that land users must follow. So in this case, all land uses must follow the conditions identified in Table 1.

**Valued Ecosystem Components (or VECs)** are part of an ecosystem that have particular environmental value. These could be wildlife species, like polar bears; or habitat, or floe edge.

**Valued Socio-Economic Components (or VSECs)** are parts of our culture, society or economy that have particular economic, social, or cultural value. These could be resources such as minerals, jobs, carving stone, or community drinking water.

Areas valuable to certain Valued Ecosystem Components and Valued Socioeconomic Components are mapped on Schedule B. This information can be used by regulatory authorities during the review of project proposals, and by NPC to determine if there are any concerns on the cumulative impacts of projects.

Valued Ecosystem Components and Valued Socioeconomic Components are collectively often called Valued Components or VCs, but from this point, we will usually use the term Values when we are talking about them.

*(Slide: Land Use Designations – Schedule A):* The Draft Plan has three kinds of Land Use Designations: Protected Areas, Special Management Areas, and Mixed Use. Schedule A of the Plan shows all of the land use designations. Chapters 2 to 5 of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan identify issues that are important in specific geographic areas, and assign one of three Land Use Designations to each area.

Traditional Uses, like hunting and fishing, are not impacted by the Nunavut Land Use Plan. Traditional Uses are excluded from the Plan due to provisions in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

**Protected Areas** are shown in green on Schedule A, and are identified with green text boxes throughout the Plan. Protected Areas prohibit particular land uses that are incompatible with certain environmental and cultural values. They can also include conditions to guide land use.

Protected Areas are not permanent features. They may be changed or removed through Plan amendments. Also this Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan is not the final Plan. Your community may suggest changes to the areas you see on the map.

**Special Management Areas**, as we mentioned earlier, are shown in yellow-tan on Schedule A, and are identified with yellow-tan text boxes throughout the Plan. Special Management Areas may have some prohibitions, but usually involve conditions or seasonal restrictions. Special Management Areas support the identified values of an area, taking into account natural resources, linear infrastructure, environmental considerations, and cultural factors.

**Mixed Use** Land Use Designations are shown as grey areas on Schedule A, and are identified with grey text boxes throughout the Plan. Mixed Use areas do not have prohibited uses or conditions, but may include value components for the NPC and regulatory authorities to consider when reviewing project proposals.

The Draft Plan also includes **Recommended Actions** for some issues. These are included in blue text boxes in the Plan and are summarized in Annex C.

*(Slide: Seasonal Restrictions):* To continue, some Protected Areas and Special Management Areas, particularly marine areas, have restrictions that apply only during certain seasons. Seasonal restrictions in the Draft Plan are based on Inuit seasonal cycles and systems. There are six seasons in Nunavut. However, start and end dates differ from region to region. Jonathan will give a short presentation on this topic.

Jonathan: Thank you very much, Leena. This is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. Just before we take a quick break, I'd like to take a minute to repeat some of the key phrases that Leena has reviewed in her opening presentation. So I'll just come over here to this poster, which is an example of Schedule A of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Schedule A is a very important part of the Draft Plan, because it shows the specific areas where particular rules of the Land Use Plan would apply. I'll note as well that we'll be going through Schedule A as well as Schedule B, which shows a number of Values,

during our breakout groups community by community. So we'll have lots of time to go over every single one of these areas near your community.

So the first land use designation we should discuss is the green Protected Areas, so these are the most restrictive land use designation in the Draft Plan. They include prohibited uses. These are uses that would not be allowed by the Draft Plan. They could also include conditions that limit how activities could occur.

The next type of land use designation is a Special Management Area. These are yellow areas on the Land Use Plan, and these are more flexible land use designations, so they could include conditions such as setbacks, so areas that you need to stay a certain distance away from, or seasonal restrictions. So maybe you can only do an activity at a certain time of the year in these areas.

The final designation is Mixed Use. These are the gray or uncoloured areas on Schedule A, and these do not contain any prohibited uses or any condition, but it is important to note that there may be Values identified in these areas that are included on Schedule B. Again, we'll go through all of these areas in the breakout groups.

I'd finally just note, because we're here in the North Baffin, there are many dark brown areas. Of course, as you know, those are established parks, and the NPC does not have jurisdiction within those areas. So with that, I'll stop and we'll take a few minutes for a break.

David L: Okay, let's take 10 minutes and then we'll get back to it. There is a lot of information to digest, and we'll have time for people to ask questions after Leena's presentation. So 10 minutes.

### **BREAK**

David L: This handout has some of the slides and some of the terminology that Leena is using. It is not identical, but it might help. As Leena speaks, you can follow along perhaps with a little more comprehension of what is being said. Alright, thank you.

Leena: Qujannamiik. These are very long documents. I'm sorry for being longwinded. I seem to be endlessly speaking, but as you do your breakout groups, it will become clear and you will know what we meant this morning in our discussion, in the presentation.

*(Slide: Chapter 2 – Protecting and Sustaining the Environment):* In this chapter, you will find discussions and recommendations on wildlife and environmental concerns. As you do your breakout sessions, it will become clear, and you'll know what we mean in this presentation.

The following areas and issues have been identified to support the Goal of Protecting and Sustaining the Environment:

- Key migratory bird habitat sites
- Caribou
- Polar bear denning areas
- Walrus haul-outs
- Marine areas of importance
- Transboundary considerations
- Climate change

In this presentation we will cover a few of the issues as examples. Additional areas and issues that are important to this region will be discussed in smaller break out groups and presentations that will follow.

*(Slide: Caribou):* Caribou are an essential species in the north. The use of caribou is a fundamental part of Inuit identity. For mainland caribou herds, a number of different types of habitat were identified, and input was received from many participants regarding the sensitivity of caribou in these different areas. Based on the input received, the Draft Plan includes Protected Area designations for caribou calving and post-calving areas, key access corridors, and water crossings on the mainland. These Protected Areas include a number of prohibited uses such as mineral exploration and production, oil and gas exploration, quarries, and linear infrastructure.

Caribou that cross the frozen sea-ice during their annual migrations are vulnerable to changing sea ice conditions and disturbance by ice breaking activities. Sea ice crossings are assigned a Special Management Area land use designation that includes seasonal restrictions to prevent any form of shipping during Ukiuq and Upingaksaq, in the spring and in the fall.

*(Slide: Polar Bear):* Polar bear denning areas are found over thinly and randomly scattered areas all over the territory. Because the NPC did not receive sufficient information on this issue to recommend any prohibited uses or conditions in specific locations, polar bear denning areas are assigned a Mixed Use designation, and are presented as areas of a known Valued Ecosystem Component on Schedule B. For additional information, Jon will make a presentation.

Jonathan: Thank you very much, Leena. This is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission again. I'll just do a quick recap of the different information that was considered and how they led to different land use designations in the proposed Draft Land Use Plan. So in the first example Leena just provided for caribou calving ground, it was assigned a Protected Area land use designation in the Draft Plan. That was in part

because a number of participants recommended that there were a variety of uses that were not appropriate in these areas. So the Draft Plan reflects some of that feedback.

The next example that Leena provided was caribou sea ice crossings. They were assigned a Special Management Area land use designation. In this case, the value was a seasonal crossing of the ice, so rather than prohibited uses, a condition was included in the Draft Plan that restricts when shipping could take place in those areas. So it's not as restrictive as the Protected Area.

And then in the third example we just heard for polar bear denning, there were no specific prohibited uses or conditions that were identified through the consultation process. So in this case, a Mixed Use land use designation is included in the Draft Plan. Again, all of this is Draft and for discussion. We welcome feedback on all of these designations. Thank you.

Leena: Qujannamiik.

*(Slide: Chapter 3 – Encouraging Conservation Planning)*: Chapter 3 includes discussions relating to preservation of natural and cultural heritage, including Parks and Conservation Areas.

The following areas and issues have been identified to support the NPC Goal of Encouraging Conservation Planning:

- Parks Awaiting Full Establishment
- Proposed Parks
- Proposed National Marine Conservation Areas
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary
- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries
- National Wildlife Areas
- Historic Sites
- Heritage Rivers

*(Slide: Parks)*: Although land use plans do not apply within established parks, they do apply to areas where parks are not yet fully established or are proposed. These areas are designated as Protected Areas to help prevent incompatible development before the parks are legally established.

*(Slide: Heritage Rivers)*: The Canadian Heritage Rivers System promotes Canada's river heritage. There are several heritage rivers in Nunavut: Thelon, Kazan, and Soper. Small areas of significance, based on the management plans, for the Thelon and Kazan Rivers \are designated as Protected Areas, with the remaining areas presented as an area with value. The Soper River watershed has been designated a Protected Area.

*(Slide: Chapter 4 – Building Healthy Communities):* The following areas and issues have been identified to support the NPC goal of Building Healthier Communities:

- Community Areas of Interest
- Community Priorities and Values
- Community Land Use
- Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy
- Dënesųliné Areas of Asserted Title Claim
- Unincorporated communities, for example Omingmaktok
- Alternative energy sources
- Community drinking water supplies
- Land remediation
- Waste Sites
- Department of National Defence Establishments
- North Warning System sites

*(Slide: Community Areas of Interest):* Several areas that have been identified by communities as requiring protection are designated Protected Areas that include prohibited uses. Jonathan?

Jon: Thank you very much, Leena. This is Jonathan Savoy from the NPC once again. I'd just like to note that on the screen there is a list of a handful of Community Areas of Interest. These are included in the Draft Plan as Protected Areas that were identified by communities during our previous discussions with community members.

Just to note that there is only one in this region: Moffett Inlet, south of Arctic Bay that was identified during our consultations there in 2012. It should also just be noted that this, again is a Draft Plan. We're very encouraging of feedback, so if there is an area around your community and you don't see it included here, that is helpful feedback for the Commission to hear. Thank you very much.

Leena: Qujannamiik, Jon.

*(Slide: Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy):* Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy are Hudson Bay islands where certain lands are jointly owned and managed by the Inuit of Northern Quebec (Nunavik) as represented by Makivik and the Inuit of Nunavut represented by NTI.

These areas are designated as Protected Areas because they were identified by residents of multiple communities in Nunavut and Nunavik as important for a variety of environmental and cultural reasons.

*(Slide: Dënesųłiné Areas of Asserted Title Claim):* Dënesųłiné living in northern Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan have a vested interest in the southern Kivalliq region because they traditionally used, and continue to use, these lands. There are two areas of asserted title claim currently under negotiation. The Planning Commission received information from the Dënesųłiné land use in these areas, which has been included in the Draft Plan as Values that are summarized in Table 3.

To assist the Dënesųłiné Land Claims Negotiations, the Cabinet of the Federal Government withdrew a number of pieces of land owned by the Crown in southern Nunavut, through an executive direction called an Order-in-Council. This Order-in-Council does not affect any Inuit Owned Lands. The Dënesųłiné First Nations have recommended that these areas be designated Mixed Use in the Draft Plan in order to facilitate ongoing land claims negotiations. This designation was recommended to apply regardless of caribou or other potential values, due to the sensitivity of the Dënesųłiné Land Claim Negotiations. This designation was supported by NTI in their June 2015 submission to the NPC.

A commitment made by the former Chairperson of the NPC on February 5, 2015 advised that the lands withdrawn by the Order-in-Council would be presented at the Public Hearing as a Mixed Use designation. NPC staff intended the Draft Plan to be consistent with this commitment.

In the 2016 Draft Plan, while the withdrawn lands are presented as having a Mixed Use designation, there are some locations within these areas that have been assigned a Protected Area designation for caribou.

The Dënesųłiné are involved in the unique process of negotiating and ratifying a Land Claim, and the Protected Area designation may complicate that process.

NPC staff will follow the Notation set out in the February 5, 2015 letter, and treat the entire area withdrawn by the Order-in-Council as exclusively “Mixed Use”, without any overlapping Protected Areas or other land use designations. This will ensure the present wording of the Draft Plan does not interfere with ongoing negotiations.

*(Slide: Drinking Water):* All community drinking water supply watersheds have been assigned a Protected Area designation, with the exception of Kugluktuk and Baker Lake. These two watersheds are extremely large in size, and have been identified as known Values.

*(Slide: Waste Sites):* Waste sites are areas of land no longer used for any licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized activity, because they pose potential adverse effects to the ecosystem and/or human health. There are many of them in Nunavut. This map shows only a few of the well-known ones, which have been designated as Special Management Areas.

In deciding which sites require attention first, the Draft Plan has adopted a process from the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, and is found in Annex D. The NPC intends to revise this process and prepare a list of priority sites for remediation.

*(Slide: Chapter 5 – Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development)*: Chapter 5 is about sustaining the needs of today without compromising the needs of the future. The following areas and issues have been identified to support the Goal of Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development:

- Preserving a “mixed” economy
- Mineral potential
- Oil and gas potential
- Commercial fisheries
- Developing new infrastructure responsibly and efficiently

*(Slide: Mineral Potential)*: Nunavut has a wealth of minerals for exploration and investment. Areas of known mineral potential are illustrated in Schedule B maps and they are indicated as areas of known Values.

*(Slide: Linear Infrastructure)*: This chapter of the Plan addresses linear infrastructure. We will be discussing this under Item #3: Regional Summary of the Draft Land Use Plan this afternoon.

*(Slide: Marine Shipping)*: Marine shipping is an important component of future development in Nunavut. As the climate continues to warm and the seaways are open for longer periods of time, the opportunity for marine shipping in the Canadian Arctic is gaining international attention. Through written submissions and technical meetings, the NPC is aware of concerns regarding impacts on wildlife, which include noise, higher mortality rates, and oil spills, as well as the inconvenience and risk hunters will endure when crossing ship tracks.

For ecologically and culturally significant areas, site-specific seasonal setbacks for marine shipping have been designated in Table 1. Subject to safe navigation, vessels traveling in these areas must obey these setbacks. These restrictions do not apply to traditional activities.

*(Slide: Marine Corridors)*: Through the Northern Marine Transportation Corridors Initiative, the Canadian Coast Guard has identified the most heavily used marine corridors in Nunavut, and the corridors most likely to see an increase in marine shipping as the climate warms. Charting certain waterways can reduce the occurrence of ships traveling in ecologically delicate areas and improve overall safety. Based on all information received, the NPC recommends that responsible authorities work collaboratively in developing alternative routes for ships, learn about the impacts of

ships travelling in convoys, and standardize procedures for spill containment in loose ice conditions.

*(Slide: On-Ice Transportation Corridors):* There are a number of traditional on-ice transportation corridors in Nunavut. In order to protect these established informal routes, NPC recommends that on-ice transportation corridors be assigned as a Special Management Area with seasonal restrictions, so that no shipping or ice breaking occurs during the seasons of Ukiaq, Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, Upingaaq. Proponents requesting to ice break on routes that cross recognized on-ice transportation corridors must answer a series of questions in their application.

*(Slide: Chapter 6 – Implementation Strategy):* All proposed projects must first be submitted to the NPC to determine whether they conform to the Plan before other regulatory authorities can consider them.

If the proposed use is not prohibited and complies with all applicable conditions and additional information requirements, it will conform to the Nunavut Land Use Plan and the NPC will forward the proposal to other regulatory authorities for consideration. If the proposed use is prohibited or is unable to comply with relevant conditions, it will not be in conformity with the Plan.

*(Slide: Existing Rights):* The Nunavut Land Use Plan and any future Plan amendments may apply to some projects or project proposals that had existing rights before its approval. If a proposal is submitted and is considered to have ‘significant modifications’ to its original project scope, the project as a whole may have to be reviewed again.

*(Slide: Additional Research):* With the Canadian North undergoing rapid changes, constant research and monitoring must take place to understand the nature and implication of these changes. The Draft Plan identifies a number of areas where research is strongly recommended.

*(Slide: Incremental Planning):* The Draft Plan is a living document, which can be updated as new information becomes available. The Plan can be changed or updated through a public plan amendment process to consider new information or a project proposal that would otherwise not conform to the plan. A Plan amendment can be requested at any time.

In addition to Plan amendments, the NPC will periodically review the entire Plan to ensure the Plan does not become outdated.

*(Slide: Conclusion):* That concludes our discussion, although it seems long. They are in the Draft stages. When you are in the breakout groups, you will understand what the discussion was about. Thank you for paying attention to my presentation.

David L: Thank you, Leena. So you'll see on the agenda that the next item is breaking into the community working groups and looking at the maps in more detail, but I want to open it up for questions first, based on the presentation, if there are any questions or concerns people have. Then, we will have to break, maybe at 5 to 12:00, and then come back an hour and a half later. Charlie?

Charlie: (*Translated*): Mr. Chairman, I have a question. For the presentation, you stated you have an office in Arviat and Iqaluit. With those offices, I know for a fact that your staff can visit communities. The whole Baffin landmass is huge, and the high Arctic. I would love to see an office based in the high Arctic or North Baffin, as there is more attraction for the Northwest Passage in the future. Maybe perhaps we will be dead by then, and we need to do some preparation.

The effect will happen. For example, Baffinland: They have a plan to run for 20 years. As a Mayor, I had to find out and consult people of how long the operation would be running. They replied, and they said it would be for a long time, perhaps up to 100 years that the mining will be happening. They didn't expand about the iron ore. There are nine different deposits that they have found around the Mary River area. For running the operation 400 is too small. It will take too many years with the operation. That is their plan. Due to the low cost of iron ore, when the price has gone higher, I know for a fact that they will be running more. I know for a fact that Nunavut could have a discussion with the Nunavut Planning Commission, and I'm suggesting there be an office based in the North Baffin. I wanted to ask this question before we broke up into groups. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Charlie. I went for a walk yesterday evening, and I noticed that there's an office building here. It probably hasn't been used for some time, but it's got the Nunavut Planning Commission logo on it. Sharon or Brian, do you want to take that on?

Sharon: Thank you, David. Thank you, Charlie for your comments. The Nunavut Planning Commission recognized that in the implantation contract, it identified to have the three regional offices. Yes, we did have an office here before, and Jayko Alooos was our Commission employee. Jayko retired, so he is no longer with the Commission, but he was with us for a number of years and a very good employee.

When the Commission looked at the implementation contract, the office was reopened for Baffin in Iqaluit. So we now have three teams. We have a team working out of the Kitikmeot. We have a team working out of the Kivalliq, and we have a team working out of Iqaluit to serve the three regions distinctly. I will note back to the Commission what you have said about having an office here and relay that to them. If you'd like you can write a letter specifically to the Commissioner. As you know we are on budget and a work plan, and we have to have the funding to undertake more offices. In saying that, I will bring your voice and your concerns back to the Commission. Brian, did you want to answer anything else? Okay, thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. I'll just follow-up. Charlie, are you okay with that? Do you have a follow-up question? Okay.

Paniluk: *(Translated)*: Yes, I would like to say yes, it is true what Charlie is saying. Back in the day, it was over two years that the Baffinland iron ore submitted their plan, and they never informed the Nunavut Planning Commission, which we regret. I know for a fact it's not in writing yet. We always like to have good information that could be spread to the community, because this community is getting affected. We would really like to participate as a community.

David L: Thank you. Charlie?

Charlie: *(Translated)*: As for the Plan in the North Baffin and the high Arctic, there should be in place with Greenland and the Baffin area. There is a Chairperson, and they were talking about 1000 documentations with the new proposal and when there is a lack of planning. It was mentioned already that we need to put more in writing that could be in place. I would like to say more, as we are in Pond Inlet.

There is area between the national parks. There is another park, which is a big size, with the understanding that we could go there and enjoy the scenery. The ships are increasing in the area, and I don't think the community was aware that there will be a park in place, but we are finally understanding. With all the planning, it should be in place, especially with the shipping corridor.

As for the ships, they should be approved by Environment or NIRB once you get a license, but they come in to communities. They do whatever they want, and they go inland whenever they want. They attempt to go into different bays that they explore. The hamlets have been raising their voices, but nobody is hearing our concern. With the attempt to chase away narwhals, even though there are hunters in the area. There should be a better plan with details and policies in place. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

David L: Thanks, Charlie. I know the GN is working on a marine transportation policy. Amy, did you want to say anything at this point about that, where it is in the planning process?

Amy: To clarify, the GN, I understand within the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, are in the process of updating their tourism legislation, and in that, hopefully updating corresponding regulations. Through those updates, I think the GN is hoping to resolve some concerns we've heard regarding cruise ships in particular, and other tourism concerns. Thanks.

David: Thanks, Amy. Sharon, did you want to add?

Sharon:

Thank you. Sharon from the Planning Commission. Thank you, Charlie, for your comments. I guess just to provide a little bit of clarity, and it's a bit off topic but so everyone in the room understands, we recognize it is very important for communications to flow between us and the communities. We have our staff working with the communities, and that's why we're here for this Regional Prehearing Conference engagement. It is very important, and your voice and your concerns are very important.

So, just to provide clarity around the current Land Use Plan we know for North Baffin, it was written in the 1980s. It is very outdated. The new Plan that we are working towards having the Public Hearing in March – the one that we're talking to you about, this one that was released in June – it's very important to hear your concerns and to have your concerns into the Commission by January 13<sup>th</sup>. So that's one piece. That's what is in process now.

But the Land Use Plan that currently is in place, the conformity determinations are done, and they are done against the Plan. When a conformity determination or project proposal comes to the Commission, it is not a consultation process in that conformity determination, because the Plan is already in place. The consultation piece happens now, like for this new Plan, as it did way back when before the North Baffin Plan was put in place. We've heard this, of people not understanding how that process works.

So the consultation process of what you from the communities see as priorities and issues, what you put in your submissions, what Government, the NTI, the DIOs, Industry – all those submissions go in front of Commissioners, and they make the choices based on every submission and evidence given to the final content of this Plan.

So the communication process if a conformity is done and it's not in conformity, then that goes forward to the Commissioners to make a final decision. If a conformity passes and it's in compliance with the current Land Use Plan, then it goes into the regulatory process, but it has to get a positive conformity before it can go to NIRB and go into the environmental process.

So I hope, Charlie that provides you a little bit of clarity around how the regulatory bodies work. With the new legislation that came into place, it increased the Planning Commission's authority or mandate of what we must look at. Without having the Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan in place, it has provided a little bit of complication. So for the regulatory bodies and with NuPPAA, we're looking forward to having a Nunavut-wide Plan approved and put in place. It will provide a better clarity for regulators, for anyone who wants to use the land. It will provide certainty of what you can and cannot do, and your voice is part of this document. So I hope that answers a bit of the process of the communications. If not, we can speak further, or staff can explain it more. Brian, do you want to add anything?

Brian: If you don't mind.

Sharon: Brian?

Brian: Qujannamiik, Sharon. Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. *(Translated)*: As you mentioned with the Plan in place, what Leena was saying is it is not finished yet. We need to make new amendments, yes. With new amendments, there could be more reasons or less. That's what Leena was saying. Ever since from 2012 up to 2014 with the Nunavut Planning Commission within the territory - and we work with Makivik from Northern Quebec - what we should write down with economy-wise, we collect that information visiting communities.

We came to Pond Inlet to do a prehearing conference for those elected officials. We gave a presentation, whether they liked it, and they agreed and made a resolution back in 2014. With the new one, we will be adding to this, as the Federal Government and NTI asked us to revise this. So we used all the consultants, and we had further meetings. As of today, yes, we are adding new things. But Leena was saying, this is a live document, and we will be making new amendments to move forward. Even if we miss an item, we could still make an amendment to this document.

As of today, we will be working on the maps. While we are working on the maps, we will go into different groups and ask questions. We will be asking about your area, whether you like the map or if you would like to make changes. There will be some question given to groups and all the information will be gathered. We're just gathering information. The Board, perhaps after March, the Commission Board will work on the new amendment. I hope we answered your question.

David L: Thank you, Brian. Charlie?

Charlie: *(Translated)*: As for the Nunavut Planning Commission who has been working, it is a very good thing. We need to make amendments, as we have been seeing here in our area the increased shipping. To expand, there are a number of ships planning to come in. As for the Government, if there was an incident, there is no Plan with the Government, and I do believe the Federal Government should be working on it. There is no plan in place in our area, as they are far away from the territory.

I do understand, they built a dock facility in Nanisivik. I don't know what the planning stages are, whether they is a ship available, as we are seeing increased ships. There is a waste incident. Even though there may be no incident, it would still affect our environment. There should be a plan in place. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Charlie. Jimmy?

- Jimmy: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's part of the question I wanted to ask, and I heard their response. I understand looking at the map that North Baffin, there are certain things that are missing. Can we still add things to the map? Did I understand that? That is my question.
- David L: Brian, Sharon do you want to answer that? I think the answer is yes, but there is a little bit of conditional stuff. Brian?
- Brian: *(Translated)*: Yes. He already said yes. We can add. Once we start working on the maps, we could add more detail to the maps, and it will be your opportunity to speak. Yes, that is the answer.
- David L: Okay, thank you Brian. Any other questions? Okay then why don't we break now. We'll set up the tables for the community working sessions and ask people to come back at 1:15 after lunch. Then I'll get into those sessions, and you can work on that. Okay, thank you very much.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

### **COMMUNITY BREAKOUT GROUP MAPPING SESSION**

*(Individual sessions recorded in writing)*

- Brian: *(Translated)*: We are going to resume the schedule, and after this short, brief meeting, Pond Inlet will go back to their table to complete their mapping.
- David L: What we're going to do now is have Jonathan do the Regional Summary, and then we'll do a quick overview of the Key Issues and the Tools used by the community reps when they go back to their communities to gather the information they will need to prepare their written intervention for January 13<sup>th</sup>, and their oral presentation for the March Hearing.
- And, yes, sorry Miguel, I keep forgetting NTI. How can I possibly do that? Miguel will make a short presentation on behalf of NTI. Steve, you're welcome to add to it if you like. So shall I turn it to Jonathan now? Okay, and then when Jonathan's finished, if there are any questions, we will entertain those. Then I'll turn to NTI, and then we'll do the Key Issues and Tools discussion. None of that should take very long, and then we can get back into the mapping if people want to. Jonathan?

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Jonathan: Thank you very much, David. This is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. So as David mentioned, I think Pond Inlet did not complete their mapping session, but regardless, we're going to go through this regional summary. There may be some things in here that haven't been reviewed fully in the breakout group.

The first thing we have here is the 2014 version of Schedule A. So this is the way the Draft Plan looked in 2014, and one thing to note if you're now familiar with the 2016 version, is that there a lot of yellow Special Management Areas throughout the North Baffin. So if we go to 2016, you can see a lot of those are no longer there.

What happened was a number of the Special Management Areas in the 2014 Draft Plan, in particular those for polar bear, high mineral potential, as well as oil and gas potential, have now been identified as Values on Schedule B. So those areas are still included in the Draft Plan in the 2016 version, but they are on Schedule B, and that's because there are no specific prohibited uses or conditions associated with those three Values.

David L: Jonathan, I'll just turn it to Brian for a second.

Brian: Sorry, Jonathan. Thank you, David. I just want to ask a quick question to Peter. During your breakout group with Pond Inlet, did you go through Schedule A with them already so they have an understanding of what green and yellow codes are in terms of the color schemes?

Peter: Yes.

David L: Okay, Jonathan, sorry about that.

Jonathan: Thank you very much. So one of those areas that I just mentioned that are no longer on Schedule A is polar bear denning, and those areas are viewed on the screen now. So polar bears are an integral part of Inuit culture and the marine ecosystem. Their dens are found over thinly and randomly scattered geographic areas.

The information submitted to the NPC on polar bear denning areas was not sufficient to identify specific prohibited uses or conditions. As I mentioned on the previous slide, they are assigned a Mixed Use land use designation and are presented as Values on Schedule B. So any proponent proposing an activity in those areas would be aware that it is polar bear denning habitat, as well as any other regulatory authorities. Sorry, Tommy. I'll slow down. Any regulatory authorities revealing the project proposal would also be aware that it is a polar bear denning area.

Another Special Management Area in the Land Use Plan is caribou sea ice crossings, and they are Special Management Areas with seasonal restrictions on shipping. So in the Peel Sound and Franklin Strait area, shipping is prohibited subject to safe navigation during the seasons of Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, and Upingaaq or February 1 to July 31. Secondly, between the narrow seaways between Bathurst Island and the small islands north of Bathurst Island, shipping is also prohibited during the seasons of Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, and Upingaaq, as well Ukiaq, or December 1 to July 31.

Polynyas are persistent open water surrounded by sea ice and are important areas for wildlife. They are nutrient rich and biologically productive areas. There are several polynyas scattered over the Nunavut Settlement Area. However, the Lancaster Sound and North Water polynyas are designated as Special Management Areas due to the high amount of concern and their importance to a wide variety of values. As Special Management Areas, there are seasonal restrictions with regard to shipping in these areas. No shipping is permitted to occur under the proposed Draft Plan in the seasons of Ukiaq, Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, and Upingaaq, or December 1 to July 31.

Given the importance of the area to residents of Nunavut and Arctic Bay, in particular, Moffet Inlet has been included in the Draft Plan as a Protected Area. This designation would prohibit mineral exploration and production, oil and gas exploration and production, hydroelectric infrastructure, and marine shipping all year round.

Secondly, further south, although the Foxe Basin Community Area of Interest is also included as a Protected Area that prohibits shipping at times during the year, it is important to note that this does not include the Fury and Hecla Strait, the area circled in red. Shipping can occur within this area, for clarification.

Also worth noting is the Qausuittuq or Bathurst Island National Park was fully established by Parks Canada in 2015. In the 2014 Draft of the Plan, the area was included as a Protected Area as a proposed national park. The NPC no longer has jurisdiction in this area, and responsibility lies with Parks Canada.

So the yellow areas currently on the screen indicate high mineral potential within the North Baffin region. It should be noted that some Protected Areas, especially those along the east coast of Bathurst Island, overlap with this mineral potential.

The Draft Plan also proposes strategic environmental assessments in areas where many potential mines are located close together. In these areas with high mineral potential and several explorations potentially taking place, strategic environmental assessments are recommended to help identify future concerns and mitigation measures.

Marine on-ice transportation corridors have been identified in the Draft Plan as Special Management Areas. The corridors in the Draft Plan are based on those presented in the

Marine Environmental Handbook prepared by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Those are the dashed yellow lines you can see on Schedule A and on the screen.

The map on the screen also shows floe edges that are identified in the Draft Plan. Floe edges are lines of thick landfast ice that meet fully or partially open water. You can see a number of on-ice travel routes and where the floe edges are present are prominent areas where hunting takes place. The Draft Plan proposes to seasonally restrict shipping in these areas to protect those who use these routes to travel and hunt.

No shipping may occur during Ukiaq, Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, and Upingaaq, December 1 to July 31, when the sea is frozen. If a proponent wants to ship during this time, an ice-bridging plan must be submitted to the NPC. That concludes our brief Regional Summary of the Plan. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Jonathan. Are there any questions or observations on Jonathan's presentation? Abraham?

Abraham: Thank you. Abraham Kublu from Pond Inlet. Living in Pond Inlet, I've been noticing the cruise ships have been increasing a lot in the summertime. My main question is in reality we all know there will be more attraction coming through the Northwest Passage in the future since there is less ice in the summertime.

Is there a way that we could plan something ahead to prevent a big incident, if a cruise ship had an incident in St. John's, Newfoundland, which is far away, it could take at least a whole week, or if the icebreaker is not around the Northwest Passage, we should plan something in place whether the closest community is responsible for getting 500 people coming into the community, and the people from the Northwest Passage area are not prepared to give extra beds for 500 people. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Abraham. Sharon, do you want to answer? I don't know that other than noting your comment now and suggesting that you make it very clear in your written intervention in January, I don't know that there is an answer that can be given by the Planning Commission right now, other than it is a concern that has been heard before, and is worth repeating as often as possible.

There are two related issues. One is just the rescue of people that might be affected. The second is the risk of oil spills and other damage, and Coast Guard's ability to respond quickly to an oil spill is clearly limited. Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, Abraham, for your comments. Sharon from the Planning Commission. So part of what you as community members can do in your submission is say what you want to see in place, how you want to see it managed. Do you like the shipping? Do you not like the shipping? How would you like to see shipping managed? The Commission can

ensure that your recommendations are part of the submissions, again, before January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The next piece for managing the risk, the Commission has heard this throughout the High Arctic several times regarding the concerns and the risks of the increased shipping. The Commission did undertake to secure money for outside research to be done, and that paper on the oil spills in ice-covered areas is on the Commission website, [www.Nunavut.ca](http://www.Nunavut.ca) and you can take a look at that information to assist you.

These are all very high concerns, and how you want to see your land, water, air, and wildlife managed, those are the important things you should be writing in your submission. As we work through today, we are going to support you to give you an Issues list just to try and help. It's not a complete long list. It's just a guide that the Commission may be helpful to you to use, and it's there for you to use or not use. But we're trying to support you to be as successful as you can with your submissions. So I hope, Abraham, that helped with that information, but if there is anything still unanswered, I'll address it. Thank you.

David: Thanks, Sharon. Yes? The floor is yours.

Olayuk: (*Translated*): My name is Olayuk Naqitaruik from Arctic Bay. The January 13<sup>th</sup> deadline is really close as we are trying to plan. My question is if we are going to have our own secretaries in our communities and we draft the Plan and recommendations, will we be able to pay wages for our secretary, for example, in Arctic Bay, before the January 13<sup>th</sup> deadline?

David: Thanks Olayuk. I'll ask Sharon to respond.

Sharon: Thank you for your question, Olayuk. Arctic Bay when we did the consultation, was our very first community, and we started our consultation very well. We were welcomed in your community, and there are very good memories. Your question of the resources we've heard from all regions.

The Commission, like the communities, is under a budget and work plan. We're federally funded. But what the Commission has committed to do is work with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. We've committed to writing a joint letter to the Minister identifying that the communities have said they need additional help and resources, and it does cost money, to see if the Federal Government can provide to the communities through the Association of Municipalities some funding to support them to pay for the cost of putting their submissions, such as your secretaries or community meetings together.

So the immediate answer is no, the Commission doesn't have extra money, but the Commission is committed to bringing that to the Minister's attention to ensure that the

voice of the community's need is heard. It's not the answer you want to hear, but it's the honest answer I can give you today. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. Adrian. Excuse me, is it Adrian or Adrian Jimmy, or Jimmy?

Jimmy: You can just call me Jimmy, because everybody calls me Jimmy here.

David L: That's what I thought.

Jimmy: Qujannamiik. (*Translated*): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I second the delegate from Arctic Bay. I feel that January 13<sup>th</sup> is too close, and also we have a break during Christmas. Our organizations could be involved, but everyone takes a break during December. Can we delay the January 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, at least a week or two weeks, for example? That is my question. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Jimmy, and I'll turn it to Sharon for that. But I'll tell you the shorter answer is no.

Sharon: Thank you, Jimmy. The process has been a very long process. It has been going on for over 20 years. By the procedures for Public Hearings that the Commission has to follow, the drop-dead date is January 13<sup>th</sup>. That's why we're here today, and not just here today. Our staff are committed to work with you and support you through the telephone and through the Internet. Yes, it is very close, but the March date is also a real date for the Public Hearing. So in order for us to meet our timelines, which we're going to go through, the January 13<sup>th</sup> date is real. So it may seem like it's coming close quickly, but it has been a very long time in coming.

This Nunavut Land Use Plan is a living document, so even though it comes into force, it can be changed, and it will be reviewed periodically. So as additional information becomes available, as our climate changes, as the demographics change, they can be added to the Plan. It's a living document, so it will always be updated. So it may not always be the most perfect or satisfying to all parties, but Nunavummiut need a Land Use Plan, and the Commission's job is to make sure it comes forward.

As much as I would love to say yes, the answer is no. We will do what we can to help you to be successful. You as communities will have an opportunity to decide if you want to pool your time at the Public Hearing, like put your time together for your submissions, or to speak each with each community having 20 minutes to follow-up from your written submissions. Then after all the submissions are done, there will be time for closing remarks. So we'll go through that as well a little later in the afternoon in more detail. That's all I can offer right now. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. Sam, you had a question? Oh sorry, Sam. Jimmy has a follow-up, and then I'll get to you. Apologies.

Jimmy: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That being the case, I have a follow-up question. Right now we just reviewed the maps, and we're at the initial stages. We sort of got sidetracked. Will we have an opportunity to review the maps again? Thank you.

David L: I'll ask Sharon to address that.

Sharon: Thank you. Sharon from the Commission. Jimmy, on the Commission website, on [www.Nunavut.ca](http://www.Nunavut.ca), all the community reports from each of the communities that are here and across Nunavut, we came back and worked with Hamlet councils to make sure that those reports were accurate. Those community reports are on our website, and each HTO and Hamlet office have a copy of those reports. If you can't find them, we will gladly...they are on the Internet, or if you need a hard copy, we'll get it to you. Those reports will also guide you, because that's the information your communities have told us is important and with the additional information. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon, and in direct answer to your question, Jimmy, the Plan is to return to the mapping discussions after this more general discussion. I think Sharon's point was there has been lots of information gathered already, but today we will return to the mapping as soon as we can. Sam?

Sam: *(Translated)*: Thank you. I totally agree with the question from the Arctic Bay delegate. They are saying we will have a lot of work cut out for us when we return to our communities. The response, as I seem to understand, we can ask the Hamlet for help in regards to funding. Can we access funding from the Hamlet? Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sam. Sharon, do you want to take that on again? I can just summarize what I've heard. There's no additional funding available right now from the Commission. If the Hamlet can offer support in the meantime, then great. Some Hamlets in some other communities have offered that kind of support, some regional organizations.

In the meantime, though, the Planning Commission and NAM – the Nunavut Association of Municipalities – will be writing a letter to the Government asking for additional funding to help communities to help prepare their interventions. So whatever assistance is available now is what you can work with. Also, there will be additional funding coming forward. There is no guarantee on that point though. Any other questions? Any other points?

Okay, maybe what I can do now is ask Alan to briefly go through the milestones, following up on Jimmy's question and Sam's concerns, about the timelines. The timelines are tight. There is no question. The Planning Commission will offer whatever support it can to help communities prepare, but the bottom line is there are some firm deadlines ahead, and a fair bit of work to prepare for those. So Brian, can you briefly walk through this please? Alan or Brian, whichever.

## **DISCUSSION OF TIMELINES UP TO AND BEYOND THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Alan: Thank you, David. If you'll look on the screen behind us, you'll see we have produced a timeline that the Commission wants to draw to everyone's attention. Reference to some of these dates has been made already, and I think Sharon stressed just a few moments ago the importance of the January 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

There are a number of participants who will be at the Hearing in March. The number is close to 100 people, 100 different organizations who will be present. The Commission worked out a timeline at that event – the March Hearing – and if the Commission has a Public Hearing that effectively goes from 9:00 in the morning until 9:00 in the evening with breaks for lunch and dinner every day including the weekends, it only gives people roughly 20 minutes per organization to speak. That's just the math on 100 groups at 20 minutes.

So what is critically important is for you to organize your thoughts and provide them in writing so that we, the Commission, can understand fully the points that you wish to make, and the time that you will have to speak at the Public Hearing will be to highlight some of the key aspects of your submissions.

Also, it will be a great help to the Commissioners who will be reviewing everything that is said, and everything that has been written. It will be a great help if you can find others in that group of 100 that have the same point of view. If you can come as a group so 1, 2, 10, 15 and say, "On this point we all agree..." That's a very powerful level of support that you may have amongst yourselves.

Equally, if it is clear that some of the 100 people have a viewpoint that is completely different from yours, it perhaps seems obvious to you that we would see that it is a disagreement, but we encourage you to point out where there are differences of opinion, equally, where there is the same opinion.

So if a group says something about a particular point, and you completely disagree with it, it will be a great help to the Commissioners to hear you say, "I representing the Hamlet of X heard this submission or read this submission from Y, and we disagree," and preferably with reasons. So ideally, we want people to be aware of whether there are common purposes and opposite purposes. Some of the timelines I'm going to take you through speak to that goal.

The next real deadline that is coming up in short order is the middle of November. By the middle of November – and I realize that's close now, although this is a concept, expert reports, that has been talked about for a long time. If there is something that you

want to say in your submissions that you think has the benefit of having the weight of an expert. The expert will say, "I've studied this, and in my opinion, this is my conclusion." We'd like to have those kinds of expert reports by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

I really want to point out, to be clear, that an expert does not have to have a Ph.D., a doctor degree in some subject. Many of you will be experts on the land. It will be important if you draw an expert conclusion on migratory animals that you explain who you are and why the Commissioners should listen to you, and be clear what your expertise is. It can be IQ expertise. It can be scientific expertise, but November 15<sup>th</sup> is an important date and everybody is being given the same date.

You'll see the next deadline is a month later on December the 15<sup>th</sup>, so even if you don't produce a document by November 15<sup>th</sup>, you'll be able to access all of these documents by going to the NPC website. We encourage you to do so and read what gets posted, because by December 15<sup>th</sup>, if you strongly disagree with a point of view, you can express that by way of a reply, an expert reply. So that's the next deadline.

Sometimes there is some confusion between expert reports and what submissions are, and submissions, I'm afraid, is a word that lawyers use to describe the story, your point of view. The distinction is that January 13<sup>th</sup> is really the time for you to summarize your story. Pick a theme that's in the Plan and tell the Commission that you like it or you don't like it, or you'd like it changed, and why.

So those are submissions. Sometimes we call it argument, where you make your case. The only distinction between that and the reports that are referred to in November and December, is that November and December provides an opportunity for you to reach beyond maybe your immediate expertise and bring expertise in from others.

It might very well be that some of the Government agencies – the Government of Canada, the GN, other agencies, NGOs – it may very well be that some of those organizations have produced reports. In January, that would be a time for you to say, "We agree," or "We disagree." That's a submission. That's an argument. You don't actually have to produce your own report. You just have to say, "We agree or disagree or like to have this changed."

Now why do we have a deadline on January 13<sup>th</sup>, which is 2½ months before the Hearing in March? That's because the next deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>, roughly two or three weeks later, where you all will have been able to go in to the website on January 14<sup>th</sup> and see everybody's submission, their argument. By February 1<sup>st</sup>, you'll be able to say to the Commission, to the staff, so that we can get organized for the Hearing and say, "I read all of these arguments that came in by January 13<sup>th</sup>, and we don't like these 4. I like these 6." You can organize your thoughts, and that will help us understand how your submission will be made in March.

I think I'll repeat again, the driver behind all of this is that in March, even though the Hearing will be 8 or 9 days, with the number of people we expect to be attending, your time in March will be short. So it will be very helpful for your position to be clearly understood, not just by the Commission, but by everyone else. So these timelines are so you can read about everybody else, and they can read about you. People can come to the Hearing very well organized.

If you're going to use visual aids, Power Point presentations, that sort of thing in March at the Public Hearing, the Commission staff need to have those by February 28<sup>th</sup>, and that's simply so that when we get to the Hearing, they can just plug in your Power Point. You'll each have 20 minutes. We don't want to spend any of that time wondering what it is you want to say or finding your slide, or taking anything that will delay. So that gives the Commission staff a few weeks to organize things so when it's your turn to speak, we'll know exactly what to put up on the screen and we don't waste any time.

Visual requirement, you'll see through many of these timelines for translation, and we really urge you to respect that request. I'm sure you can imagine it is a very difficult task for translation into all of these languages, and we appreciate. It puts a burden on you as well, but it's almost an impossible burden for the staff to be able to take 100 submissions themselves and take on that burden of translation, and get them back to the 100 parties. It's a requirement that you do that for us, please.

I know that the staff are aware of translators by name, so if there is some aspect that you need assistance in terms of identifying a translator, we can help you with that.

We also need to have hardcopies of your documents so that when we get to the Hearing, people who want to have paper copies will be able to physically take a submission off the back table in March. When we get to the Public Hearing and we've talked about how each participant will have roughly 20 minutes, we want to encourage...if you think four or five of you want to go together because you have the same argument, the same point of view, you'll be encouraged to amalgamate your time.

So perhaps you want somebody to speak for a half an hour on two or three key points. Maybe they borrowed 10 minutes from three or four or five of you, or all of your time. The time won't get larger or smaller, but you'll be able to within your own organizations, decide how to share time. So three of you go together, you have an hour. It might very well be that one person is your spokesperson and takes most of that. And the other people who are part of that group take the microphone and say, "My name is X and I'm from here, and I agree." So if people feel that 20 minutes is not enough time to make a point, then the solution for that is to find other people who share your point of view and take the time to make it collectively.

After the Public Hearing is over and everybody including the Commissioners have heard everything and read everything, then it will be time for people to go away and make

what is called a final written argument. Now, that's not a time to produce something new. That's not a time to put a new fact or new evidence before the Commissioners. That's a time to look back and reflect on everything that is there already and say, "We've heard this, we think this." It's an argument in support, or it is an argument against a point of view, or both.

There is no limit on that. You can write as much as you want, but the deadline for that will be about a month, three weeks after the Hearing. There is a process after that. David, did you want me to continue with that or take questions on this point?

David L: Why don't you wrap it up and then if there are any questions, you can address them all. So finish the presentation.

Alan: Thank you. So you can well imagine, it will be the task of the Commissioners after April 21<sup>st</sup> when everything is in front of them and they've heard from all of you and read the reports for them to go away and decide what to do with the Draft Plan. In a sense, they will be much like a judge who hears a case with different points of view and then has to go away and think about what they've heard and make a decision.

Unlike a judge who usually just has to decide guilty or not guilty, one or two, A or B, up or down, these Commissioners will have to decide on a number of issues with a number of different outcomes: A, B, C, D, or E on Point 1; A, B, C, D or E on Point 2. So the Commissioners will have a large, very difficult job.

The Land Claims and NuPPAA sets out together some processes for how this next stage of the process unfolds. In a very simple high-level viewpoint, the Commissioners will digest everything that is in front of them and will be expected to probably rewrite the Draft. The language is a Revised Draft. So the Original Draft is what you have in front of you. The Original Draft is what will go to the Hearing. You'll produce all of this information and discussion.

They will then go away and likely make changes. It will be up to them to do so, but it's reasonable to assume there will be a Revised Draft. It is very important to understand that the Commission has the responsibility to produce this Draft, but this Plan will never be the Commission's Plan. The Commission is trying to introduce this information for the people of Nunavut. It will be your Plan, the people of Nunavut's Plan.

The people who will approve it will not be the Commission. It will not be the Commissioners. It will be a collection of the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and NTI. They will look at this Revised Plan. The NPC cannot make this into law. The NPC cannot require this to be adopted, cannot enforce it. They have to write a Revised Plan and provide it to those three parties: NTI, the GN, and the Government of Canada.

Those parties have a timeline that is not fixed. They can take as long as they want, and they have two options. They could the three of them, agree to accept that Plan, and it would then become adopted, or perhaps more likely, they can find some aspects of that Plan that they don't accept, in which case, they can return the Plan to the Commission with written reasons indicating why some aspect of the Plan doesn't meet their approval. So of course, it will be the goal of the Commissioners to try and find solid support for the Plan that they give to the three parties, but it will be entirely within the rights of those three parties to say we accept or reject any or all of it.

With rejection of a component of the Plan, they will be required by the legislation to indicate in writing why they do that. So it's not beyond the realm of possibility, and it's indeed likely that it may come back to the Commission with some portions of it not accepted. The Commission will then get that back with the written reasons and will one last time, armed with that information back from the three approving parties, look at what is being requested of them, review the evidence again against those requests from the approving parties, and one last time submit a Draft.

That is the last time there is the opportunity for the Commission to give a Draft. Once again, there is no timeline on the period of review for the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and the NTI. They can take as long as they like to reach a consensus and agree on that Draft or reject it. If they agree on the Draft, it will be signed into law and become the Nunavut Land Use Plan. If for any reason they reject it and tell the world or just never adopt it and never come to a conclusion, there will not be a Plan. So the Commission's task, of course, is to try to get to a goal where there is a Plan.

*(Microphone muted)*

David L: That maybe is a good place to stop.

Alan: And the Commission will try to do so in a timely way.

*(Laughter)*

David L: Any questions? Any comments? I should let people know that I have this magic mute button. I can turn off anybody else's microphone. I just did that to Alan, and I do that probably once a session to Alan. Any comments on the timelines? Abraham?

Abraham: Qujannamiik. *(Translated)*: At the March Public Hearing, is it possible to give a presentation as a whole to see one map. Sometimes when you look at the writings there, you cannot read what the letters are saying. Can you use a full page for those of us who do not see too well? This is a strain to read.

David L: Thanks, Abraham. The maps are on the website. I believe you can expand the maps, but I don't know. Jonathan, what's the plan for presentation at the Public Hearing? Will the maps be up in full size?

Sharon: He's asking about his handout and if it can be a full page instead of a half page. That's what he is asking.

David L: Maybe I'm not hearing the question. If we're talking about your presentation at the Hearing, then those maps are on the website, are they not? And they can maybe be made full-size. These presentations that you have are drawn from the website. Jonathan, can you do a better job of answering than I?

Jonathan: Yeah, I'm not sure that every map that is on those handouts is currently on the website. We can perhaps put them there, but I take the point that on the handout, often the font would be difficult to read. There is a balance between how much paper we produce, and the scale of that. So we can take that into consideration for the next time. Thank you.

David L: Abraham, is that...did I get it close enough?

Abraham: Thank you, yes.

David L: Apologies. There was a question. Please.

Mathias: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Chair. I just want to clarify that even though we belong to many boards, some of us have not even a computer readily available, although you kept mentioning a website. It is not readily available to many people up here. Thank you.

David L: Yeah, thank you. That's a problem, and if you have a computer, so is the speed of the Internet. There are some real challenges. Brian?

Brian: *(Translated)*: Qujannamiik, David. Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. The mapping session we did today should break down into the communities. We will leave them behind and shortly in our future for things that are not written in Inuktitut, they will be bilingual and sent out to the communities. We did not bring any of these resources to us. We're doing the best we can to disseminate information for your use, but the maps are yours to keep.

Abraham, I understand what you're saying. Your concern is very valid. Some letterings are so small that they are not able to do anything with them. This will be taken in advisement and corrected. Qujannamiik, David.

David L: Thanks, Brian. Any follow-up? Mathias, did you have a question? Did I see a hand go up? I guess not. Any other questions? Okay I think what I'll do is ask Miguel to make a short presentation now. Steven, I guess I'm going to ask you a question so you can think about

it. KivIA, for example, is going into each of the communities and helping out community folks preparing for the January and March deadlines. I'd ask you to think about whether QIA can offer something similar or not. Thanks.

## **NTI STATEMENT ON INUIT OWNED LANDS**

Miguel: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Miguel Chenier. I'm with NTI Lands, and I live in Cambridge Bay. NTI is very pleased to have the opportunity to speak to

NTI is very pleased to have the opportunity to speak to community participants today regarding the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Nunavut Agreement requires the active and informed participation and support of Inuit affected by a Land Use Plan. Your views on the Plan are very important and necessary to the process.

The Nunavut Land Use Plan should reflect how Nunavummiut would like to see Nunavut lands, waters, and resources, including wildlife managed in the short-term and in the long-term. NTI and the RIAs have many responsibilities, including managing Inuit Owned Lands and making sure Inuit Owned Lands provide Inuit with economic opportunities, and are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

The percentage of IOLs in Nunavut is not large, making it critical that they be managed for the benefit of Inuit. 18% percent of lands are surface IOLs managed by the RIAs, and only 2% are subsurface IOLs managed by NTI. It is a requirement that the Nunavut Land Use Plan reflect Inuit goals and objectives for IOLs. Many of the proposed designations in the Land Use Plan overlap with IOLs and do not allow activities on those IOLs.

NTI and the RIAs want to hear communities' views on whether activities should be or should not be allowed on IOLs in the different designations. NTI and the RIAs are interested in understanding whether you agree that these sensitive areas should be protected. Does IQ or local knowledge support that the areas are sensitive? And if these areas should be protected, do you agree with the restrictions? What should be allowed and not allowed, including on IOLs?

The Nunavut Agreement states that special attention shall be devoted to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands. It is important that the right balance be found to ensure that economic, cultural, and environmental values are all considered. We view this as a start of discussions on the Land Use Plan, and we hope to have future discussions with you in the future. Taima. Qujannamiik.

David: Thanks, Miguel. Steven, did you want to come up?

## **QIA STATEMENT ON INUIT OWNED LANDS**

Steven: Thank you. My message is very similar to what Miguel was saying, but it's more from a regional perspective from that Qikiqtani Inuit Association. The Land Use Plan has been many years in the making. It involves numerous parties, including the most important one, which is the communities.

With QIA having been involved since the beginning, we've always pushed for the consistent message of involving communities throughout the process, the importance of community consultation, especially when it comes to Inuit Owned Land. Although the Inuit Owned Land is managed by QIA, and it does belong to Inuit collectively, it belongs to communities.

So when you look at a map with all the different IOL parcels, you have as an example, say Grise Fjord with the label GF1, GF2, GF3, and so on. So when there are questions, when there are issues, of if there is development or conservation ideas, we always approach the communities to guide us on those specific parcels.

So in this case, why we are here, what the Nunavut Planning Commission is attempting to do is create this Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan. This Land Use Plan does affect the Inuit Owned Land parcels and the surrounding lands and waters around your communities. Within the Land Claim, it says that the Land Use Plan shall apply to Inuit Owned Lands, but it must take into account Inuit priorities and values when it comes to that land.

Inuit gave up a lot for the rights outlined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, which includes title and ownership to Inuit Owned Lands. It is spread all over Nunavut in approximately 365,000 square kilometers. Although that seems like a lot, when you look at the vastness of Nunavut, it's not actually a lot when it comes to that outright ownership.

We do have the harvesting rights all over Nunavut, but when it comes to actual ownership of land, it is just that 365,000 square kilometers. So those IOL parcels are very special to Inuit, and they were chosen for very specific reasons, whether it be for harvesting, for cultural reasons, for conservation, or even development purposes.

Although the Plan does apply to Inuit Owned Land, it is up to Inuit to exercise that ownership and that authority and let your thoughts be known on your preferences, on your priorities, on your values for those lands. So I encourage everyone to speak up and let your knowledge be known. The Inuit priorities and values cannot be identified by anyone other than Inuit, so I again encourage you to speak up. Be loud, and just let your voices be heard throughout this process. Qujannamiik.

David L: Okay, thanks, Miguel. Thanks Steven. Why don't we take a short break? Let's take 10 minutes and then we'll get back to the remaining part of the agenda and then return to

the maps, either later this afternoon or this evening. 10 minutes and then we'll resume. Thanks.

### **BREAK**

David L: I gather that the translation was not working when I was speaking earlier. I'll repeat it, just so everybody knows what I said earlier. Al of Parks Canada has offered to guide people through the two maps on my left at the end of the meeting, if people have any questions or interest in those two maps. I'll ask people also if they haven't already signed in for the afternoon session to do so.

I'll now turn it over to Brian to briefly overview the Issues and Tools part of the discussion. Then we'll go through any other remarks, comments or questions people have, and closing remarks for the afternoon. Peter will resume the discussions with the Pond Inlet group after that part of the discussion is over, and I would offer the opportunity for the other two communities to do the same thing if they want to reopen the map discussion. That would be fine. Staff is here to do that. It may not be required that we have an evening session, but we'll take a look at the need for that before we close this afternoon. Brian?

### **OVERVIEW OF TOOLS FOR COMMUNITIES**

Brian: Qujannamiik, David. (*Translated*): Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission, Arviat Office. I have two comments that I would like to pass on to you. The first one: Information for those who have concerns about maps, when you get back to your communities, it's a great concern. Everybody appears to be concerned about this everywhere we go. So we're thinking about it.

We're in the discussion stages with it right now, but when you get back to your community, it would be a good idea to post announcements as bulletin board notices in public places. Perhaps local radio is a good source of passing out the information, and maybe school flyers for the school children to bring them home, if possible. The schools are a good place to start.

It would be up to you, but you have to make the arrangements to do this yourself. The other option that you could be looking at is community meetings, and other local radio announcements. Let the Hamlet know and go to their meetings or HTO meetings. These are the options we have made available to you. They are the ideas. If you want to use them, it is up to you, but the idea is to get opinions from your communities on what we're discussing today. If there are any other ideas of how we could assist you, even in a small way when you get back to your communities, let us know. Is this clear? Is this understandable?

The other option discussed – and it’s clear – it’s not possible all the time. It’s a paid clerk to get this job done, especially in Rankin. It first emerges as an idea, and at the time, it was not doable. It was also brought up in Kuujuaq by Makivik. That particular region of Government was more than happy to assist their communities. That is one problem down. Your communities, QIA and RIAs should be able to assist you, so I’ll leave it at that. I think Sharon has more information.

Sharon: Thank you, Brian. I just wanted to make sure. Some of the participants asked today who is coming to the Public Hearing. The people that are chosen to be here, all of you, including the ones we couldn’t get in and the other community members that were chosen that couldn’t make it. Those will be the ones that the Commission will be paying for and flying to Iqaluit to the March Public Hearing. We will pay all the costs associated with that. Taima.

David L: Charlie?

Charlie: *(Translated)*: For your information and according to the Land Claims Agreement, I would like to say these things as my role as Mayor. I have often spoken about it. NTI, NIRB, the Water Board, and the other Inuit Organizations whatever they may be, they also have their assignments according to the Land Claims Agreement.

Some of us were taken by surprise. It says in the future, the Nunavut Planning Commission will be coming here. I was not informed. The information is very important, and it should be paid attention to by every organization. It was important that the Nunavut Planning Commission should, long before it happens, pass out information of their upcoming event, including the final one next winter. I could be out hunting, and I got this message to attend this meeting. Here I am, and we have a lot of questions that we would like to hear from you in detail, so information has to be foremost important. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Charlie. I’d just point out that communication is always a challenge. There are many reasons for communication breakdowns. Brian, anything?

Brian: *(Translated)*: I agree with you, Charlie. Information is very important. We try our utmost to do this with our events. At this particular meeting today and what we have discussed, in the Kitikmeot, and with the Dënesuġliné and Makivik, we start inquiring and asking communities in August about this meeting taking place today. We try our utmost, and we have tried every means to pass information and inform people. This is what we do. There must have been a glitch that you hear about this meeting at this late time.

Paniluk: *(Translated)*: This is my first meeting with the Nunavut Planning Commission. This is a very interesting session today. The topics, although they are interesting, I’m going to have to agree with Charlie. I was not informed in my community, and perhaps this

occurs at the time when community organizations are not informing other organizations. Maybe they just don't care and say it's not their responsibility. This should not be the case. It is our culture to assist each other, and when we forget where this is valued, we break down, and everything appears to break down.

Our ancestors are innovative. They are hard workers, and at that time, the only pastime we had at that time was feeding ourselves. So we live in Kungmuks (*uncertain; spelled phonetically*), in Imittuk area. I'm formerly from Igloodik. I was told someday you will reach modernization, and some day you will live in stick building. There was no white man person anywhere in our vicinity. They even said our climate will change and become warm. How did they know this? It is because people have knowledge at that time.

I think there have been people all through the years in Nunavik, including to Baffin and the High Arctic. There are so many things you can see out there that have been created by Inuk. There are artifacts. There are living places where you could determine people have lived here. We do our best in life, including this idea of not being communicated. Thank you for the information you have given to us. I wish you well, that you live well together, although we live in different places. Thank you, Nunavut Planning Commission, the staff and the Commissioners.

David L: Thank you, Paniluk, and I must say that you live in one of the most beautiful communities that I've been to. I look forward to visiting again sometime soon. Rhoda?

Rhoda: (*Translated*): First of all, I'd like to thank you for the invitation that I'm here. But still, the information is very important. I got a call that my plane was waiting, so I rushed out to attend this meeting. We had to leave others behind because the information was not given to us on the charter times. So it was a rush. This is just for your information.

David L: Thanks, Rhoda. Any other comments or questions? Okay, then perhaps I'll ask Sharon to wrap up, but before we do, I want to go back to the communities. Pond Inlet will be meeting again in that far corner. I just want to make sure that Arctic Bay and Clyde are okay. Do you want to meet again going through the maps again? If you're done with that, then that's fine. Let's do the Issues, think about it, and then we'll get back to that.

## KEY ISSUES TO CONSIDER

Brian: Thank you, David. (*Translated*): Brian Aglukark from Arviat. I also wanted to mention that concerns have been identified. But that's not the end of the line. These are only general comments and something for you to consider. When you write your submissions before January 13<sup>th</sup> to the Planning Commission, we will review your submission, and they will be researched carefully by staff. Right now, issues include caribou and sites that have to be cleaned up, mining camps and polar bears.

Any submissions you can provide in regards to ice conditions, land, water, and economic opportunities either on the surface or subsurface land. Right now those are general comments. If you have additional concerns, and if you want to notify the Nunavut Planning Commission, you can do so before January 13<sup>th</sup>.

We request you submit your comments, so if you want to add anything to your concerns, you can do so. But it's not the end of the line. There are a lot more options that we have to deal with. Thank you, David.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

David L: Thank you, Brian. I guess we'll just go to closing comments at this point and the closing prayer. I'll ask the communities around the table that if they want to get together after we close, to go over the maps in more detail, just go to the areas where you were before. If you don't, that's fine. Someone from the Planning Commission will be there if need be.

I'm guessing there is no need for an evening session, but if there is, again let Brian or Sharon know, and we'll make the arrangements. For now, I would suggest no evening session is needed. So closing remarks: Any additional closing remarks that people might want to raise? Okay, Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, David. On behalf of the Commission, I'd like to thank each of you for coming today and participating. The Land Use Plan is your Land Use Plan. We're here to gather the information and to listen. That's our job, and to put the information together for the Commissioners to make decisions of what is in that document.

I wish each of you safe travel home. I'd like to thank the Commission staff. Every time we travel to the communities, we leave our families behind, as do each of you that have had to travel, so I thank the staff for their commitment and their hard work to make today happen. To our translators, a big hand: We would never be able to have these meetings without them.

*(Applause)*

To our facilitators, they bring the expertise and Leena for being on our team to give us guidance and deliver first language. To the GN, NTI, QIA, and the Federal Government, thank you for sending their delegates. It is always good that they are here and listening and participating. Thank you to our Legal Counsel for coming up with us, and Ryan just walked in. He's the guy who is behind the scenes putting all this together for us. Give him a big hand, because we've had lots of travel challenges.

*(Applause)*

We appreciate all the hard work. So with that, Charlie, could you give a closing for Pond Inlet, and then maybe the closing prayer? Thank you.

Charlie: *(Translated)*: I definitely want to thank you for coming to our community. It is a simple task, but so many issues. None of us want to say something that we haven't experienced. Also there are some safety issues, and we have to be careful, even if it's an economic opportunity. We want jobs, different jobs to be available. Also the Nunavut Planning Commission, we always have repeatedly said that in Pond Inlet, we always talk about the plans. No wonder everything has to be carefully planned nowadays, and that is a bad route to take others through legal means.

We prefer that they go through that route when there are no laws or policies. Then there would be a lot more issues. For example cruise ships have certain regulations they have to follow, but they always do travel anywhere they want. Also there is one ship traveling in one area, and another ship traveling there. So they should be carefully regulated.

I'm very grateful that my former colleagues from Arctic Bay are here, and also we feel we are adjacent to Clyde River as well, because we always drop by or fly over and go through Clyde River. Next month, I am going to be traveling to your community. I'm very glad you are able to come to our community, and we won't forget that. We have to work together.

In Pond Inlet, the Hunters and Trappers Organization has been concerned, and they have a lot of major important issues to deal with, and the Hamlet of Pond Inlet has to deal with the tough issues, especially when dealing with municipal issues, and environmental issues have to be considered. Sometimes we have to do a lot of brainstorming, especially when it comes to mining issues. Right now, the mine is not operating to its full potential, but it will.

There are some other plans and also there are some Protected Areas. Like I mentioned this morning, there are various different animal species that come up, and we are now seeing new species maybe due to the early breakup of the sea ice. Also there are some certain whales that are not native to this area – Greenlandic and a Minke whale that has been seen in our area. So we are seeing these new species, but right now we hardly have any caribou. Yet, we're trying to increase the populations.

All these things have to go through planning. I'm very glad you are able to come to Pond Inlet with your staff. We are very welcoming and you answer our questions. I am very grateful. One last time, let's give you a round of applause to each and every one of you.

*(Applause)*

David L: Could we have Paniluk do the closing prayer? Could we have someone do a closing prayer, please?

Charlie: *(Translated)*: I will pray as we sit.

*Closing Prayer*

David L: For those communities who want to resume the mapping discussion, please do. For those who are finished with that and the rest of us, safe evening and safe travels.

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