



PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT BY BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION
Public Review Template for comments and submissions

Please return completed templates by **12 NOON EASTERN TIME OCTOBER 2, 2017** to:

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1.	Date of Submission:	October 2, 2017	
2.	Name:	David Rochette, Regional Director General	
3.	Organization (if applicable):	Indigenous and Northern Affairs, representing participating federal departments of the Government of Canada	
4.	Your contact information or representative contact (mail, email or fax):	David.Rochette@aandc-aandc.gc.ca	
5.a	Are you one of the following "parties"? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inuit of Nunavut;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Aboriginal Peoples listed in Article 40 of the Nunavut Agreement;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident of Nunavut;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Designated Inuit Organizations;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Inuit Organizations;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipalities;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Land and Resource Committees;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Departments and agencies of the federal and territorial government;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Nunavut Institution of Public Government or
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Designated Inuit Organization

5.b	If you are not a “party” listed above, please describe how the proposed amendment will affect you.(Explain how your interest is substantial and direct, your participation will further the public review, and your participation will contribute to the openness and fairness of the public review.)	
6.	Your concerns, comments and/or support of the proposed amendment	<p>In a number of its previous submissions to the Commission, the Government of Canada has expressed its interest in multi-modal transportation corridors, avoiding overly restrictive and prohibitive approaches to marine transportation, and resisting the use of land use amendments for project-specific regulation. The intention of the Government of Canada during the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan Amendment 2 process was to support the development of a general transportation corridor that was accessible to multiple users and modes of transportation.</p> <p>The Government of Canada also notes the recent announcement on the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area agreed upon by the Governments of Canada and Nunavut, and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, an area which includes the marine corridor under discussion. The Government of Canada recognizes that any proposed amendments must consider the added implications for the future management of this protected area.</p> <p>The Government of Canada has reviewed the application for amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan in relation to the Mary River Phase 2 Expansion Project by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (the proponent), and offers the following comments on the issues that the Commission will consider.</p> <p>Appendices J and K of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and rule 11.6 of the NPC’s Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews (RPHPR):</p> <p>The Government of Canada generally agrees that the proponent has met the information requirements of the noted sections of the NBRLUP and RPHPR.</p>

		<p>Addition of a railway in Appendix Q of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan: The Government of Canada does not have any concerns with the addition of a railway to the transportation corridor noted in Appendix Q. The Government of Canada suggests that the language in Appendix Q be amended to more clearly delineate a transportation corridor for general multi-modal application, inclusive of all transportation modes.</p> <p>Is icebreaking consistent with s. 3.2.1, 3.3.1 and Appendix Q: Sections 3.2.1 and 3.3.1 require the proponent give due consideration and take reasonable steps to conserve and protect the underlining values and concerns referenced within Appendix G and section 3.3.1 in accordance with Appendix H, Code of Good Conduct for Land Users, and the policy of sustainable development. The marine route for the project traverses an area identified as an Essential Area for harvesting, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and community travel routes, an area that has additionally been proposed by government for formal protection as a National Marine Conservation Area. The Government of Canada suggests the proponent has taken reasonable steps to consider and adjust its plans, as required by the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and that, should the project proceed, it would properly be the responsibility of the Nunavut Impact Review Board to assess the potential impacts and mitigation of the proponent's proposal.</p>
7.	Do you want an in-person public hearing? If so, why?	The Government of Canada does not request a public hearing. The Government of Canada agrees that a thorough public review is required for this proposed amendment, but cautions against another public hearing that may duplicate aspects of the previous North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan Amendment 2 public hearing and the Nunavut Impact Review Board's future impact assessment functions.
8.	Your preferred language	English
10.	List of attachments and references	