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Attn: Stephen Hartman, A/CEO

*Delivered By Electronic Mail*

**Re: Kivalliq Inuit Association Submission on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your September 25, 2013 submission noted above. It was a pleasure to work with you and staff at the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) October 17 and 18, 2013 in Rankin Inlet. We believe this was a useful opportunity to prepare for the upcoming community workshops on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) in the Kivalliq Region.

As we indicated during our workshop the Nunavut Planning Commission is in the process of implementing the recommendations outlined in the Independent Third Party Review (ITPR). We believe the ITPR along with our workshop last week provided a good basis for understanding how your suggestions will be addressed. However, I will provide clarification on the Summary provided.

The Commission is preparing a single land use plan for the designated area as per NLCA 11.5.1 and NUPPAA 46.1(a). Once approved, the DNLUP will replace the Keewatin and North Baffin Regional Land Use Plans, which will no longer apply. The 1<sup>st</sup> generation NLUP will apply territory wide and at regional and sub-regional scales as appropriate. This plan will evolve with amendment and periodic update as new information and ideas become available.

We are confident you will find our land use planning process inclusive of a broad range of interests and will address many of the points KIA have raised.

It is important to recognize the challenges that limitations in data and information have in decision making throughout the land use planning process. Many organizations have been working to prepare data and information to assist the formulation of the plan. There are many areas within the Nunavut

Settlement Area that will benefit from further study. Again as new information becomes available, the land use plan can be amended to reflect future management options.

As I noted, the Commission is developing a single land use plan for the Nunavut Settlement Area. The ITPR has indicated that the land use planning process is appropriate. The DNLUP Options and Recommendations Document contain the details the KIA suggests should be contained in the DNLUP. The Commission's approach allows the DNLUP to be "relatively short and easy to use". The ITPR noted that this approach is reasonable, and "offers a good alternative to the very lengthy detailed enumeration and descriptions of individual land use zones that are found in some landscape-scale plans."

In regards to the suggested list of key deliverables the Commission will be preparing include:

- A background report of the information received and considered during formulation of the DNLUP;
- The results from our public consultations are available publically as individual Community Reports;
- A record of the Public Hearing will be prepared and submitted along with a final plan for approval;
- The DNLUP consultation record is maintained and available at [www.nunavut.ca](http://www.nunavut.ca) ;
- The Geographic Information System shape files from community consultations are available publically. Interactive maps are being developed to display the data publically on-line;
- The path forward for completion of the DNLUP is outlined in the ITPR and the Commission's "Guide for Engagement".

In addition, last week we also provided documents from the Cambridge Bay "Filling the Gaps Workshop." Mike Townsend, Land Information Technologist will be in touch with your staff regarding information that would be useful to assist with on-going formulation of the DNLUP.

Thank you for your input and we appreciate your on-going support as we proceed with our tour of the Kivalliq Region with the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully



Sharon Ehaloak  
Executive Director

Attachment:

DNLUP KIV Workshop Agenda