



December 1, 2013

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Attn: Steve Pinksen, A/Deputy Minister

Delivered By Electronic Mail

Re: Correspondence of November 27, 2013 regarding the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Mr Pinksen,

Percy Kabloona, A/Chairperson has directed me to provide the following response to your letter of November 27, 2013.

The land use planning process has been underway since 2007. The timeline to conclude the 1st Generation Nunavut Land Use Plan was established after careful consideration and discussion with a number of partners. The Commission established the timeline for conclusion of the land use planning process by resolution passed by the Board of Commission in February 2013.

If the Government of Nunavut believes that the current land use planning process and timeline is not reasonable then please arrange for a formal submission from your Minister's Office to the Commission Chairperson. This correspondence should also include opportunities for the Minister to meet with the A/Chairperson Kabloona to discuss the matter.

In future, it would be greatly appreciated when correspondence is directed to the Commission Chairperson that it come from the Ministers office. Maintaining a sound Governance framework (peer to peer communication) is critical to the flow of consistent communications.

A/Chairperson Kabloona has indicated he will discuss the Government of Nunavut's concerns directly with the Minister. In the interim however please consider that:

1. The Commission fully intends to make available a revised draft Nunavut Land Use Plan that will be used during the public hearing.. The public hearing version of the DNLUP will be based upon the community consultations and submission received during the 2 year September 2011/2012 DNLUP consultation period. The public hearing version will be available at least 120 days before the public hearing along with the Options and Recommendations document. The Commission is encouraging comments on the public hearing version of the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan be provided at the November 2014 Public Hearing.
2. The Commission advised the Parties to ITPR in October 2012 that the community reports would be made public as they were completed. By September 2013 the Commission had posted all Community Reports from the Qikiqtani Community Tour representing just over one half of the total Nunavut reports. By the end of January 2014 60% of the reports will be publically available; 80% by the end of May (6 months before the Public Hearing) and the final few reports by the end of June.
3. As you note the Options and Recommendations Document has no legal effect. The Commission agrees it is a land use planning tool being used to provide an overview of the background information collected and a brief explanation of how that information has been considered in the planning process.

In closing, A/Chairperson Kabloona would like to remind the Government of Nunavut that the underlying theme of the ITPR is to manage expectations. The Commission views a firm timeline as key to managing expectations. It is the hope of the Commission that the Government of Nunavut will manage its expectations to support the Commission's established land use planning process and timeline. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further. The Commission looks forward to receiving the Formal Government of Nunavut submission and meeting of our respectful officials.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director

Cc. Percy Kabloona, A/Chairperson
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Hon. Bernard Valcourt, Minister Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada