

# About the NPC

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## Slide 1: **About the NPC**

- **The Nunavut Planning Commission is an Institution of Public Government** established as an independent public agency with its roles and responsibilities set out under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), Article 11, Land Use Planning.
- **We are a co-management organization** with distinct authority and decision making responsibilities protected under the NLCA. The NPC consults with government, Inuit organizations and many other organizations but it is the Commission's responsibility to make the final decisions on how land use plans will be developed and how the plans will manage the land in Nunavut. Once these decisions are made the plans are sent to Government for approval. We also include Nunavut Tunngavik and the RIAs in the approval process.
  - As a co-management regime we have **members appointed by Nunavut Tunngavik, the three Regional Inuit Associations, the Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut.**

## Slide 2: **Our Mandate**

- The Nunavut Planning Commission has an important mandate under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement **to prepare and implement land use plans that guide and direct resource use and development.** Land use plans do not tell Inuit where to camp or hunt. Land use plans tell others how Inuit want the land and water used today and into the future. The NPC plans for land outside of community boundaries. The Municipalities are responsible for preparing their own community plans.

## Slide 3: **The purpose of land use planning is**

- **To protect and promote the existing and future well being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area,** taking into account the interests of all Canadians. NPC devotes special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future well-being of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands. NPC also gives great weight to the views and wishes of municipalities.

## Slide 4: **What is Land Use?**

- "Land use" includes activities like **traditional use, wildlife harvesting, tourism, establishing parks and protected areas, mineral or oil and gas exploration and development, transportation and communication corridors, marine shipping, and infrastructure for communities and industrial development.**

Slide 5: **What does a Land Use Plan do?**

- A land use plan **outlines regional priorities** for conservation, development, management and use of land, water and resources in the Nunavut Settlement Area. In Nunavut, these priorities are driven by communities and Inuit.
- Some land uses are compatible, while others are not, such as industrial development on sensitive wildlife habitat. Land use planning **seeks to resolve conflicts between different land uses** by identifying what types of land use are appropriate, where they should occur, and under what conditions. Land use planning ensures that the long-term social, cultural, economic and ecological goals and values of the region are considered when making land use decisions.
- Plans **contain terms that guide and direct resource use and development** in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Slide 6: **Current Land Use Plans.** NPC develops land use plans through years of consultation and research with communities, Government, Inuit organizations, industry, and non-government organizations.

- NPC has approved plans for 2 planning regions in Nunavut. Both the North Baffin and Keewatin plans were prepared during the late 1980s. The plans were updated to reflect the provisions of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and approved in June 2000.

Slide 7: **Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) One Plan for Nunavut.** A single plan can take 4-5 years to develop. To complete planning more efficiently, NPC will instead develop one plan for all of Nunavut as specified in S. 11.5.1 of the NLCA. This process is just beginning.

- The Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) will integrate community, regional and Nunavut-wide issues, goals and objectives into a single framework to guide land use in Nunavut. NPC will complete this Plan in phases.
- **The initial phase will**
  - identify community, regional and Nunavut-wide goals
  - incorporate existing information
  - update existing plans
  - provide general guidance on land use across Nunavut.
- Then, as more complex issues are resolved, **NPC will amend the NLUP** to incorporate new direction.
- Once the NLUP is complete it will replace both the North Baffin and Keewatin Regional Land Use Plans.

Slide 8: **Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) Results**

- The NLUP can become an **effective tool** for land use management within a **few short years**. The entire process may take several more years to fully complete. The NLUP **must be approved** by NTI, the Regional Inuit Associations, the GN, and the Government of Canada. **Once approved, only activities that conform to the Plan may proceed.** The NLUP **will be reviewed periodically and may be amended at any time.**

Slide 9: **Important Information**

- **NPC documents, approved plans**
- **NPC Nunavut Wildlife Resource and Habitat Values - Final Report (2008)**
- **Socio-Demographic and Economic Sector Analysis**
- **State of Knowledge in Maps report**
  - **A first step, looking for feedback**
  - **Viewable using interactive map**

Slide 10: **Further Information**

**[www.nunavut.ca](http://www.nunavut.ca)**

Slide 11: **Thank You**

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Additional Notes:

There is NO Prohibition on oil and gas exploration and development in the North Baffin.

There is a restriction in the Keewatin which will be addressed thru the NLUP.

