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Via e-mail: sehaloak@nunavut.ca

Dear Ms. Ehaloak:

Re: Land Use Planning Process

Thank you for hosting the technical workshops for the Nunavut Land Use Plan in Ottawa March 29-30, Cambridge Bay April 27-29, Edmonton May 18-19, 2010. These workshops were an excellent opportunity to identify additional information needs about the Commission's planning process.

As you are aware, the Government of Canada is committed to working with the Commission to assist in the development of a Nunavut land use plan. Developing a land use plan for one-fifth of Canada's land mass is a large and complex task.

In order for the various departments of the federal government, the Government of Nunavut, and Inuit and other Aboriginal peoples to participate effectively in the Planning Commission's process, significant efforts must be undertaken to identify relevant information, disseminate it, and to seek institutional and public feedback.

At the recent workshops, participants agreed on the importance of moving forward with the right information, and in a manner consistent with requirements in the NLCA. To assist in this regard, we respectfully request that the Nunavut Planning Commission make the following information available on their website:

1. A description of the planning process, highlighting opportunities for government, institutional, and particularly public input. Please include the steps of the process, the major milestones, and the proposed timelines.
2. Rules for public hearings authorized by NLCA section 11.4.16 to enable planning partners to engage in a procedurally fair process.

3. A description of the expected form and a general description of anticipated content of the plan, and an explanation of how it will meet the requirements of the NLCA and perform the functions of a land use plan in the NLCA.
4. A document outlining the NPC's strategy for engaging the public to provide input, including Inuit and other Aboriginal persons and groups. This strategy should highlight opportunities "for the active and informed participation of and support of Inuit and other residents affected by the land use plan."
5. A record of any
 - a. attempts at engagement of the public, communities or other institutions, including Inuit and other aboriginal groups and Institutions of Public Government, including the results;
 - b. meetings, including teleconferences, relating to consultation or information gathering; *etc.* This record would include summaries of workshops and meeting minutes.

At the outset of this letter I recognized the scope and complexity of this planning project. The federal departments participating in this process recognize that we can support the Commission in this task by reducing the administrative challenges of dealing with multiple federal departments to a minimum. We therefore commit to continuing to explore ways of providing a single "voice of Canada" wherever possible. Where different interests prove to be at odds, we will endeavour to articulate the issues needing to be balanced to the Commissioners as clearly as possible.

Sincerely,

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