



June 02, 2017

Sharon Ehaloak
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Re: Response to Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) letter date May 17, 2017 providing clarification on proposed amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) dated May 09, 2017

Dear Sharon:

Thank you for confirming that the Commissioners will consider the amendment application submitted on March 17, 2017 at their next in-person meeting. As referenced in your letter, previous discussions between NPC and Baffinland envisioned that the Commission would be meeting earlier in the year and that the amendment could have been considered at that time. However, it now appears that no in-person meeting will be held until mid-September at the earliest.

Throughout the process, Baffinland has emphasised the importance of advancing the proposed Phase 2 Expansion to achieve an economically sustainable operation. We are seeking what we consider to be a relatively minor amendment to the NBRLUP so that we can receive a positive conformity determination and advance to a full and comprehensive environmental assessment under the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

This delay causes significant concern and will result in more process uncertainty, increase in costs, and will postpone of the accrual of additional benefits to the North Baffin Communities.

Baffinland respectfully requests that the Commission consider the proposed amendment and determine if a public review is required prior to September, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Burlingame".

Todd Burlingame

Vice President, Sustainable development

Cc/ Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Hon. Hunter Too Too
(Attachment)