



PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT BY BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION
Public Review Template for comments and submissions

Please return completed templates by **12 NOON EASTERN TIME OCTOBER 2, 2017** to:

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1.	Date of Submission:	October 2, 2017	
2.	Name:	Government of Nunavut	
3.	Organization (if applicable):	Government of Nunavut	
4.	Your contact information or representative contact (mail, email or fax):	Erika Zell, Avatiliriniq Coordinator ezell@gov.nu.ca	
5.a	Are you one of the following "parties"? (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inuit of Nunavut;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Aboriginal Peoples listed in Article 40 of the Nunavut Agreement;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident of Nunavut;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Designated Inuit Organizations;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Inuit Organizations;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipalities;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Land and Resource Committees;
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Departments and agencies of the federal and territorial government;

			Nunavut Institution of Public Government or
			Designated Inuit Organization
5.b	If you are not a “party” listed above, please describe how the proposed amendment will affect you (Explain how your interest is substantial and direct, your participation will further the public review, and your participation will contribute to the openness and fairness of the public review.)	N/A.	

6.	Your concerns, comments and/or support of the proposed amendment	<p>The Government of Nunavut (the “GN”) provided several insights toward this subject amendment application (the “Application”) through a letter to the Nunavut Planning Commission (the “NPC”), dated July 28th, 2017 and titled “Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.’s application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan”. The GN remains committed to participating in an efficient and meaningful public review process that is commensurate with the degree of modification to the existing transportation corridor being presented in the Application. The GN proposes that the Application be considered in light of the functioning and future of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (the “NBRLUP”).</p> <p>The GN submits that the NPC may want to consider the following in its ongoing review of the proposed amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ongoing planning process to develop the Nunavut Land Use Plan, that, once approved, will void the NBRLUP (<i>Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act</i> (“NuPPAA”), s. 46(2)); • January 2017 written submissions by parties regarding relevant topics within the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. For example in its January 13, 2017, submission, the GN made comments regarding land use treatment of Terrestrial Transportation (2017-11), as well as Plan Amendments, Periodic Reviews and Minor Variances (2017-14); and • The extent of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s modifications to its Mary River Phase 2 project proposal since the prior approved NBRLUP amendment (NBRLUP, Amendment No. 2, Appendix Q). In particular, the GN notes that the NPC should focus on change in land use. 	
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7.	Do you want an in-person public hearing? If so, why?	<p>Consistent with its July 28, 2017, letter to the NPC, the GN echoes Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (July 20, 2017, letter) that an in-person hearing is not a requirement. There are alternate means of conducting a public review in satisfaction of NuPPAA requirements. An important consideration is the availability of resources and competing planning priorities, notably the completion of the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. The GN notes that the Government of Canada rejected the NPC's requested \$506,000 in relation to this Application (August 4, 2017 letter).</p> <p>The GN notes that subsequent steps in the territory's regulatory process will ensure additional opportunities for public engagement. Additional engagement would begin with a Nunavut Impact Review Board screening should the Mary River Phase 2 project conform to an active land use plan.</p>
9.	Your preferred language	Given the subject region: Inuktitut, English, French.
10.	List of attachments and references	<p>Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (July 20, 2017). <i>Letter RE: Mary River Phase II, Application to Amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan</i>.</p> <p>Government of Nunavut, (July 28, 2017). <i>Letter to NPC RE: Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan</i>.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada (August 4, 2017). <i>Letter to NPC untitled response to NPC July 12, 2017 letter</i>.</p> <p>Government of Nunavut (January 13, 2017). <i>Government of Nunavut's 2016 draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Review</i>. Retrieved: http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2017-01-13%20GN%202016%20DNLUP%20Submission.pdf http://www.nunavut.ca/files/2017-01-13%20GN%20NPC%20Nov%20Submission%20Final%20-%20Inuktitut.pdf http://nunavut.ca/files/2017-01-13%20GN%20NPC%20Submission%20Final%20-%20French.pdf </p>