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Mr. Andrew Nakashuk, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 2018, and the report on the public review of the amendment application to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan made by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation on March 17, 2017. The Nunavut Planning Commission has recommended that a revised version of the proposed amendment, described in the report, be accepted.

Under subsection 62(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the Minister of Environment of the Government of Nunavut, the designated Inuit organization (which is Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated), and I must decide to accept or reject the proposed amendment.

I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted the Commission's recommended amendment. This amendment must be accepted jointly and would only be effective if my colleagues, Minister Savikataaq and President Kotierk, also approve it.

To address the concern raised by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation in its letter of March 23, 2018, nothing in this decision affects the decision made on April 28, 2014, for the first proposed amendment to the Plan, the transportation corridor to Steensby Inlet. I still expect that the Nunavut Planning Commission will reconsider that amendment and may submit a revised version for approval.

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I would like to thank the Nunavut Planning Commission for its work on this amendment application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn Bennett".

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

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The Honourable Joe Savikataaq, M.L.A.
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