

**Written Submission No. 37**

**2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

**Proposed Land Use Designation:**

**Community Area of Interest – Traditional Inuit Homes and Camps**

To: The Nunavut Planning Commission

From: The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and  
the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) of Arctic Bay and Igloolik

**Background Information:**

Before the creation of year-round communities by government, Inuit lived in many often-seasonal homes widely dispersed across Nunavut's land area. Today, Inuit return to these and other sites to harvest wildlife, collect carving materials and maintain their ancestral connections to the lands and waters of Nunavut. There are usually human remains, archeological sites and other socially and culturally important elements associated with these traditional homes and camps.

Protection of such sites is critical in the Nunavut Land Use Plan if the Nunavut Planning Commission is to meet its objectives to:

- Focus on the rights and interests of Inuit
- Ensure that the social, cultural, economic, and environmental endeavours of the human community are central to land use planning and implementation;
- Protect and preserve human remains and archeological sites; and
- Protect and preserve Nunavut's heritage resource.

Inuit have always respected the traditional homes and camp sites of other Inuit. Even today, Inuit will not sleep or otherwise live at the traditional homes and sites of other families without approval from the families or elders. Some sites are more communal areas used while fishing or hunting various wildlife or gathering other resources. A family's ancestral home is usually known as ukiallivik, where a family usually spends the majority of the year. A family often moves to their upirngivik during spring until break-up.

Non-traditional land uses should show the same level of respect for the traditional homes and camps of Inuit.

**Source of information:** Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit

**Proposed Designation:** Protected Area

**Proposed Restrictions:**

**Prohibited Uses:** The following uses are prohibited:

- Mineral Exploration and Production;
- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Seismic testing;
- Obnoxious Land Use;
- Quarries;
- Hydro-electrical and related infrastructure;
- Wind turbines for electrical generation and related infrastructure;
- Linear Infrastructure;
- Disposal at sea; and
- Related research except Non-Exploitive Scientific Research

**Conditions:**

- None of the above land uses may occur within five (5) km of a known traditional Inuit home or camp.
- Any project in Nunavut that would violate any of these conditions is prohibited.

**Proposed Traditional Inuit Homes and Camps:**

See the attached maps and the associated shp files.

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