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**Re: Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Next Steps**

I have discussed with my staff the recent correspondence between the parties regarding the next steps in the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan. We appreciate the July 27, 2012 letter from President Towtongie expressing support for the recommendations of the *Independent Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Final Report* (the Final Report).

As stated by our Executive Director in her June 28, 2012 letter to the parties, I am able to confirm that the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan will be released on September 7, 2012 and our community tour will begin in Arctic Bay on November 1-2, 2012. We will also be in Pond Inlet on November 5-6, 2012 and in Clyde River on November 7-8, 2012. Additional dates for the remainder of the Qikiqtani Region have been scheduled up to March 2013.

As previously stated, the Commission supports the recommendations of the Final Report. We propose a senior-level meeting between the parties to provide an update on the Commission's next steps and our ongoing activities to implement the recommendations of the Final Report. Unfortunately, we are unavailable on the dates that have been discussed, but we will be available on September 11, 2012 in Yellowknife, or alternately on October 16, 2012.

Please advise us of your availability for either of these dates. Once participation is confirmed by the parties, the Commission will distribute details regarding the meeting, including an agenda and venue. Any questions, concerns, or agenda items can be addressed to Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director ([sehaloak@nunavut.ca](mailto:sehaloak@nunavut.ca)) in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Quassa', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Quassa  
Chairperson  
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