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Re: A Guide for Engagement

The attached Guide for Engagement has been prepared to encourage participation and provide structure for your engagement in the further development of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). The document outlines the process that will be followed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) up to the submission of a revised DNLUP for approval in March 2015.

The Guide for Engagement has been guided by the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the draft Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act and the Commission's Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals. Consideration has also been given to the Independent Review Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Final Report prepared by Dillon Consulting (ITPR).

Part 5 of Article 11 of the NLCA states that the NPC shall prepare a draft plan, make it public, solicit written and oral comments on the draft plan, and conduct public hearings on that draft plan. The NLCA does not contemplate changes to the draft plan in advance of the public hearing. Changing the draft plan would require making a revised draft plan public and another round of community consultations which is contrary to the "guiding principle" of the ITPR that the next steps of the planning process be completed in a reasonable timeframe.

The Commission has received a significant amount of feedback on the draft plan. A considerable amount of additional information is anticipated prior to the public hearing. To facilitate the consideration of this feedback, a revised Options and Recommendations document will be prepared which takes into account all of the feedback that has been received on the DNLUP. This revised Options and Recommendations will be publically circulated before the public hearing and then submitted as part of the NPC representation at a public hearing. It will serve as the main tool for potential changes to the DNLUP so planning partners are encouraged to make representations to this revised document during the public hearing. This opportunity allows planning partners to directly inform the revisions to the DNLUP being provided to the Commission for consideration after the public hearing. The current Options and

Recommendations document for the DNLUP can be found at:
http://www.nunavut.ca/files/DNLUP/English/Options_and_Recommendations/Options_and_Recommendations.pdf.

The Commission considers the approach set out in the Guide for Engagement to be generally consistent with the intent of the next steps recommended in the ITPR. The process that is outlined provides reasonable and achievable deadlines and expectations, provides clarity, and encourages participation in the planning process. The Commission considers this to be reflective of the main objectives and intent of the ITPR.

The Commission hopes you find the Guide for Engagement useful as you plan your activities for the next two years. The first workshop is planned for September. Details and agendas will be prepared and circulated to the Parties in June. On receipt, the NPC would encourage the Parties to confirm availability and attendance. The Commission looks forward to your active participation as we work towards submitting a revised DNLUP for approval in March 2015.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ehloak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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