



March 22, 2019

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN**

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 12 NOON EASTERN TIME MAY 10, 2019**

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION (BIMC) HAS PROPOSED A REVISED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN (NBRLUP) TO DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR. The proposed plan amendment would be for a corridor extending approximately 35 km south from the Mary River Mine to the boundary of the North Baffin planning region towards Steensby Inlet (see attached map). A proposed amendment to include a transportation corridor in this location was previously publically reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission and the Nunavut Impact Review Board, and a plan amendment was recommended by the Commission that was rejected with written reasons by the Ministers in 2014, primarily because the previously proposed amendment was limited to a single user and the width of the corridor was not defined.

The Commission is now considering a revised Amendment Application for a 10 km wide limited multi-use corridor that is composed of:

1. Approximately 35 km of a rail line that is located within the North Baffin land use planning region (the railway would be 149 km in total length) to connect the Mary River Mine Site with the Steensby Inlet Port Site and related infrastructure including rail embankments, railway ties and rails, bridges, culverts, tunnels, railway crossings, signals, telecommunication facilities, piers, piles, yards, terminals and service, fuel storage and storage facilities associated with the railways;
2. roads (seasonal or permanent) as well as any infrastructure and support facilities, including camps, quarries, terminals, loading and unloading facilities, fuel storage and any other related systems associated with railways and roads; and
3. seasonal airstrips/ice strips.



Issues the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) will consider include: does the Amendment Application meet information requirements in Appendices J and K of the NBRLUP and rule 11.6 of the NPC's *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews (RPHPR)*; should the NBRLUP be amended to include the proposed corridor. Under s. 3.5.10 – 3.5.12 of the NBRLUP, s. 59 to 65 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, and the *RPHPR*, the NPC asks anyone who may be affected by the proposed amendment to provide written comments and all relevant information (submissions) to the NPC in writing by 12 noon Eastern Time **May 10, 2019**, explaining:

- **Are you one of the following “parties”:** Inuit of Nunavut; Other Aboriginal Peoples listed in Article 40 of the Nunavut Agreement; resident of Nunavut; Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Designated Inuit Organizations; Regional Inuit Organizations; municipalities; Community Land and Resource Committees; Hunters and Trappers Organizations; departments and agencies of the federal and territorial government; Nunavut Institution of Public Government or Designated Inuit Organization.
  - If you are not a “party” listed in 2.2(u) of the *RPHPR*, describe how the proposed amendment will affect you.
- **Your concerns, comments and/or support of the proposed amendment;**
- **Do you want an in-person public hearing, and if so, why; and**
- **Your preferred language, and your contact information, which may be made public.**

If you are an “interested person” as defined in the *RPHPR*, the NPC will consider your written submission an application for standing under rule 23, and may grant standing if 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.

The NPC will put all submissions received on its online public record. The Commissioners will decide if a public hearing is necessary based on the submissions received, and may accept or revise the amendment and submit it for approval with or without a hearing. Parties will have until May 17, 2019 to comment on requests for standing in the submissions, and BIMC will have an opportunity to reply to all submissions by 12:00 noon Eastern Time on May 24, 2019. Unless otherwise directed by the Commissioners no further written submissions or arguments will be considered.

Further details of the proposed amendment, NPC's *Internal Procedures*, the *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews*, and other relevant documents and materials, including templates for submissions, are available for download from the NPC website at [www.nunavut.ca](http://www.nunavut.ca). If you cannot provide a written statement and wish to make an oral comment under rule 23.12, to request documents, or for other related information, please go to the NPC's website, visit the NPC'S Iqaluit office at 607 Queen Elizabeth Road (4<sup>th</sup> floor) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday to Friday, or contact:

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