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**RE: Land Use Planning Community Consultations**

Dear Mr. Savoy,

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) would like to once again thank you and your colleague Mr. Schulz for meeting with us on October 28, 2015 to discuss land use planning issues as it relates to Inuit Owned Land (IOL) in the Qikiqtani Region.

As noted in QIA's individual technical review of the DNLUP as well as the joint submission with NTI and the other RIA's, one issue identified was the need for additional community consultations to get a more accurate account of community preferences in respect to IOL. It is important that each community fully understand the proposed prohibitions to IOL parcels and to ensure the information collected from consultations is properly reflected within proposed land use destinations.

The core designations in the revised DNLUP, which also apply to IOL were not presented to the community during the NPC's community consultation tour conducted in 2013 in the Qikiqtani region, therefore the community members have not had the opportunity to review the current proposed designations to asses directly how the designations reflect their values and priorities.

For the above reasons QIA is requesting that NPC and QIA conduct additional consultations on core planning decisions in the DNLUP. Through an internal review process and meetings with the NPC, QIA has identified priority communities that require additional consultations on IOL to determine the appropriate connection between the goals and priorities of Inuit in the communities and the land use designations on IOL. QIA has identified the following priority communities:

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- A large portion of Cumberland sound is designated as protected areas for key bird habitat which includes prohibitions for development. Large areas of land are being restricted without integration of community and Inuit priorities for these areas.
- The prohibitions affect large surface area and about 27 different IOL parcels.
- The lack of an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement with the designation is an issue. Protected area designations for key bird habitat areas would be created without the required process as outlined in Article 8.4.2 of the NLCA.

**Sanikiluaq and Cape Dorset**

- Joint occupancy (JO) islands with Makivik Corporation have been designated as protected areas. Discussions are needed with the communities and Makivik regarding the prohibitions on development opportunities that would apply to the JO lands.
- Sanikiluaq and Cape Dorset were not consulted with directly on the designations applied to joint occupancy land and Makivik expressed concerns with the applied prohibitions in a letter to NPC.

**Resolute Bay**

- The IOL on the western portion of Bathurst Island has been designated as a proposed protected area for caribou protection and consultations with Resolute Bay are required to find out if this designation reflects the priorities of Inuit in the community for that IOL.

**Grise Fiord**

- A protected area designation has been given to an area on Fosheim peninsula where in the past, exploration permits were held on IOL and Crown land.
- Previous consultations regarding the potential for development on the impacted parcels have raised many questions and it is a topic of concern for the community of Grise Fiord. Consultations by NPC-QIA are needed to find out if the prohibitions attached to the land use designation reflect Inuit priorities for the area.

The consultations will ensure that community views towards the intent and purpose of IOL are accurately gathered. The community priorities for each IOL parcel should be given full consideration since the land use planning process requires taking into account Inuit goals and objectives for all IOL's.

It was noted at our last discussion that QIA would draft a plan so that a QIA-NPC consultation tour of the 5 above mentioned communities can occur. Throughout this tour it is important that the communities be well aware of NPC's role in the planning and

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administering of the DNLUP. As a co-facilitator, the NPC could present on the input collected from respective communities during the NPC consultation tour and provide information on how it was integrated into the corresponding LUP designation and prohibitions. The consultation process will require meetings with local groups (CLARC, Hamlet, HTO) as well as with the general public and we would ask that an NPC representative speak to the planning process and respond to concerns and inquiries from community members.

It is understood that the LUP process will require financial commitments from both parties to ensure that communities are consulted in a meaningful way and allows for continued participation within the LUP process. Given that the objectives of the consultation tour are directly connected to the NDLUP process, the QIA is requesting that the planned tour be cost-shared equally by the respective parties. Attached you will find a spreadsheet with budget predictions and tentative travel schedule. It outlines the logistical costs incurred for a community tour (honoraria fees, space rental, interpretation, catering, sound equipment rental). It does not include other associated costs such as airfare, hotel, per diem, and additional interpretation support. Please consider those costs as an in-kind contribution from QIA towards the NDLUP process.

I schedule of potential travel dates is attached to this letter, I look forward to speaking with you to determine travel dates that are convenient for both QIA and NPC. We look forward to working closely with the NPC throughout this process and hope to hear from you soon in regards to this community tour.

Regards,

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