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Dear Ms. D'Orazio

RE: Land Use Planning Community Consultations

Thank you for your letter dated November 20, 2015 regarding an invitation for the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) to co-facilitate five community meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). The NPC appreciates the value of the discussions that took place between QIA and NPC staff that resulted in the identification of five communities where the QIA believes additional consultations regarding specific proposed land use designations in the DNLUP are required. However, as a result of focusing our limited resources on the upcoming DNLUP Public Hearing, the NPC is not able to participate in the proposed additional community meetings at this time.

The NPC is working to ensure that representatives from all Nunavut communities will be able to participate in the Public Hearing, which has been tentatively scheduled for November 2016 in Iqaluit. The NPC believes this will be the most effective venue to hear from all participants regarding all aspects of the DNLUP, including those identified in your letter dated November 20, 2015. In preparation for the Public Hearing, an additional Technical Meeting is currently being proposed to which the date and location will be determined before the Christmas season to discuss outstanding issues and potential refinements to the DNLUP. As well, written submissions are always welcome.

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The NPC regrets that we are unable to participate at the five meetings that have been proposed, but we look forward to the continued engagement of the QIA in the development of the DNLUP, and to hearing from all participants as we move through this important process together.

Sincerely,

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