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Dear Ms. Ehaloak,

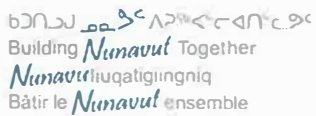
**Re: Government of Nunavut Comments on NPC's Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Thank you for a further opportunity to provide comments on the Nunavut Planning Commission's (NPC) Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP).

The NPC's *A Guide for Engagement*, the NPC encourages parties to make written submissions on the DNLUP on or before February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The *Guide* goes on to state that April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 will be the final date for NPC staff to receive and consider written comments on the DNLUP. At the September, 2013 workshop held in Cambridge Bay it was further clarified that the NPC would use the February 14<sup>th</sup> deadline for new comments on the DNLUP and the April 11<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments relating to the companion Options & Recommendations (O&R) document, which is NPC's guiding document for the DNLUP.

The Government of Nunavut has provided comments on the DNLUP throughout development of the Draft. Following the distribution of a June 2010 Draft, the GN provided the NPC with detailed comments on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The NPC revised the draft and provided it to the GN on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The GN again compiled a detailed report, which was submitted to the NPC on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. After the release of the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Draft, the GN was heavily involved in the Independent Third Party Review, which resulted in the release of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Draft. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the GN submitted its *Priorities for Land Use Planning* to the Commission, and met with NPC staff September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 just prior to the 'Filling the Gaps' workshop to discuss how to incorporate the *Priorities* into the DNLUP.

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