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**RE: Issues, Vision and Goals for the Nunavut Land Use Planning Process**

Dear Rob,

Thank you for meeting with us last week to discuss NPC's activities and approach for a Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP). I promised to follow up with a letter inviting NTI's input into land use issues, vision and goals to guide the planning process over the coming years.

As I mentioned, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has changed approaches to begin work on a single Nunavut Land Use Plan with regional components, as envisioned under section 11.5.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

There is a need to have a plan in place as soon as possible so NPC can fulfill its regulatory role in Nunavut. Given that a comprehensive planning process can take years to complete, NPC is pursuing a phased approach that will allow us to develop the NLUP in increments. NPC envisions building the basic administrative components of the NLUP over the next few years, which incorporates broad direction on a few priority issues, includes existing regional plans, and any required amendments. This initial plan would be submitted for approval upon completion. NPC would then continue work to advance more complex Nunavut-wide issues requiring more time and research, and resume work on regional components. As subsequent phases are completed, these would be submitted for approval as amendments to the initial NLUP. This approach is described in more detail in the NLUP Preliminary Scoping Paper I sent you last week.

Land use planning provides an opportunity to increase regulatory efficiency in Nunavut. In the absence of plans, many planning issues are inappropriately raised in project-specific reviews. By addressing such issues through land use plans and providing clear direction, we can reduce the number or complexity of issues raised in later stages of the regulatory process, and provide a framework for more consistent, coordinated decision-making to achieve larger goals.

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NPC is requesting input from NTI to develop a vision and goals which will “protect and promote the existing and future well being of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands” as required under the NLCA. The vision and goals developed in collaboration with our planning partners will guide planning activities and land use decisions for the foreseeable future.

We are also asking you to identify priority land use issues you would like to see addressed through this planning process in the coming years. This may include amendments to existing regional plans (approved or draft) that you would like to see advanced at this time.

We are planning a workshop for late fall to bring NTI, the RIAs, INAC and the GN together to discuss vision, goals and planning issues, and set planning priorities for the initial phase of the NLUP. As a result we need to receive input into vision, goals and planning issues by **October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Given the change in approach we are proposing for land use planning in Nunavut, NPC would be happy to meet with the Lands Policy Advisory Committee this fall to discuss the planning process and NTI's priorities to ensure the Nunavut Land Use Plan will protect and promote Inuit well-being. Please let me know if this would be of interest to the LPAC members.

If you have any questions, or you would like to discuss NTI's input or a meeting with LPAC, please contact me at (867) 983-4631 or [hwiebe@npc.nunavut.ca](mailto:hwiebe@npc.nunavut.ca).

Respectfully,



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