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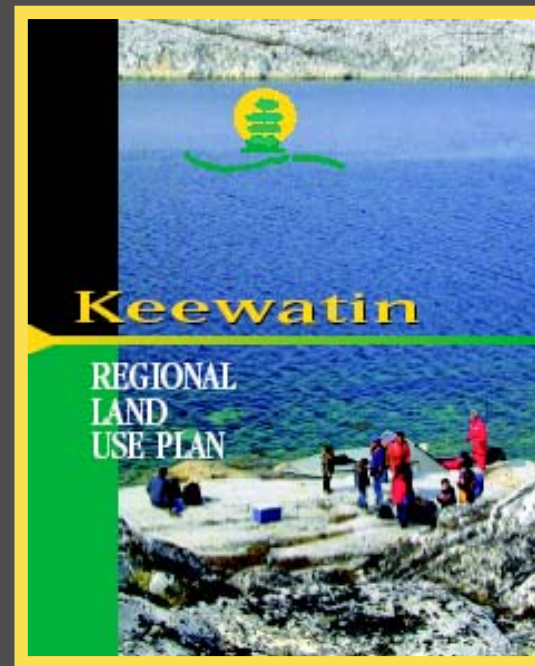
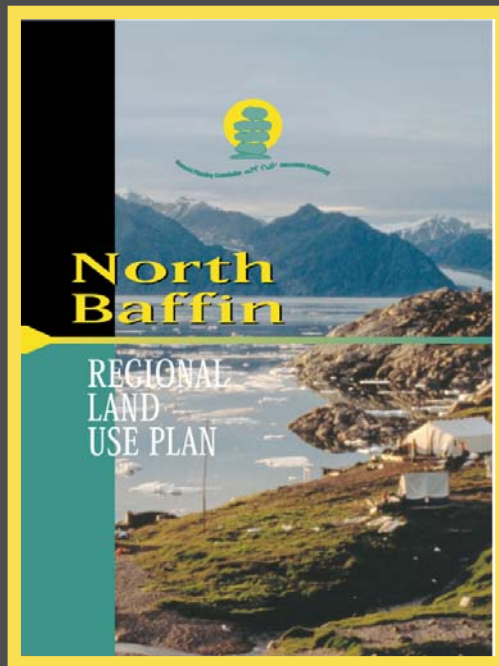
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Nunavut Planning Commission
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Due to previous commitments
it is with regret that the
Nunavut Planning Commission
(NPC) is unable to attend this
important workshop.

The NPC looks forward to
working with the petroleum
sector over the coming
months.

The Nunavut Planning Commission has two approved regional land use plans

Both the North Baffin and Keewatin plans were prepared during the late 1980s. The plans were updated to reflect the provisions of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and approved in June 2000.

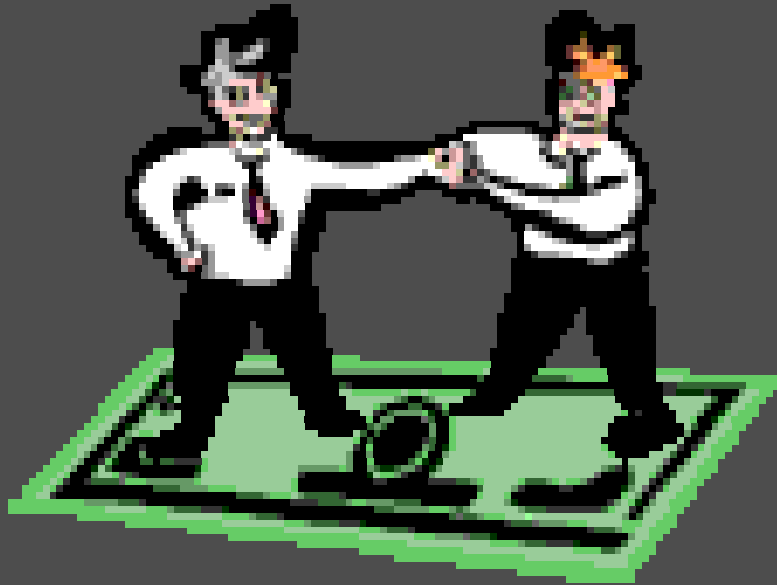


Nunavut Land Use Plan

- Article 11.5.1 of the NLCA requires that the NPC develop a single land use plan for the Nunavut Settlement Area.
- The NPC is working with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) to accelerate the planning process to implement the NLCA 11.5.1 obligation.



Funding Challenge



The NPC is working with INAC, GN and NTI in hopes of acquiring additional funding to accelerate the NLUP planning process.

Nunavut Land Use Plan

- Once the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) is complete it will replace both the North Baffin and Keewatin Regional Land Use Plans.
- The NLUP will reflect the current goals of Nunavummiut and take into account changing economic trends and opportunities.



Accelerated Land Use Planning Process



- The NPC is proposing that, under an accelerated process, a draft NLUP could be completed within a 2 year period.



Until the Nunavut Land Use Plan is approved

North Baffin Land Use Plan

- Does the North Baffin Land Use Plan place a prohibition on year round shipping in the planning region?

No. Although there is a general statement in the plan to the contrary there are no terms implementing a prohibition on year round shipping.



North Baffin Land Use Plan

- Would year round shipping be considered as a “new” transportation corridor and be subject to 3.5.10 – 3.5.12?

Depends. If the route is an existing marine shipping route [i.e the Northwest Passage (NWP)] then it would be grandfathered. If a new route is proposed to connect to the NWP then the portion that is new would be a new corridor. New corridors are assessed under NLCA 12.4.7 as part of the NIRB Environmental Assessment (EA) process.



North Baffin Land Use Plan

- Would a pipeline corridor on Melville Island be considered as a “new” transportation corridor and be subject to 3.5.10 – 3.5.12?

If there is no pipeline existing in the location proposed on Melville Island then yes it would be a new corridor. Corridors are assessed under NLCA 12.4.7 as part of the NIRB EA process.



Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan

- What would be the process for lifting the moratorium on hydrocarbon exploration in the area encompassing southern Southampton Island and Coats Island?

continued



The NPC received a request from the Hamlet of Coral Harbour to amend the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan to remove the moratorium.

The NPC has advised the Hamlet that the moratorium will be addressed as part of the Nunavut Land Use Plan process.



Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan

- What is the status of the National Wildlife Area envisioned for Coats Island?

The Term 2.4 is related to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). If the CWS proceeds with the establishment of a conservation area on Coats Island the proposal will require the approval of the people of Coral Harbour.

Questions regarding the status of this proposal will need to be directed to the CWS.



Summary

- The NPC has proposed that with additional funding the NLUP planning process could be accelerated.
- Completion of the NLUP within 2 years will also require cooperative relationships and a shared vision to complete land use planning in Nunavut.
- The NPC is working with INAC, GN and NTI to develop an accelerated land use planning process.
- The Nunavut Land Use Plan will replace the North Baffin and Keewatin Land Use Plans.
- The Nunavut Land Use Plan will contain the current goals of Nunavummiut and reflect changing economic trends and opportunities.



Thank you



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