



March 1, 2011

Mr. David Akeeagok
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Via electronic mail

Re: Information Sharing Agreement

Dear David,

On February 17, 2011 our respective staffs and legal counsel reviewed the Information Sharing Agreement (the "Agreement") and Data Release Form (the "Form") proposed by the Government of Nunavut (GN). You may recall from earlier correspondence that the Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission) had raised concern with aspects of the proposal.

During our discussion it was acknowledged that the Commission and GN share the same concerns regarding the use, application and distribution of data.

The Commission also indicated that the concerns of the Commission and GN associated with data retrieval and distribution are not unique to the GN but common among our many planning partners.

As an alternative to the Agreement and Form proposed by the GN, the Commission suggested that it would develop a formal procedure to address the concerns shared by our organizations and other data providers.

In the mean time, this letter is intended to assure the GN that the Commission: does not modify data that is provided to it; is not a distribution warehouse for public data; appropriately attributes data; and would prefer that confidential data not be provided to us.

A procedure related to data management will be prepared in accordance with the public process envisioned under the proposed Draft Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act Bill-C-25 (NUPPAA) for the development of by-laws and rules.

The data management procedure will be developed along with a suite of procedures being formulated to publicize and clarify the operations of the Commission. The procedures will be completed over the coming months and reviewed by the Commission at its September 2011 meeting. Following the Commission meeting, the process set out under the proposed NUPPAA will be implemented.

I trust this letter will suffice in addressing the data sharing concerns of the GN until a formal procedure is finalized by the Commission.

Respectfully

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Sharon Ehaloak
Executive Director

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