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RE: Proposed Draft Information Management Directive of the Nunavut Planning Commission

Dear Sharon,

The Government of Nunavut would like to thank the Nunavut Planning Commission for inviting the GN to participate in the review of the "Proposed Draft Information Management Directive of the Nunavut Planning Commission".

We also extend our thanks to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for taking steps to develop an internal directive regarding how information sharing will contribute to the long term planning process. We believe that this document is the first step in the management of information provided to the NPC as part of the planning process.

At the direction of Sustainable Development Committee (SDC), GN will continue to work with the NPC to develop specific data sharing agreements that will compliment the NPC's internal directives. The GN does have a few inquires about the directive that we hope the NPC will clarify.

1. Maintenance of Information

- a) Directive 1.2- When information is submitted under the Directive, it will be considered public, and may be posted on the NPC's public registry. Is this in the form of a citation or will the actual data submitted be made readily available for download by members of the public?
- b) Directive 1.3 -External requests for information are to be referred to the original Third Party; how does this relate to NPC's indication that all information provided is public? Does this mean that some of the information will not be considered public?

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2. Requests for Information by the Commission

- a) Directive 2.2.1 - States that the Commission may ask Third Parties to provide information regarding any constraints on, and limitations of, the information. What does this mean? Does this section refer to constraints on *the use* of the information? For instance, could the GN include a restraint on the publication of dissemination of information that it releases to the NPC?
- b) Directive 2.2.2 - Clarification is needed on what the NPC means by "complete datasets in a format that is consistent with the application and use of the information" – The GN believes the NPC is looking for analyzed datasets for immediate use, but how those can be fed into a larger option-based land use plan requires some clarification.

3. Provision and Use of Information

- a) Directive 3.2 – This indicates information provided to the NPC may be modified. The language needs clarification with regards to whether a specific constraint may be added for a disclosed dataset which prevents its modification. Also, does the NPC intend to notify the data provider of its intention to modify?

Finally, the directive would benefit from a clearly worded provision dealing with how the NPC intends to dispose of outdated or otherwise compromised data.

The GN would like to reiterate that we are committed to the land use planning process and continue to contribute to development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,

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