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Mr. Ron Roach
Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Roach;

RE: Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) presented a Draft Land Use Plan (DLUP) to its planning partners the Government of Nunavut (GN), the Government of Canada (GoC) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) on August 2, 2011. I understand that the NPC intends to present the DLUP at the Commissioner's meeting on October 13, 2011 as a plan ready for public consultation which is to begin in January 2012.

The Government of Nunavut is however, disappointed in the resulting draft plan. We find the proposed land use designations and conformity determinations are not easily understood, and a clearly, defined planning process, which takes into account recommendations provided by the GoC and the GN is definitely lacking. Furthermore, the DLUP has not demonstrated meaningful stakeholder engagement.

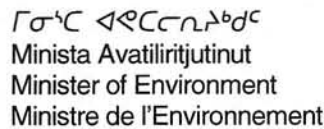
I support the invitation from GoC for the NPC and its planning partners to undertake a third party review of the planning process prior to public consultation. This review will assist all of the planning partners by providing recommendations on the planning process in order to move forward towards the development of a land use plan that will direct and guide development in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

In keeping with our Tamapta principles of Aajiqatigiinnirq, the Government of Nunavut would like to reiterate its commitment to continue working in partnership with the NPC and our planning partners to develop a land use plan that will benefit Inuit and Nunavummiut.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss other topics, please contact David Akeeagok, Deputy Minister of Department of Environment, at (867) 975-7701, or e-mail address dakeeagok@gov.nu.ca,

Sincerely,

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