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Re: 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Meeting Request – Baker Lake

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) was established under the Nunavut Agreement to develop and implement land use plans that guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area. It is very important that these land use plans reflect how communities want their land to be used. In June 2016, the Nunavut Planning Commission released the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage discussion on land use planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA), and hard copies were provided to you in August 2018. The Commission has received a significant amount of written feedback on the 2016 DNLUP and held an in-person public hearing in Iqaluit in March 2017 for communities in the Qikiqtani region as well as transboundary Nunavik communities.

The Commission has now received funding to complete consultations on the 2016 DNLUP by conducting community visits in Kitikmeot and the Kivalliq regions, rather than further public hearings. We will be visiting the Kivalliq communities over the month of January 2020 and will be in your community on January 20, 2020. In addition to the community engagement sessions we will be hosting, the Commission would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with elected officials in your community during our visit, including the Mayor and Council, the Hunters and Trappers Organization, the Community Lands and Resources Committee, and your Member of the Legislative Assembly. We are interested to know if you will be available to meet with us at 10:00 AM on January 20, 2020; we hope to have this meeting in Council chambers if possible. During the meeting, we will provide you with an overview of the 2016 Draft Plan community visit, and discuss any questions you may have.

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We hope you will be able to meet with us. As the Chairperson, I will be attending the community sessions, along with the Commission's Executive Director. During the community meetings in the afternoon and evening, we will focus the discussion on the 2016 DNLUP around the following priority issues:

- Community views on how the 2016 Draft Plan proposed to manage land use in important areas such as:
 - Caribou calving areas, post-calving areas, freshwater crossings, and sea ice crossings
 - Key migratory bird habitat sites near your community
 - Community on-ice travel routes
- Should some uses not be allowed in these areas, or are there other ways that they can be managed?
- Have the areas been identified correctly?
- How economic opportunities including existing mineral rights and proposed roads could be affected by the land use plan.
- Are there other areas so important to your community that the land use plan should tell others how they should be used?

We look forward to hearing from you regarding your availability to meet with us at 10:00 AM on January 20, 2020. It would be appreciated if you could confirm your availability with us by December 20, 2019. If you have any questions or need additional information, the Commission's Director of Policy and Planning, Mr. Brian Aglukark, can be contacted at (867) 857-2242 or email aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Respectfully,



Andrew Nakashuk
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Nunavut Planning Commission