

2021 DNLUP Technical Report Comments

Nunavut Planning Commission

Public Hearing

November 5-7, 2021

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

Presented by:

Kono Tattuinee, KIA President
and Secretary Treasurer for Nukik Corporation,
Building the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link
(Or designate)

- Thank you to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for hosting public engagement sessions.
- It is important that the commission is engaging communities and it is vital to the success of any type of Land Use Plan.
- The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) and the Lands Department have provided comments on the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). We would like to note that the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link (KHFL) agrees with and supports these comments and concerns.
- The KHFL is a national infrastructure project that seeks to construct a transmission line to bring clean renewable power and fibre-optic highspeed broadband internet from northern Manitoba to the Kivalliq region.

- The project will link five Nunavut communities (Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake) and two existing mine sites (Meadowbank and Meliadine).
- The project is currently in the planning and development phase and is being led by Nukik Corporation, a solely owned Inuit development corporation of Sakku Investments and the Kivalliq Inuit Association.
- The project's planning activities follow the speculative linear infrastructure corridor listed in the 2016 DNLUP. We are pleased the 2021 DNLUP recognizes the Kivalliq-Manitoba linear infrastructure corridor.
- The project has several concerns and comments that we would like to outline:

- While the new draft Land Use Plan describes the infrastructure corridor for the KHFL as a Limited Use area and the new designation is unclear.
 - For this critical infrastructure to proceed effectively through the regulatory process, clarity is required on the definitions and allowable activities to support the construction and long-term maintenance and operation of this vital project.
 - As the KHFL now advances through the planning and development phases, any encumbrances or uncertainties placed on the project by an updated Land Use Plan could have significant implications to the project's viability.
 - Specifically, Section 6.1.5.1 of the 2021 DNLUP outlines a possible requirement for a plan amendment to develop infrastructure within the

Kivalliq-Manitoba linear infrastructure corridor in a Limited Use area.

- We would like NPC to confirm that no plan amendment would be required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the KHFL.
- The Kivalliq-Manitoba linear infrastructure corridor travels through Inuit Owned Lands that were selected as part of the Nunavut Final Agreement in part because of their high mineral potential. The KHFL's business case relies on the mining industry utilizing a significant portion of the power supplied by the transmission line.
- The KHFL supports KivIA's position that it is important to not place restrictions on Inuit Owned Lands within the vicinity of the Kivalliq-Manitoba linear infrastructure corridor that would limit the

potential for mineral activity that would use the transmission line now or in the future.

- This project is being advanced to help provide a better sustainable future for our communities. If developed, it will reduce the substantial environmental footprint of existing power supply, connect the region to reliable highspeed internet, and provide the infrastructure to support future economic development. This project is Inuit led and we will develop and operate it in an environmentally responsible manner.
- We welcome the process the NPC has pursued to develop a land use plan that reflects these similar ideals and the meaningful steps that have been taken to ensure it is truly reflective of the contributions of the KHFL and those of other organizations.

- We would like to thank the Commission for listening to our comments. The KHFL provides a once in a generation opportunity to link Nunavut to southern Canada. It represents an important opportunity to bring needed infrastructure to communities.
- The KHFL is advancing rapidly, and it is an important for the DNLUP to not impede this Inuit led effort. Thank you/ Qujannamiik