



August 8th, 2022

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The Hon. PJ Akeeagok
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Dear Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Nunavut and President of NTI,

The people of Nunavut have been waiting for the Nunavut Land Use Plan (also known as the “Plan”) to come into force since the Nunavut Agreement was executed in 1993. The Nunavut Land Use Plan will be the largest land use plan in the world, and will ensure our social, environmental, and economic wellbeing are safeguarded for generations to come. The Plan will protect critical habitat while providing certainty for mineral development. As Mayors we believe a Nunavut Land Use Plan is crucial to the wellbeing of our communities.

After many, many years of consultation and engagement with our communities, the Nunavut Planning Commission released a new draft of the Nunavut Land Use Plan in July of 2021 and is now leading the regulatory process to finalize the Plan over the next few months. This fall, our municipalities will once again be active participants in this process. We have confidence the result will be a final Plan driven by our citizens' inputs that you, as representatives of the three signatories of the Plan, will agree to.

It is our hope that the Nunavut Land use Plan will come into force in 2023. We urge you to direct your staff to actively seek to resolve outstanding issues so that we finally enjoy the benefits of a pillar of what Inuit bargained for 29 years ago with the Nunavut Agreement.

While we are without a Nunavut Land Use Plan, we do not control the development of our own territory.

Respectfully,



Kenneth Bell
President

c.c. The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, Government of Canada
 The Honourable Mark Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs,
 Government of Canada
 The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, Government of
 Canada
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 The Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard,
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 The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, Government of Canada
 The Honourable David Joanisie, Minister of Community and Government Services, Government
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 The Honourable David Akeeagok, Minister of Environment and Minister of Economic
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 James Eetoolook, 1st Vice-President, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
 Andrew Nakashuk, Chair of the Nunavut Planning Commission