



NOTICE TO BECOME PARTICIPANT FOR THE DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Deadline to apply: September 20, 2016

Date: August 23, 2016

Pursuant to section 11.5.4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and section 51 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (Canada) (*NUPPAA*), the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) will conduct a Public Hearing on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP), tentatively scheduled for March/April, 2017 in Iqaluit at a location that has not yet been determined. A refined version of the DNLUP, based on the technical feedback of Participants, was released June 23, 2016, which will be reviewed by Participants and the NPC's Commissioners at the public hearing.

Since May 2015 the NPC has provided three opportunities to become a Participant. Because a revised DNLUP was released June 23, 2016 and the NPC is holding pre-hearing conference on procedural matters September 27 – 29, 2016 (PHC), the NPC is providing a final opportunity for "Parties" and "Interested Persons" to become "Participants" with the right to submit evidence and make oral presentations at the final public hearing. **As this fourth opportunity to become a Participant is for the purpose of enabling new Participants to attend the PHC without causing a delay in the process, the timeline for applying to become a Participant is 27 clear days from the date of this notice, which is shorter than previous notices giving 30 clear days.** A summary of the next steps in the process is attached.

The DNLUP may prohibit some uses of lands and affect rights, projects will have to conform to the DNLUP once approved, and projects that conform to the approved DNLUP may affect Inuit rights under the NLCA. Inuit of Nunavut; Other Aboriginal Peoples listed in Article 40 of the NLCA including Makivik, Denesuline of Northern Manitoba and Northern Saskatchewan; residents of Nunavut; Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.; and Designated Inuit Organizations; Regional Inuit Organizations; municipalities; Community Land and Resource Committees; and departments and agencies of the federal and territorial government, and Hunters and Trappers Organizations (the **Parties**), and others may be affected by it. If you wish to receive further notices of the Public Hearing, be consulted on technical issues, attend the NPC's upcoming PHC on September 27 – 29, 2016, and provide evidence and submissions on the DNLUP at the Public Hearing for the NPC to consider when revising the DNLUP for final approval, you must become a participant as explained below. If you are already a Participant, you do not need to apply again.

Becoming a Participant – Deadline September 19, 2016

If you are a Party listed above and as defined in the NPC's *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews* as amended on July 8, 2015 (*RPHPR*), or a Hunters and Trappers

Organization recognized as a party under the Commissioners' direction on procedure dated June 4, 2015 varying the *RPHPR*, you must notify the NPC of your intention to participate by **no later than 12 noon Eastern Time on September 19, 2016** providing (*this information will be made public*):

- Your name, address, telephone number, and if available your fax and e-mail address, and the most reliable and efficient address for service of documents, preferably via fax or e-mail;
- If someone will be representing you, provide their complete contact information; and
- The language in which you wish to be heard.

If you are not a Party listed above, you must apply for standing to become a Participant. **Submit a written application by 12 noon Eastern Time on September 19, 2016**, and provide the following information (*this information will be made public*):

- Your name, address, telephone number, and if available your fax and e-mail address, and the most reliable and efficient address for service of documents, preferably via fax or e-mail;
- If someone will be representing you, provide their complete contact information;
- The language in which you wish to be heard;
- A brief summary of the reasons for your interest in the proceeding including the information, knowledge or views you possess that would be useful for the resolution of a matter before the NPC; and
- The nature and scope of your intended participation – will you be making an oral or written submission, and is there a particular issue you are interested in.

The NPC may choose to grant standing if your interest is substantial and direct, your participation will further the public hearing, and your participation will contribute to the openness and fairness of the public hearing. A grant of standing may be limited to specific issues, and you may be asked to share a single grant of standing with others having interests similar to your own.

The NPC will post applications for standing on its website and existing participants may provide views on the application for standing in writing by 12 noon Eastern Time on September 21, 2016. The Commissioners will review the written applications and comments and decide standing at a meeting of the Commissioners on September 22 or 23, 2016. Participants will be able to attend the PHC scheduled September 27 – 29, 2016 at Cadet Hall, Iqaluit, notice of which shall be issued separately. Interested Persons applying for standing should be prepared to attend the PHC in the event they are granted standing.

The NPC may issue further public notices on additional procedural steps and timelines that will take place prior to the Public Hearing, including dates for the filing of documents, written submissions and responses, arguments, and the final date, time and location of the Public Hearing. For a copy of the NPC's Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Reviews, to obtain more information on participating, to review the public record of proceedings or for other related information, please contact the NPC at the addresses below:

- submissions@nunavut.ca; or,
- Jonathan Savoy, jsavoy@nunavut.ca; Nunavut Planning Commission, P.O. Box 2101 Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0; Phone: (867) 983-4632 | Fax: (867) 983-4626 | Website: <http://www.nunavut.ca>

Timeline for the Final Public Hearing on the NLUP

Date	Task
2016	
September 12 *	Participant response to expert reports submitted August 15, 2016. * <i>Subject to change following Pre-Hearing Conference.</i>
September 19 (noon)	Parties notify of intention to participate, interested persons apply for standing
September 21 (noon)	Participants comment on applications by interested persons for standing
September 22 / 23	Grants of standing by Commissioners
September 27 - 29	In-person Pre-Hearing Conference, Iqaluit
October-November	Regional Community Representative Sessions to be held in North Baffin, South Baffin, Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, Denesuline, and Makivik regions. Topics to be discussed include orientation to the draft NLUP and Options and Recommendations document, and advice and materials to prepare for the Final Public Hearing. Communities will be canvassed for comments.
November 28 *	Final deadline for written submissions on draft NLUP, written evidence, or other materials to be relied upon in Final Public Hearing. * <i>N.B. Expected to change to January 13, 2017, subject to discussion at Pre-Hearing Conference.</i>
2017	
January	2 nd Pre-Hearing Conference
March/April	Final Public Hearing, Iqaluit