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OPENING REMARKS AND NPC OVERVIEW VIDEO

Sharon: Good morning, everyone. We're going to start with an opening prayer.

?: Thank you for asking me to open this meeting with prayer this morning. It's a great honor. Thank you.

Opening Prayer

Sharon: Good morning, everyone. My name is Sharon Ehaloak. I'm the Executive Director for the Nunavut Planning Commission. Welcome. I'm going to ask. We noticed some people just came in. I'll ask again if any members from Rankin Inlet came in.

(Brief conversation in Inuktitut – not translated)

So before we get started, the headsets: in the back of the headset there is a little button. If you press it twice and then press it again where you want to stop, if it's English or Inuktitut. You have to open the headset up.

Andrew: Qujannamiik. Thank you for your attendance to the Prehearing Conference hosted by the Nunavut Planning Commission. I'm Andrew Nakashuk. I'm the Chair of the Nunavut Planning Commission.

The purpose of the Prehearing Conference Community Engagement: These community engagements today have been designed specifically for you and each of your communities to provide you with understanding of the June 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan; to prepare each of you and your communities for the upcoming Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Public Hearing in March 2017; and to ensure that your community voices are heard as outlined in Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Part 2: Planning Principles, Policies, Priorities and Objectives, 11.2.1.

The various other planning partners have been engaged throughout the consultation Technical Sessions and the recent Prehearing Conference held in September 27 to 29, 2016 in Iqaluit. The Commission is now here to focus on and engage communities. The Commission is holding six Regional Prehearing Conference Engagement Sessions, starting October 19 in Cambridge Bay, then October 21 in Thompson, Manitoba for Dënesųłiné, today in Rankin Inlet for the Kivalliq, Kuujuaq in November 2, Pond Inlet on November 4, and Iqaluit on the 7th.

The Nunavut Planning Commission is an institute of public government more commonly referred to as IPG. The role and responsibility of the Commission is set out under Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Article 11 directs the Commission to prepare and implement a land use plan.

The Nunavut Land Use Plan is intended to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The Nunavut Land Use Plan applies to land, water, and marine areas and resources including wildlife and landfast ice zones. The Nunavut Land use Plan does not apply to traditional land uses, such as hunting, fishing, camping. The Plan does not apply within established parks. The Nunavut Land Use Plan must devote special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Inuit and Inuit Owned Land; reflect the priorities and values of residents; and take into account cultural factors and priorities. It will give great weight to the views and wishes of municipalities and take into account any goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Land.

In order for the Nunavut Land Use Plan to promote your goals, you have to tell us what is important to you, and today we are again going to provide you with an overview of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, engage you, and provide an overview of the process and timeline provided by the Nunavut Planning Commissioners. We are now going to watch a video, and then I'm going to turn it over to the Commission Executive Director, Sharon Ehloak.

Sharon: Good morning again. As I said before, I'm the Executive Director of the Planning Commission, Sharon Ehloak. I've been with the Commission for 11 years, and I've lived in Cambridge Bay since 1986 and recently relocated to the Commission office in Iqaluit. The Commission team is very grateful to be here today in the Kivalliq region for this Prehearing Conference.

I'm just going to do a little housekeeping. So we have fire exits over this way on the side and behind. Washrooms are out that way and out this door as well. The headsets, if you don't have one, are located over on the side. We are recording the session today with audio and video, so when you speak, if you can please say your name and the community that you're from. As well, if you can sign in for all three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, we are keeping record for a public record of who attended.

I'm going to do an introduction of the Commission staff, and then a roundtable with all participants here. First of all, I'd like to introduce our facilitators working with the Commission. Leena Evis: Leena is a former Commissioner and a McGill University scholar. She will be assisting us to deliver the presentations in Inuktitut and support the Commission team.

David Livingstone: David has worked in senior level positions with the Government of Canada for 30 years. David was instrumental in getting the Sahtu Land Use Plan through the planning process and successfully with the signatory parties to have it signed off.

Steven Kennett: Steve is an experienced policy analyst with an interdisciplinary background in law and political science, and over 24 years of professional work. He has worked on environmental policy and regulation management. Steve's expertise is land use planning, cumulative effects, environmental governance, and he has done regulatory process reviews and work in Alberta, Northwest Territories, the Yukon, and Nunavut. Steve was also the author of the independent third party review that was done with the Commission a number of years back in conjunction with the Government of Canada, NTI, and the GN.

Brian Aglukark: Brian is our Director of Policy and Planning, and Brian has been with the Commission since the Commission became a Commission way back when. Jonathan Savoy: Jon is our Manager of Implementation. Jonathan Ehloak behind the translations: Jonathan is the Manager of Information Technologies. Peter Scholz: Peter is our Senior Planner in the Arviat Office. Alana Vigna is our Senior Planner out of the Cambridge Bay Office. Goump Djalouge is our Senior Planner in the Iqaluit Office.

Allan Thompson, our Planner in the Iqaluit Office. Hugh Nateela, Hugh, where are you? Oh, at the back. He's our Development Tech out of Arviat. Tommy Owljoot. Tommy is our Interpreter out of our Arviat Office. Annie Ollie is our Interpreter Translator, Office Administrator, Mapper out of our Arviat Office.

Ryan Mason at the back: For the community members, Ryan is doing all the administration for you for your checks and paperwork, so he is the individual to see, and he is the Commission Office Administrator, Executive Assistant to all Directors. He is based on the Iqaluit.

Sohail Dham: Sohail over here is our GIS Tech. John Marzalof is our Sound Tech. Willi Puerstl is our one of our videographers, and David Battistelli is the other videographer, and I'm not sure where David is. Oh, he's over there right now. With that, we have just another introduction. We have the community reps around the table.

We have invited Government of Canada, NTI, the Kivalliq Inuit Association, and the Government of Nunavut today, so if there are any questions for those organizations, the Commission will be asking those individuals to answer questions. With that, I'm going to start with Hannah, and let's do our roundtable introduction. After we do the table, if we can go around the back and get everyone to introduce themselves so everyone knows who is here. Please say who you are representing and if you're with Hamlet or HTO. Thank you.

Hannah: Ublaahatkut. Hannah Uniuqsaraq. I'm with NTI. I work in the Iqaluit Office.

Craig: Yeah I'm Craig Beardsall from the Kivalliq Inuit Association. I'm the Environmental Technician.

Amanda: Ublaahatkut. My name is Amanda Main. I'm representing the Hamlet of Arviat.

Peter Sh: *(Translated)*: Good morning. Peter Shamee. I'm the representative. I'm also a Hamlet Councilor from Arviat.

Leone *(Translated)*: Leonie Mimilalik, Chesterfield Inlet.

Leo M: *(Translated)*: I'm Leo Mimilalik. I'd like to tell you, I don't know where I'm from, but I think I'm from Chesterfield. That's all I know. For a short speech, the presentation you gave is only in English. Although you have an interpreter, I didn't get any word of it.

Willie: Willie Nakulak, appointed by the Hamlet of Coral Harbour.

Paul: *(Translated)*: Paul Pudlat, HTO Coral Harbour.

Jackie: *(Translated)*: Jackie Netser, Hamlet Coral Harbor

Susie A: *(Translated)*: Susie Angootialuk. I'm with Coral Harbour, Hamlet Representative. I'm here on their behalf.

May: May Ningeongan. I'm from Coral Harbour. I'm representing for the Hamlet.

Justin: Justin Merritt, SAO with the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. I'll be attending some of these sessions, and also Martha Hicks, Councillor will be attending later on in the day. Thank you very much.

Robert: Robert Enuapik, Whale Cove. Thank you.

Susie K: Susie Kritterdlik, Whale Cove, Hamlet Representative.

Bryan: Bryan Uluiksit, Whale Cove, Hamlet Representative.

Sammy: Sammy Arualak, Whale Cove, Hamlet Representative.

Louis: Louis Voisey, Whale Cove.

David A: David Aglukark, KIA Arviat Office.

Donat: Donat Milortok, Naujaat Representative, KIA Rep.

Raymond: Raymond Ningeocheak, KIA.

James: James Taipana, Baker Lake HTO.

Paula: Paula Hughson, Baker Lake Hamlet.

Alexander: Alexander Alooq, HTO, Baker Lake.

Lucy: I am Lucy Iyago, Baker Lake, Elder Representative.

Lena: Lena Tapatai, Hamlet of Baker Lake.

Luis: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Luis Manzo, Director of Lands, Kivalliq Inuit Association. Thank you.

Brenda: Brenda Osmond, Kivalliq Inuit Association, Lands Administrator.

Gabriel: (*Translated*): Gabriel Nirlungayuk, KIA. I'm sorry for this morning. We'll be going out soon. We have a trip going out. Thank you for giving KIA reps from the communities.

Kim: Good morning. Kim Pawley, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Spencer: Hello. Spencer Dewar, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Iqaluit Regional Office.

Seyi: Seyi Okuribido-Malcolm, Canadian Coast Guard.

Maria: Good morning. Maria Serra, GIS Coordinator, Kivalliq Inuit Association.

Leslie: Hi, I'm Leslie Wakelyn. I work for the Beverly Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, and I work from Yellowknife.

Miguel: Ublaahatkut. Miguel Chenier with NTI Lands in Cambridge Bay.

Jeff: Ublaahatkut. Jeff Tulugak, Kivalliq Inuit Association.

David Lee: Good morning. David Lee, NTI.

Al: Good morning. Al Joseph with Parks Canada, the Iqaluit Office.

Amy: Morning. Amy Robinson, Government of Nunavut.

Karla: Good morning. Karla Letto with Canadian Wildlife Service.

- Howard: Hi, my name is Howard Golden with the company Northquest with a project near Whale Cove.
- David S: Hi, I'm David Smith. I work with Howard at Northquest, Whale Cove.
- Jaideep: Good morning. Jaideep Johar, Transport Canada.
- Denise: Hi, Denise Lockett representing North Arrow Minerals.
- Stephane: Stephane Robert representing Agnico Eagle.
- Sharon: Thank you for the introductions. So everybody got the handouts at the back. We're going to take breaks throughout the day, and hopefully it won't get too hot in this room. I just want to do an overview of the agenda.

The first time is the Introduction and Overview of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. This presentation will be providing an understanding of the Draft Plan, and Leena Evic will be our moderator facilitator for this. The second agenda item will be Community Breakout Groups, and we'll be asking the communities to breakout. We will be setting tables in the corners and around the room and breaking out with your individual area maps and focusing on discussion of how the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan will be affecting each community.

This afternoon, we will have a Regional Summary of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan with the NPC staff leading that. Later in the afternoon, we're going to have a roundtable on key issues, and NTI and the KivIA will be speaking specifically to IOL lands. Then later we're going to discuss Community Engagement and Tools to assist communities when they go back into their community with information.

Then later on, there will be a Community Feedback Session Part I. Sorry that's for NTI and KivIA who will talk specifically to the IOLs. Then this evening will be a Community Feedback Session with questions and answers.

With that, I'm going to turn it over to Leena for the first presentation. Thank you.

OVERVIEW PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

- Leena: *(Translated)*: Thank you and welcome everyone. I'm going to speak in Inuktitut for your information. The Executive Director just told us what our agenda is going to be, and we'll be talking about that. It is in English and Inuktitut on the screen. Only some of the language will be up there, but I will add in as well. It may take a while, because there is a

lot of information there, so we'll try and keep it understandable. I hope it doesn't take long. We have to understand exactly what work we are doing here.

The Draft Land Use Plan is something I will be discussing. I'm going to call it the Draft Land Use Plan. That is why you are here from your communities. We will be able to support and get supported by the communities by the Planning Commission. Through the Nunavut Land Claims agreement, we have to work together.

(Slide – NPC and Land Use Planning): The Nunavut Land Claims Agreement created a regulatory system that provides residents with opportunities to participate in regulatory decisions for resource use and development. Under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NPC, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, and the Nunavut Water Board all work in different ways to make sure that the land and water around your community is used appropriately. Land use planning is the first step in the regulatory system in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

We are in the final stages of completing a first generation Nunavut Land Use Plan. We are here today to help you understand how the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan works, how it would affect your community, to help you and your community discuss the Plan, and make suggestions for improvement at the final Public Hearing in late March that our Chairperson mentioned earlier.

From this point, we will refer to the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan as the Draft Plan.

The NPC consults broadly during the development of land use plans. It does not consult when it receives individual proposals. This means it is very important that the land use plans are supported by communities. The planners at the NPC are not experts on any of the topics, and rely on input from participants in the planning process. Planners only develop options for managing land use based on the input received.

The Draft Plan uses Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit extensively. This was done in four ways:

- Community consultations
- Use and occupancy mapping
- Written input from communities and individuals, and
- Literary research.

The NTI will talk about this a bit later in this presentation.

(Slide: Process History): In Nunavut, the North Baffin and Keewatin Regional Land Use Plans have been in effect for 15 years. These plans are still being implemented today, but other areas of Nunavut do not have approved land use plans in place. Since 2007, the NPC has been working to create a single land use plan for all of Nunavut, which would also replace the two existing plans in the Kivalliq and the North Baffin region.

(Slide – Process History 2): Since 2004, the NPC has been conducting Use and Occupancy mapping interviews with Nunavut residents, which provides an overview of how communities are using the land. The NPC has used this information to supplement information coming from other participants.

In 2007, the Nunavut Planning Commission approved a document that was developed in close consultation with the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated on how the Nunavut Land Use Plan would be structured. Between 2008 and 2011, information was collected and the first draft of the Plan was written.

(Slide: Process History 3): In 2012 NPC publically released the first version of the Draft Plan. Between late 2012 and early 2014 the NPC consulted with over 30 communities, twice, in Nunavut, Nunavik, Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In June 2014, the NPC released a second Draft Plan. In 2015 and early 2016 Nunavut Planning Commission held four Technical Meetings to discuss parts of the Plan that required more attention. These discussions and additional written submissions led to a further revised Plan released in June 2016.

(Slide: Steps and the Public Hearing): A final Public Hearing on the Draft Plan is required before it can be submitted for approval to the Federal Government, the Government of Nunavut, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

The Public Hearing will be an opportunity for participants and communities to provide oral feedback and written submissions on the Draft Plan in a public setting in accordance with the requirements of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement. The Public Hearing will be held in Iqaluit in late March 2017. After the Public Hearing, the Plan will be revised one last time before submission.

Your role in this process is essential. You are the representatives of your communities in this planning process. You will collect the input from all the people of your communities, and present that input to the Commissioners through a written submission that can be as detailed as you'd like. You may also provide a brief oral presentation at the Public Hearing. The written submissions must be provided to the NPC by January 13, 2017. This Land Use Plan is the detailed representation of how Inuit would like their land to develop now and in the future. It is very important work and we thank you for your participation.

The hardest part for you will be in getting agreement from your community on suggestions to improve or refine the Draft Plan for the areas around your community. This is a challenging task, and we thank you for it.

The purpose of our meeting today is to review the Draft Plan so that you understand how it works and what it means for your community and your region, and you are prepared to represent the views of your community at the final Public Hearing. The people who are here today are the same people that will be attending the Public Hearing in late March in Iqaluit. We will also provide you with tools to assist you in communicating with your communities in the next 3 months.

(Slide: Format of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan): We would like to begin our discussion of the Draft Plan with a quick overview of the different pieces that make up the Plan.

The main document of the Plan consists of seven chapters. There is an introductory chapter, then five chapters that each relate to a different planning goal. The last chapter is an Implementation Strategy, and there is a set of Annexes and a series of Tables. Also included in the Draft Plan is a series of poster-sized Schedules, which show all of the mapped information that is part of the Plan.

(Slide: Options Document): There is also a separate Options and Recommendations document that references all the information that was considered and recommends a preferred option for each issue. This document includes detailed maps for each location.

(Slide: The Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan): Chapter 1 provides an introduction to land use planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area and covers a number of important concepts that are key to our discussions today.

(Slide: Land Use Regulatory Concepts): There are a few important terms that the Plan uses to manage land use:

Prohibited uses: Prohibited uses identify land uses that do not conform with the Land Use Plan. This means that any activity that is listed as a prohibited use in a given area would not be allowed to happen. The Plan would first have to be amended. These uses are identified in Table 1.

Conditions identify requirements such as setbacks that land users must follow. So in this case, all land uses must follow the conditions identified in Table 1.

Valued Ecosystem Components (or VECs) are part of an ecosystem that have particular environmental value. These could be wildlife species, like polar bears; or habitat, or floe edge.

Valued Socio-Economic Components (or VSECs) are parts of our culture, society or economy that have particular economic, social, or cultural value. These could be resources such as minerals, jobs, carving stone, or community drinking water.

Areas valuable to certain Valued Ecosystem Components and Valued Socioeconomic Components are mapped on Schedule B. This information can be used by regulatory authorities during the review of project proposals, and by NPC to determine if there are any concerns on the cumulative impacts of projects.

Valued Ecosystem Components and Valued Socioeconomic Components are collectively often called Valued Components or VCs, but from this point, we will usually use the term Values when we are talking about them.

(Slide: Land Use Designations – Schedule A): The Draft Plan has three kinds of Land Use Designations: Protected Areas, Special Management Areas, and Mixed Use. Schedule A of the Plan shows all of the land use designations. Chapters 2 to 5 of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan identify issues that are important in specific geographic areas, and assign one of three Land Use Designations to each area.

Traditional Uses, like hunting and fishing, are not impacted by the Nunavut Land Use Plan. Traditional Uses are excluded from the Plan due to provisions in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Protected Areas are shown in green on Schedule A, and are identified with green text boxes throughout the Plan. Protected Areas prohibit particular land uses that are incompatible with certain environmental and cultural values. They can also include conditions to guide land use.

Protected Areas are not permanent features. They may be changed or removed through Plan amendments. Also this Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan is not the final Plan. Your community may suggest changes to the areas you see on the map.

Special Management Areas, as we mentioned earlier, are shown in yellow-tan on Schedule A, and are identified with yellow-tan text boxes throughout the Plan. Special Management Areas may have some prohibitions, but usually involve conditions or seasonal restrictions. Special Management Areas support the identified values of an area, taking into account natural resources, linear infrastructure, environmental considerations, and cultural factors.

Mixed Use Land Use Designations are shown as grey areas on Schedule A, and are identified with grey text boxes throughout the Plan. Mixed Use areas do not have prohibited uses or conditions, but may include value components for the NPC and regulatory authorities to consider when reviewing project proposals.

The Draft Plan also includes **Recommended Actions** for some issues. These are included in blue text boxes in the Plan and are summarized in Annex C. Jon will be able to describe Schedule A.

Jonathan: Thank you very much, Leena. Again, my name is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. I'm just going to scoot down the room here and point at the map on this wall. As Leena has described, Schedule A is a very important piece of the Land Use Plan. This is Schedule A here on the wall, and there is also Schedule B, which comprised of a number of maps on the wall further down toward the front of the room.

This map is very important because it identifies the specific areas where the rules of the Land Use Plan would apply. So starting out the most restrictive land use designation would be the green Protected Areas shown on Schedule A. So just to review some of the terminology that the Plan uses, these green Protected Areas include prohibited uses. So these are uses that would not conform to the Land Use Plan.

For example here in the Kivalliq region, we have these large green areas in particular down here in the southern portions. They identify various types of caribou habitat that have been identified as Protected Areas that will be discussed in a few minutes.

The yellow areas on the map are Special Management Areas. In the Kivalliq, there are very few Special Management Areas, but some examples include beluga calving grounds around Southampton Island. Special Management Areas are more flexible forms of management or less restrictive. So for example, on the beluga calving ground, it is a seasonal restriction on shipping within the marine portions where the beluga are having their calves – again, a more flexible form of management.

The least restrictive are the grey or uncoloured areas on this map. Those are known as Mixed Use areas, where almost all land uses would conform to the Land Use Plan. It is worth noting that even within these Mixed Use areas, there may be a number of values that have been identified in the Plan, and those values are all identified on Schedule B, which is as I said, are down to my right. So there is a separate terrestrial map, marine map, and a separate caribou schedule that identifies different types of values. So with that, I will stop. Thanks.

Brian: Thank you, Jonathan. Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. The things that he mentioned, when you break out into different groups, we will get a clear understanding as to what those uses are, the designated areas are. Thank you. And thank you, Jon.

Leena: (*Slide: Seasonal Restrictions*): To continue, some Protected Areas and Special Management Areas, particularly marine areas, have restrictions that apply only during certain seasons. Seasonal restrictions in the Draft Plan are based on Inuit seasonal cycles and systems. There are six seasons in Nunavut. However, start and end dates differ from region to region. This figure presents a generalized description of these seasons.

(*Slide: Chapter 2 – Protecting and Sustaining the Environment*): In this chapter, you will find discussions and recommendations on wildlife and environmental concerns.

The following areas and issues have been identified to support the Goal of Protecting and Sustaining the Environment:

- Key migratory bird habitat sites
- Caribou
- Polar bear denning areas
- Walrus haul-outs
- Marine areas of importance
- Transboundary considerations
- Climate change

In this presentation we will cover a few of the issues as examples. Additional areas and issues that are important to this region will be discussed in smaller break out groups and presentations that will follow.

(Slide: Caribou): Caribou are an essential species in the north. The use of caribou is a fundamental part of Inuit identity. For mainland caribou herds, a number of different types of habitat were identified, and input was received from many participants regarding the sensitivity of caribou in these different areas. Based on the input received, the Draft Plan includes Protected Area designations for caribou calving and post-calving areas, key access corridors, and water crossings on the mainland. These Protected Areas include a number of prohibited uses such as mineral exploration and production, oil and gas exploration, quarries, and linear infrastructure.

Caribou that cross the frozen sea-ice during their annual migrations are vulnerable to changing sea ice conditions and disturbance by ice breaking activities. Sea ice crossings are assigned a Special Management Area land use designation that includes seasonal restrictions to prevent any form of shipping during Ukiuq and Upingaksaq, in the spring and in the fall.

(Slide: Polar Bear): Polar bear denning areas are found over thinly and randomly scattered areas all over the territory. Because the NPC did not receive sufficient information on this issue to recommend any prohibited uses or conditions in specific locations, polar bear denning areas are assigned a Mixed Use designation, and are presented as areas of a known Valued Ecosystem Component on Schedule B. Jonathan?

Jon: Thank you again, Leena. This is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. I'd just like to again, take a quick minute to recap the differences between the Protected Area designations, Special Management Areas, and Mixed Use. So in the first example Leena just provided, caribou calving grounds were assigned a Protected Area land use designation that included a number of prohibited uses. The Commission received a lot of feedback on particular lists of prohibited uses for caribou calving grounds.

The next example was caribou sea ice crossings where the Draft Plan includes proposed Special Management Areas to restrict shipping in these areas during the times when caribou are migrating across the sea ice. The next example was polar bear denning, which were assigned a Mixed Use land use designation, which does not include any prohibited uses or any conditions. Again, it is the least restrictive option.

Again, I'd just like to note that the Draft Plan is a reflection of the feedback that is received, and we encourage feedback on all land use designations and aspects of the Plan. Thank you.

Leena: Thank you, Jon.

(Slide: Chapter 3 – Encouraging Conservation Planning): Chapter 3 includes discussions relating to preservation of natural and cultural heritage, including Parks and Conservation Areas.

The following areas and issues have been identified to support the NPC Goal of Encouraging Conservation Planning:

- Parks Awaiting Full Establishment
- Proposed Parks
- Proposed National Marine Conservation Areas
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary
- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries
- National Wildlife Areas
- Historic Sites
- Heritage Rivers

(Slide: Parks): Although land use plans do not apply within established parks, they do apply to areas where parks are not yet fully established or are proposed. These areas are designated as Protected Areas to help prevent incompatible development before the parks are legally established.

(Slide: Heritage Rivers): The Canadian Heritage Rivers System promotes Canada's river heritage. There are several heritage rivers in Nunavut: Thelon, Kazan, and Soper. Small areas of significance, based on the management plans, for the Thelon and Kazan Rivers are designated as Protected Areas, with the remaining areas presented as an area with value. The Soper River watershed has been designated a Protected Area.

(Slide: Chapter 4 – Building Healthy Communities): The following areas and issues have been identified to support the NPC goal of Building Healthier Communities:

- Community Areas of Interest
- Community Priorities and Values
- Community Land Use
- Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy
- Dënesų́liné Areas of Asserted Title Claim
- Unincorporated communities, for example Omingmaktok
- Alternative energy sources
- Community drinking water supplies
- Land remediation
- Waste Sites
- Department of National Defence Establishments
- North Warning System sites

(Slide: Community Areas of Interest): Several areas that have been identified by communities as requiring protection are designated Protected Areas that include prohibited uses. Jon?

Jon: Thank you very much, Leena. This is Jonathan Savoy again from the Nunavut Planning Commission. Again, I'd just like to note that the list on the screen of Community Areas of Interest is all of the Community Areas of Interest that are included in the Plan. I would note that again, we are open to additional feedback, and these areas in particular will be discussed in the community breakout groups.

But I'd just like to draw your attention to the few that are in the Kivalliq. We have the Duke of York Bay on the northwest corner of Southampton Island identified by Coral Harbour and Naujaat. We also have essential char fishing rivers on Southampton Island, again identified by the Hamlet of Coral Harbour. We have the Diana River near Rankin Inlet, as well as Walrus Island south of Southampton Island, again identified by Coral Harbour. These will be discussed further in the breakout groups. Thank you.

Leena: Qujannamiik, Jon.

(Slide: Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy): Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy are Hudson Bay islands where certain lands are jointly owned and managed by the Inuit of Northern Quebec (Nunavik) as represented by Makivik and the Inuit of Nunavut represented by NTI.

These areas are designated as Protected Areas because they were identified by residents of multiple communities in Nunavut and Nunavik as important for a variety of environmental and cultural reasons.

(Slide: Dënesų́liné Areas of Asserted Title Claim): Dënesų́liné living in northern Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan have a vested interest in the southern Kivalliq region

because they traditionally used, and continue to use, these lands. There are two areas of asserted title claim currently under negotiation. The Planning Commission received information from the Dënesųliné land use in these areas, which has been included in the Draft Plan as Values that are summarized in Table 3.

To assist the Dënesųliné Land Claims Negotiations, the Cabinet of the Federal Government withdrew a number of pieces of land owned by the Crown in southern Nunavut, through an executive direction called an Order-in-Council. This Order-in-Council does not affect any Inuit Owned Lands. The Dënesųliné First Nations have recommended that these areas be designated Mixed Use in the Draft Plan in order to facilitate ongoing land claims negotiations. This designation was recommended to apply regardless of caribou or other potential values, due to the sensitivity of the Dënesųliné Land Claim Negotiations. This designation was supported by NTI in their June 2015 submission to the NPC.

A commitment made by the former Chairperson of the NPC on February 5, 2015 advised that the lands withdrawn by the Order-in-Council would be presented at the Public Hearing as a Mixed Use designation. NPC staff intended the Draft Plan to be consistent with this commitment.

In the 2016 Draft Plan, while the withdrawn lands are presented as having a Mixed Use designation, there are some locations within these areas that have been assigned a Protected Area designation for caribou.

The Dënesųliné are involved in the unique process of negotiating and ratifying a Land Claim, and the Protected Area designation may complicate that process.

NPC staff will follow the Notation set out in the February 5, 2015 letter, and treat the entire area withdrawn by the Order-in-Council as exclusively “Mixed Use”, without any overlapping Protected Areas or other land use designations. This will ensure the present wording of the Draft Plan does not interfere with ongoing negotiations.

(Slide: Drinking Water): All community drinking water supply watersheds have been assigned a Protected Area designation, with the exception of Kugluktuk and Baker Lake. These two watersheds are extremely large in size, and have been identified as known Values. Peter can speak to the watershed issue. Peter?

Peter Scholz: Thanks. Peter, Senior Planner, NPC. So as Leena has said, the Nunavut Land Use Plan has indicated a Protected Area designation over the source watersheds for all communities except Baker Lake and Kugluktuk. Those two communities draw their river from the Coppermine and Kazan rivers, so the PA designation was not considered suitable for an area that size. Instead, those two major watersheds have been indicated as areas of Value to the community, so that any projects that would occur upstream of those two communities would be known as a reminder to all parties that people

downstream will be drinking from here. But as we said, for the other 23 communities, the sources of their drinking water are proposed to be designated as Protected Areas. Thank you.

Leena: Qujannamiik, Peter.

(Slide: Waste Sites): Waste sites are areas of land no longer used for any licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized activity, because they pose potential adverse effects to the ecosystem and/or human health. There are many of them in Nunavut. This map shows only a few of the well-known ones, which have been designated as Special Management Areas.

In deciding which sites require attention first, the Draft Plan has adopted a process from the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, and is found in Annex D. The NPC intends to revise this process and prepare a list of priority sites for remediation.

(Slide: Chapter 5 – Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development): Chapter 5 is about sustaining the needs of today without compromising the needs of the future. The following areas and issues have been identified to support the Goal of Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development:

- Preserving a “mixed” economy
- Mineral potential
- Oil and gas potential
- Commercial fisheries
- Developing new infrastructure responsibly and efficiently

(Slide: Mineral Potential): Nunavut has a wealth of minerals for exploration and investment. Areas of known mineral potential are illustrated in Schedule B maps and they are indicated as areas of known Values.

(Slide: Linear Infrastructure): This chapter of the Plan addresses linear infrastructure. We will be discussing this under Item #3: Regional Summary of the Draft Plan this afternoon.

(Slide: Marine Shipping): Marine shipping is an important component of future development in Nunavut. As the climate continues to warm and the seaways are open for longer periods of time, the opportunity for marine shipping in the Canadian Arctic is gaining international attention. Through written submissions and technical meetings, the NPC is aware of concerns regarding impacts on wildlife, which include noise, higher mortality rates, and oil spills, as well as the inconvenience and risk hunters will endure when crossing ship tracks.

For ecologically and culturally significant areas, site-specific seasonal setbacks for marine shipping have been designated in Table 1. Subject to safe navigation, vessels traveling in

these areas must obey these setbacks. These restrictions do not apply to traditional activities.

(Slide: Marine Corridors): Through the Northern Marine Transportation Corridors Initiative, the Canadian Coast Guard has identified the most heavily used marine corridors in Nunavut, and the corridors most likely to see an increase in marine shipping as the climate warms. Charting certain waterways can reduce the occurrence of ships traveling in ecologically delicate areas and improve overall safety. Based on all information received, the NPC recommends that responsible authorities work collaboratively in developing alternative routes for ships, learn about the impacts of ships travelling in convoys, and standardize procedures for spill containment in loose ice conditions.

(Slide: On-Ice Transportation Corridors): There are a number of traditional on-ice transportation corridors in Nunavut. In order to protect these established informal routes, NPC recommends that on-ice transportation corridors be assigned as a Special Management Area with seasonal restrictions, so that no shipping or ice breaking occurs during the seasons of Ukiaq, Ukiuq, Upingaksaq, and Upingaaq. Proponents requesting to ice break on routes that cross recognized on-ice transportation corridors must answer a series of questions in their application.

(Slide: Chapter 6 – Implementation Strategy): All proposed projects must first be submitted to the NPC to determine whether they conform to the Plan before other regulatory authorities can consider them.

If the proposed use is not prohibited and complies with all applicable conditions and additional information requirements, it will conform to the Nunavut Land Use Plan and the NPC will forward the proposal to other regulatory authorities for consideration. If the proposed use is prohibited or is unable to comply with relevant conditions, it will not be in conformity with the Plan.

(Slide: Existing Rights): The Nunavut Land Use Plan and any future plan amendments may apply to some projects/project proposals that had existing rights before its approval. If a proposal is submitted and is considered to have 'significant modifications' to its original project scope, the project as a whole may have to be reviewed again. The Draft Plan identifies seven distinct stages in mineral exploration and development: prospecting, staking, exploration, advanced exploration, mining, closure and remediation, and monitoring. If a mining company submits an application and the activities clearly identify a change from one stage to another a new conformity determination may have to be conducted. Peter?

Leena: *(Slide: Additional Research):* With the Canadian North undergoing rapid changes, constant research and monitoring must take place to understand the nature and

implication of these changes. The Draft Plan identifies a number of areas where research is strongly recommended.

(Slide: Incremental Planning): The Draft Plan is a living document, which can be updated as new information becomes available. The Plan can be changed or updated through a public plan amendment process to consider new information or a project proposal that would otherwise not conform to the plan. A Plan amendment can be requested at any time.

In addition to Plan amendments, the NPC will periodically review the entire Plan to ensure the Plan does not become outdated.

As you were told earlier from your communities, you know your community better and the environment around it. Thank you. I apologize that I was talking for a long time. Thank you.

Brian: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Leena. Brian, Nunavut Planning Commission. Someone mentioned earlier why there was no translation. On the video, just for your information, it's a work in progress. Tomorrow or today, they will probably interview to be added to the video, so once it is completely done, it will be translated. Let's take a 15-minute coffee break, and then we will break out into groups. Thank you.

Howard: *(Translated)*: I have no idea what the progression is like, and I hope you will be giving us an opportunity to ask questions. Thank you.

Brian: *(Answered in the affirmative)*

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David L: My name is David Livingstone, and with Steve here, we'll try to moderate much of the rest of the day. There was a request for a few minutes of discussion, questions following the presentation. We'll do that and give it about 10 minutes, and then we'll move into the community breakout groups. I guess I'd remind people – and I'll do this time and time again during the day if need be – the purpose of this session is primarily to enable the community representatives to be fully prepared for the Public Hearing. So it's intended that the focus of the meeting be on preparing community representatives to go back to their communities to talk about the Plan, and to work with the community to present the communities' views for the January 13th deadline for written submissions, and then subsequently at the Public Hearing. So this is for the communities primarily.

Having said that, I'll open it up for questions. I'd ask that people, when they are asking a question, introduce themselves first. Brian, did you want to say something?

Brian: Thank you, David. Brian, Aglukark. A Chester representative just arrived. Could you introduce yourself for the record?

Harry: Good morning. Henry Aggark, HTO Chesterfield. I'm representing the organization. We had a scheduled arrival yesterday, but there were no seats available to us. Likewise, Barney is coming in later today on the plane.

David L: Thank you, Harry. Thank you, Brian. So are there questions that people would like to raise now or observations, or can we move directly into the community session? Please go ahead.

Pauline: My name is Pauline Kadjuk, Chesterfield Inlet. I am here with CLARCs. Yesterday was our schedule as well but they didn't have any seats.

David L: Thank you. Any other comments from the group? Please.

Paula: When Peter Scholz mentioned about the watershed for Baker Lake for drinking water, he needs to add, or we need to add Thelon River as the main river for our drinking water.

David L: Thank you, Paula. Are there other comments? We can get into more detail as we get into the community breakout sessions. Alright, seeing no hands up, let's break up into the community sessions. Please in the future, I would ask people if I'm asking for comments, to respond quickly.

Howard: I'm not sure when we do the breakout, where are we going to go? We have a big table here, and there are a few interest points I'd like to point either to you or to the group maybe would be better. I'd like to know where we should go to meet in a quiet place with our group here. I'm very confused on that. I wonder if we can be directed to where we can go to have a group meeting.

David L: Well funny you should ask, I'm going to get to that right now. Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, and thank you, David. We were going to do the breakout sessions and get the room ready at break, but we had a request to come back to the main table for questions. So now that you have asked the question, we are going into the community groups. It's going to take our team about five minutes, and Brian is going to divide you up and tell you where each community is going. Primarily again, this is a public forum, as we have noted. The groups that are breaking up, we ask that the community members be the ones that are participating. Others are welcome to observe, but please respect that the communities are here to get the community input and to answer their questions. With that, I'm going to turn it over to Brian, and we're going to get going. Thank you.

Brian: Qujannamiik, Sharon. Coral Harbour: Alana will be your information rep. We'll start in a while. Baker Lake: Jonathan, you'll work with Jonathan. Just go where he is. Arviat:

Peter Scholz, and the other communities will be together including Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield, and Whale Cove to be combined together. Interpreters will be provided for you. We will work on the maps right now. Thank you.

Raymond? *(Translated)*: What about representing the Kivalliq? I wonder if we could just mix with each other?

Brian: As I mentioned earlier, you can interchange tables if you are interested in a topic or other communities. But for now, it will be with each community at the moment. That will be the best, and it will go well. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, and we will resume in five minutes.

Raymond? *(Translated)*: After the meeting, we will have questions. Will there be community representatives that are with your group so we can inform you what we think?

Brian: *(Translated)*: After the group session, you will have an opportunity to ask questions, but there is also tonight's session that could be allocated to your request. Right now, it is open. Once we break into groups, it is a general discussion.

Raymond? *(Translated)*: I don't see any Rankin representatives. Where are they? I only see one person. Is there a Rankin representative?

Brian: *(Translated)*: Yep, let's break into groups first to see who is in attendance. Five minutes.

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COMMUNITY BREAKOUT GROUPS MAPPING SESSION

(Individual sessions recorded in writing)

David L: The next item on the agenda is the Regional Summary of the Draft Land Use Plan, and I guess Jonathan will lead us through that. It will be a relatively brief overview and then we can get into a roundtable of discussions if people like. Just so you know, the items after the break, the roundtable on Key Issues and the Overview of Tools will be considerably shorter than is shown on the agenda. We'll just introduce the key issues – some of the key issues – that have been identified and have a quick discussion about community engagement tools, and the ways that the NPC staff can help motivate that and ensure that it goes smoothly. Then we will see about the need for an evening

session. It may be that the session will not be required. It depends on the nature of the discussions we have later this afternoon.

I gather, too, because of impending snowstorm blizzard in Iqaluit, that there will be a charter leaving for Iqaluit later this evening. We want to make sure people, obviously, have time to make their way to the plane and so on. The storm is forecasted to last until Friday, which means that if they don't get out – if those folks don't get out tonight – they won't be getting home until Friday at the earliest. Then the next leg of this community engagement process starts on Monday, so that would mean it would be a pretty difficult time for those folks. We'd like to get them home for the weekend at least. So I'll turn it over to Jonathan, and he can lead us through the Regional Summary.

REGIONAL SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

Jon: Thank you very much, David. This is Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. The first slide shows Schedule A as it appeared in 2014. Just a quick summary: There are a large number of yellow Special Management Areas you see on the screen. The biggest difference between 2016, if we toggle to that, you can see a lot of those have been removed or converted to Protected Areas, so caribou post-calving areas for example, changed from Special Management Areas to Protected Areas. As well of note, in the southern Kivalliq, the lands withdrawn for the Dënesųliné Land Claims Negotiations have also been removed from this map in 2016.

Moving along, we have a colorful illustration of various caribou habitat that make up the designations on Schedule A. So just to recap once again, we have caribou calving areas in green, the caribou post-calving areas in pink, in yellow there are the key access corridors. These are the small areas used by the pregnant cows to reach the calving ground. Also the caribou key water crossings are identified in brown. These are all Protected Areas with a number of prohibited uses.

On the screen now, we have a summary of walrus haul-outs and beluga calving grounds in the Kivalliq. The walrus haul-outs are identified in the Land Use Plan as Protected Areas with a number of prohibited uses, and the beluga calving grounds are a good example of Special Management Areas where there are seasonal restrictions on vessels approaching these marine areas.

Another set of land use designations in the Kivalliq are along the Canadian Heritage Rivers with the Thelon and the Kazan. The green circles identified on the map are small areas of importance that are identified in the management plans for those heritage rivers, so they could be locations of cultural significance, historic significance, perhaps good camping sites along the rivers, or areas of particular beauty or value. They are identified as Protected Areas in the Plan with a number of prohibited uses.

I'll just note that in addition to these small locations, the corridor in general along the river is also identified as a value on Schedule B that would be passed on to proponents and other regulatory authorities.

This map shows areas of known mineral potential. These areas are not included on Schedule A, as there are no particular prohibited uses or conditions associated with them, but they are included on Schedule B as a particular Value.

This map shows some overlap between Protected Areas and active and inactive mineral exploration. As you can see, there are a number of locations in the Kivalliq where the proposed Protected Areas in the Draft Plan do overlap with some current and past exploration activities.

On the map here, we see two separate hydroelectric potential sites, one on the Quoich River is an area that has been identified for having hydroelectric potential for a dam with a reservoir. So in this location, there is a particular point along the river that may be suitable for damming and flooding a reservoir to generate electricity. This is different than the site along the Thelon where it is a particular bend in the river with a certain amount of water could be separated from the river and sent through a turbine and deposited back in the river. So at that location, there would be no reservoir. Both of these sites are identified as Special Management Areas, and there are a number of prohibited uses associated with that to protect the value of those unique locations.

I'll spend a bit of time on this terrestrial linear infrastructure slide. Just note that under the current Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and the proposed Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, a proposal involving a road connecting Nunavut to Manitoba would require a Plan amendment.

The word 'linear' is meant to refer to anything long and thin. Linear infrastructure refers to roads, railways, telephone lines, and other built features that run a long distance. This map shows in red, the roads that have already been built in Nunavut. Purple lines show where roads have been proposed and are presently either approved for construction or are in the environmental assessment or water licensing stage. This means that unless the proposal is significantly altered, purple lines show roads that would be exempt from the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

The beige lines show speculative roads. There has been money spent on the feasibility or engineering of these roads, but the road itself has not entered the formal approval process. The 2016 Draft of the Nunavut Land use Plan does not attempt to propose a linear infrastructure network plan of communications and transportation links. Instead, the Plan creates a system for objectively considering and comparing options for achieving targets.

This system relies on two types of alternative assessments based on mode – the form of transportation being considered – and routing. The Nunavut Planning Commission will be looking at the mode and routing of proposed linear infrastructure at a high level and leave the detailed assessment to the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Nunavut Water Board and others.

This final slide identifies some small Protected Areas for different types of caribou habitat in the Southern Kivalliq that overlap with an Order-in-Council land withdrawal for the Dënesųłiné Land Claims Negotiations that are ongoing. It is important to note that these areas will be considered as Mixed Use moving forward, including during the Public Hearing. So I'll stop there and turn it back to David. Thank you.

OPEN FORUM & NPC TIMELINE DISCUSSION

David L: Thanks, Jonathan. So following on the community breakout groups this morning, and the broader presentation – region-wide presentation – are there any questions or comments, particularly from the community representatives here? Are there any points of clarification? Any additional information you'd like to share with the group? Now is as good a time as any to have that discussion. I'd encourage people not to be shy. It's a relatively small room, and we're all friends. So if you could just raise whatever points you would like to, that would be great. I will give people a couple of minutes to think about it. I don't see any hands up, then we'll move on to the next agenda item.

Brian: Qujannamiik, David. Brian, Nunavut Planning Commission. I think, Raymond you had some questions. We are waiting for you, so it would be a good time to ask questions.

Raymond: (*Translated*): This is a question. I think when I arrived this afternoon, everything became clear. I think you have a program well prepared to proceedings. I will plan out, and there is hardly no way to deviate if you were to ask questions. You have thought well and you have made boundaries very clear so I understand what the maps were all about. Before I understood the details of the map, I was worried.

The linear corridors, it appears to be well placed. So if it's not firm, is that what you want to pursue to have it in its place? Is there any way you can ask us if linear should be there where it is?

Brian: (*Translated*): Raymond, I'll try to answer clearly. Since 2008 to today, we have been compiling information. We have met with regional organizations such as NTI and different regions. We have been asking questions for quite some time. The agenda at this particular meeting, in Cambridge Bay and Dënesųłiné in Thompson – come Monday, we plan to be in Kuujuaq and then to North Baffin. We came to ask regional organizations such as NTI since 2008 to today, we have asked questions seeking directions, especially from our eyes how their regional population would be affected.

So January 13th is an absolute deadline. On January 13, we would ask for written submissions. The staff have been very clear. The Draft Plan, it's not closed. It could be amended. It could be different. We're still asking for what people think, so what you heard could change anytime, because we're still compiling information.

Raymond: *(Translated)*: Thank you. You have answered well, but as we understood, the data you have collected – you said was it January 13th for our submissions was the absolute. So prior to that, you want written submissions submitted before January 13th. Is that the deadline or for it to arrive. January 13th. Beyond that, anyone who wishes to make submissions will be late. Is how it is going to be? That's what I want to know.

David L: Thanks, Raymond. Brian?

Brian: *(Translated)*: Qujannamiik, Raymond. Yes, January 13th is the absolute deadline. For the Nunavut Planning Commission, it's important, because as Leena mentioned this morning, we are getting pretty close to the last final Public Hearing. So everything has to be put in place. The plans have to be put in place. January 13th is the absolute deadline.

Raymond: *(Translated)*: The last item: Yes, I have belonged to many organizations and for some IPGs deadlines are firm. When they miss a deadline, after that, their submissions are invalid. So January 13th, the submission that we wish to make for the March meeting at the final Public Hearing, that's what I understood this morning. So prior to that, it appears to be very rushed. That's just my thought.

David L: Perhaps I can fill in a little bit of the gaps. The January 13th deadline is a real deadline for written submissions, but participants also have the opportunity at the Public Hearing to make a short statement summarizing their key issues. Given the number of participants up to about 100, time will be tight for that, perhaps 20 minutes per organization. There are ways to perhaps combine several communities and one longer presentation. That would be up to the folks representing those communities.

But following the Public Hearing, there will be an opportunity to submit final written arguments - written statements – so you'll have the January 13th deadline, which is partly targeted to the Commission, so they can see what people think is important. But it's also to give other people a sense of what is important to you or to other communities so that everybody going into the Public Hearing has a good idea of what everybody else is thinking.

Then we'll have a discussion at the Public Hearing. Following the Public Hearing, people will have a chance to write to the Commission and say, "The Public Hearing was very interesting. We noticed a couple of things we would like to emphasize." This could be good things or criticism. So you'll have another opportunity to advise the Commission at that point. That will be, I think a month after the Public Hearing, the deadline for that.

So you'll have three opportunities really. I guess I would also remind people that this process has been going on for a long time, and there have been lots of discussions. I think there has been lots of exchange of information. It may seem tight now because the Public Hearing is coming up, but it's all the tip of the spear. It's all being brought together.

If you look in the longer term, it hasn't been a rushed process, but it will be a challenge for some communities, I think, to meet that January 13th deadline. I would strongly encourage folks to work toward that. The Planning Commission staff are available to help if need be. The Planning Commission will also be releasing a guide that can help you structure your written comments in categories. So they're trying to make it a little simpler. The help is there, but we all recognize the challenge is real, and time right now is limited.

The good news is that perhaps after all these years, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and that in a few more months, Nunavummiut will have their first territory-wide Land Use Plan, which is something to celebrate, at least in theory. We'll see how in-practice it all works out. We've come a long way, and there are not that many months ahead to finalize it. Yes please.

Donat: *(Translated)*: Donat Milortok. I have a short question from Arviat and from representing KIA. In the Kivalliq region, we are working hard for our future. It's going to keep going, and we want to identify a road. If we have a written submission before January 13, however, can we get information? You're too late. You can't have a written submission. I know the map there is a lot of work to be done putting numbers on the maps.

If they want to have a road and a hydro line to the Kivalliq region, there are a lot of Protected Areas and they are going to make changes to the map from Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin, Chesterfield, Baker Lake. We'll have to have community meetings if they are going to have a road and a hydro line. I wanted to get clarification on that, if it's understandable.

David L: Thank you, Donat. Brian?

Brian: *(Translated)*: Qujannamiik, David. Brian Aglukark, NPC. Your first question is if you are late for submissions you cannot make any more submissions. Yes, probably the staff will say it's too late. However, this is a deadline that we have – January 13 – it's from the Commissioners. But if you have late submissions, the staff will let you know. Maybe if you ask the question or have a written submission, if you ask for a couple of more days, it would be the Commissioners' choice. So it's the staff that can't decide on extending the deadline.

However, your question with the road from Manitoba to the Kivalliq region, Jonathan will let us know. Maybe if I say it like that right now, yes, our deadline for the Draft Plan it's not done yet. If they want to build a road – or anyone that wants to build a road – they would be able to ask for an amendment if they are going to build a road or a hydro line. So if they ask the Planning Commission following the rules, anyone in the Kivalliq region will be able to move forward on that. Jonathan will explain and answer your question better. I hope I answered the first part of your question.

Jonathan: Thank you, Brian. I guess I can just clarify that under the Draft Land Use Plan, the proposed Protected Areas in the Kivalliq would not allow that road or hydro line under those proposed designations. But as Brian mentioned, a Plan amendment could be sought to allow that road to proceed under the Draft Plan.

That being said, we're here, of course, encouraging feedback and input on those issues, so we would welcome any comments you may have on that aspect of the Plan in your submissions. Thanks.

David L: Thanks, Jonathan. Any follow-up question? Donat?

Donat: (*Translated*): Thank you. Just to get clarification, in December if we have a written submission, and it's a big issue that we will try to work on, and you have a deadline of January 13th, in December they are requesting the changes. If there are no changes after the 13th, there is not going to be any more community visits. It's going to be November, December, January. Even if we ask for submissions after that, we apologize. We cannot visit the communities anymore, and Nunavut Planning Commission Directors once they finish the community visits. I want to get clarification. If we're late for submissions, I can see right now this is our last opportunity to make changes. So it's only three months in the future. If we want to make a big huge change with respect to using land, the communities have to be apprised, and they have to be okay with the changes. Are we too late now?

David L: Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, David. Brian Aglukark, NPC. I think there is a little misunderstanding, or maybe it's me that is having a misunderstanding. I'll try to answer your question. Right now today what we are meeting about, we're gathering information on how you feel about the Draft Land Use Plan, if you want to ask managers to move forward. If anybody wants to build a road or a line, we're just gathering information right now, and the maps that we have that you looked at – the maps this morning – we want to find out what your thoughts are on the maps and the designations. We want to hear from you before January 13th of all your issues and concerns. You have the opportunity until then.

However, under the Draft Land Use Plan right now, if you're not happy with the Draft Land Use Plan and the maps, you can have a written submission. When you go to Iqaluit, you'll have the opportunity to speak, and you'll have about 20 minutes to let them know what all your concerns are. If you want a road, you can make an application to amend. That's what we mentioned this morning.

The Draft Land Use Plan is not approved yet. We're still gathering information on how you want to see the Plan. We're still gathering information right now. We've been working on it up until today. We're still gathering information. That is why we are here today. We want to hear from you. Right now that is how it is set, and it will be given to the Directors. So after March, once the Public Hearing is over, then you'll be able to ask for amendments.

David L: Thanks. Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, David. So just to make sure everybody is clear on the timeline, there is the filing of expert reports. On November 15th, participants may file and serve expert report summaries. December 15th, in all languages. January 13th is the absolute final date for your submission to go in for the Public Hearing. That date is not up for option. That is part of the process. Those are the dates that are set.

The information that is going forward to the Public Hearing - that is information that at the Public Hearing - will be heard by Commissioners, not staff but Commissioners of the Planning Commission. The decisions on all the submissions and the information are made by the NPC Commissioners. They will hear all the evidence. They will look at all the submissions. They will hear your oral presentations and your closing remarks at the Public Hearing. Then they will deliberate the decisions for the next version of the Draft Plan to go forward to the ministers and to NTI.

We are in the last part of the process, as Brian, others, and Andrew our Chairperson have said this morning. This has been a very long process. We have been consulting for a long time with communities, but it is very important that for you as communities, we are here to inform you, engage you, and help you prepare and work with the communities and HTOs, with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, to make sure that your voice as communities is equally heard with government, with the KIAs, with other organizations, with Industry, because your voice is equal.

That's why we're doing these Prehearing Conferences with communities, to help you and assist you so that when you do come to the Public Hearing, you know and understand. The people that are around the table today from the communities are the community members that are going to be coming to that Public Hearing in Iqaluit in March to represent your communities. So I hope that is clear.

The dates are set by process, not by Brian or myself. It is set by the process to that is in our procedures that guide the Public Hearings and decisions made by Commissioners. The staff, it is our job to make sure that the Commissioners get the information and that the submissions are done, and it's organized for the Commissioners to hear the information. Taima.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. Susie, you had a question?

Susie K: (*Translated*): Yeah, Susie Kritterdlik, Whale Cove Hamlet representative. In our community, we do have people that are working for us in our Lands Department. We do know that we have a Director from Whale Cove for NPC, and the KIA representative, NTI, and Hamlet go to these types of meetings. Our HTO meets regularly about this.

When we do have representatives in our community that go to meetings, if we can have those directors and let the community know what information that is given during these types of meetings, I would like the Directors to inform the communities. This is my first time to be in this type of meeting, and it's the first time I've heard it. I did work on this many years ago when it was in the '80s.

We started asking our Elders, bringing these maps. Maybe that's when it started. I'm not sure. But this is something that has been dealt with forever, and they meet on it over and over again. Right now, us around the table from Whale Cove and our Elders, we were unclear as to what this meeting is about and the reason for this meeting.

If we can inform our Elders better when they go to the communities, then they'd be able to understand what it is we're doing. So maybe we can get information on why they were here so we get a better understanding of what the process is, as we were talking earlier in breakout groups. I had concerns when we were told that when we go home, we're going to meet with people in our communities and ask what their thoughts are on the maps. When I heard that, I started to worry.

When there are numbers and information that I don't know about, how am I going to be able to let the community members in my community know? If we're not going to get supported, yes we can get supported through phone and the computer. However, when we're not looking at the maps and what is written on the maps, how would we be able to inform our community members when the deadline is so close? I was a little bit concerned. That we would be supported – yes that would be good. Let's get that support right now. Let's hurry up, and let's get this done. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Susie. Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, David. Brian Aglukark, NPC. Your comments and concerns, I understand them. We hear it all the time whenever we go to the communities. As I

mentioned earlier, from the beginning around 2008, we started gathering data. It has been going for a long time. With this Draft Land Use Plan 2012 to 2014, we did visit every community in Nunavut.

We went to Whale Cove twice, and we let the communities know on TV. I know the person beside you. He understands, because we were collecting information when we were planning for this in August. We met with HTO staff and Hamlet staff what we were going to do here. However, yes, we want to help in any way we can. If we can support you, we can work together. With respect to the Draft Land Use Plan, we will be discussing that a little bit later on, if I'm understandable.

David L: Thanks, Brian. Crystal clear. Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, Susie for your comments. In Cambridge Bay and in Thompson, Manitoba we heard the same concerns that communities have challenges and need support. The Commission budget is limited, as we are under funding to do our work plans that are approved.

In saying that, we have had a discussion with our Chair and with some of the Government of Canada people that are here. We do plan to write a letter to the Minister expressing the concerns that communities are raising with the limited capacity and the need to organize themselves.

We are committed to doing that. We will bring that to the attention of the Federal Minister. I don't know the answer of what that will be or if there are any funds that could flow possibly through NAM to the communities. But we are committed to bringing that to the attention of the Federal Minister. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Sharon. Amanda?

Amanda: I have a few questions, and maybe I'm lost on the agenda, if you want comments on and questions on process or what we're looking at addressing right now, or if you wanted questions on the summary of the Regional Plan that we went through earlier before lunch?

David L: I think we're open – or the Commission is open – to any questions or comments at this point.

Amanda: Ma'tna. I have a few, so maybe stop me if it gets too much.

David L: Yeah, I have a mute button here that I love using, so don't worry. I'll stop you, and Luis can vouch for that as well.

(Laughter)

Amanda: I've been muted and beeped before, so it's not my first rodeo. On process, one of the comments that I had was the same as Susie, which is how we as regular community members are going to go home and organize public meetings and put up maps, and try to do with the NPC staff did just before lunch in our groups? They did a very good job, probably better than I'm going to be able to do. Maybe Peter will do better than me in Arviat. But that's a concern.

Especially the last community visits en mass that the Planning Commission did in 2014, if I understand Brian correctly, that was with the previous Draft of the Plan. I think this 2016 version of the Land Use Plan is really a good one. I think there are some important changes that have been made, and I think it would be really valuable for the communities to hear from the Planning Commission on these changes, because it substantially changes the Plan that is being looked at now.

Again, I think it's a very good expansion, and the Draft now is in great shape. With that said, and I understand the timelines working in regulatory work myself for years, I know that can be difficult to change, and I know funding can be difficult to get. I wonder if the Planning Commission could consider giving an extension to the deadline for community submissions from January 13th.

I'm looking, I guess for special consideration and the fact that Government, Regional Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik, Regional Wildlife Boards, are organizations that have many paid staff, lots of resources and lawyers to review this information and put together submissions. Communities are not quite up on that level, especially you're looking at in many cases, volunteer people that come to the meetings like this. To put together a written submission and oral presentation, a little bit more time might be helpful for those communities to do that. So as a partway measure, maybe that could be considered.

I have one more comment or question about the process, I suppose, for going into the Hearing. I read in a supplementary document – it might have been one that is attached to the screen – that only written and preregistered questions would be heard by Commissioners for the Hearing. I was wondering if you can confirm that, and also if there would be any considering to allowing community members to ask questions at the Hearing, or if they are bound by the same rule to submit questions before we even go to Iqaluit?

David L: Thanks, Amanda. I'll turn to Sharon to address those questions.

Sharon: Thank you, David. Thank you, Amanda. Sharon from the Commission. First of all, some of the tools, you're right on the time for the consultation. The Draft was requested to be updated, and as you recognized, there was a 2012 version. It has been updated. Now

there is a 2016, and this is the Final Draft going. The timeline is the timeline. It can't be changed.

In saying that, to help the communities, as Brian said, we did go to each of the communities twice. Every community in Nunavut has an approved report by their Hamlet Council with the exception of Cambridge Bay. Those reports are in your communities, and they can help you formulate your submissions.

As well, the Commission is going to put out for you...We have an Issues list, but we also have a template that will help you focus your issues, so communities are supported. Budget is always a critical thing. Recognize that we are federally funded. We submit our work plans. Our money is our money, and that is all there is. So the timeline is already set. No, it can't be changed. I wish I could tell you differently, but that is the way it is. All submissions must be in on the 13th of January.

But if you look at your community reports that you already have, we went back to every community and validated that the information and the datasets that we created are correct. All Hamlets passed motions supporting those reports. Those reports are a great tool to help you with your submissions. We are also working with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities with Brian Fleming. He is their Executive Director and their executive to provide assistance.

This is the first-of-its-kind Hearing. It is large. There are 90-plus participants, so with regards to questions, it is very structured. The way that the Commissioners looked at everything, you will have an opportunity. If there are groups that want to pool their time and Hamlets have common issues or interests and want to do a collective presentation, you also can do that at the Hearing.

We recognize that looking at giving all participants 20 minutes, we're at 8½ days, and the funding is for 10 days total. So to be fair to all participants in ensure that everyone has an opportunity to make a presentation and a closing remark after they hear all the presentations, I think you can recognize that the Commission needed to find a way to hear the questions and be fair in the process. That is why the Commissioners have set out the structure that they have set out. Maybe if Steve or Brian wants to add anything - or David, further with the structure...have I missed anything? I hope I answered your questions. Thank you.

David L: Yeah, I don't think I have anything to add other than that it's going to be a very, very busy Public Hearing. There is only so much information that can be transmitted during that time. So as much information that can be sent beforehand... And then people will have an opportunity after the Hearing, after the dust has settled, to send in their final remarks.

I don't think anybody is really expecting the submissions from the communities to rival those of government. The communities, I think, we can anticipate they are going to speak more from the heart. I think that's where you community folks excel. That's where the Commissioners will get the essence of what is important to communities. Don't think I don't know it's going to be a challenge to formulate those interventions, but I don't think you need to worry about the finer details that government agencies, for example, might be. Just get the key concerns to the Commissioners in the time you have available.

Remember, too, that it's the first generation Land Use Plan. There are opportunities built into the process to amend that Plan. Then at the end of five years, there will be a review of the Plan. So it's not like it's going to be carved in stone. There is flexibility and adaptability. Raymond, did you have a comment again?

Raymond: *(Translated)*: Qujannamiik. We're asking questions to get clarification. Another one I'm going to ask you is the participation in the Public Hearing is really important. It's today October 24th. Caribou calving grounds appear to be larger than when I first saw them in 2014. It will be impacting the public in 2016 and used in the regions in your planning data. It appears to be cutting the calving ground areas – it appears to be cutting a lot of way for corridors, even though as it is, it could be disrupting what has been planned for the Kivalliq for a long time.

According to your Land Use, it appears to be getting so detailed. As a matter of fact, it is becoming confusing now. Nunavut Planning Commission, the details that are left over, will they be corrected? Will someone handle them?

Nunavut and Manitoba have thought of putting a road together, a power line, so cargo can move freely to Nunavut. I would like to see assistance to the community for their wellbeing through working together, and for those who wish to have a road become a reality. It has been a long anticipated project, and it would open many things like tourism, mineral exploration. It would create jobs in many areas for the economy. It would be improving the life of a lot of people with job prices and products. More things will be coming in from Manitoba to the people. This road would really affect many, and building it is stable, solid.

Another question: I visualize funds that could be made available to creating a road. This is not an idea that is far. It is a reality. So perhaps we prematurely act without really asking what the meeting and the details are all about. If you want clarification from us and what we need and wish to see as participants, and our thoughts of a Kivalliq road and power lines, it is too costly as it is today. The food is high. It is too expensive and appears to be increasing in price on a day-to-day basis. That program that used to be run by the Federal Government is no longer in, so any kind of assistance we could see has gone for the Kivalliq.

We need something to happen in the power and everything else that costs with everything in our daily lives. Thank you, Chair.

David L: Thank you, Raymond for that statement. I don't know that there is anything to respond to.

Brian: (*Translated*): Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. The comments you made here, we understand, I understand. We hear. We are listening. Today this is why we are sitting her together to solve issues like this that would be the end result. Your comments are being recorded, but the Commission can only change the deadline where they were just compiling information, conducting information sessions.

The 2014 and 2016 documents are not what they appear to be, but the planning is progressive. It is continuing. When we collect data, for instance last summer, we had Technical Meetings. There were experts in every field. In fact, we had a Technical Meeting four times. We listened to their ideas, and they are in our data system. We're still gathering information today, and they will all be passed on to the NPC Commissioners after the March Final Hearing. We will decide how to address your concern. It will be addressed as many other concerns that will be told to us. It will be brought on to the Commissioners.

Raymond: (*Translated*): Just a short comment: Many have discussed this road, Hudson Bay roundtable and others. They're all busy talking about it, so I brought it up again. The protection measures for linear infrastructures should be altered a bit to make this happen.

David: Thank you, Raymond. I want to turn to the community folks. Susie, you had a question earlier, and I'm sorry I didn't get back to you.

Susie: (*Translated*): The topics have been clear, especially the mapping this morning, although it is not part of us to deal with details that extend there. But the question I have has been asked and answered, so I'll only come up with this question: We are being told, and we are many here. We are here from Coral Harbour and various groups, so when we get back, we'll be able to disseminate information.

I don't think we're rushing the dates. January 13th appears to be firm, although that is a final date. People are not going to the land a lot. I could say that because our community is small. Not everybody will respond to us and work with us. But we can give information of what the map contents are, but here I see only one representative from Naujaat. Somebody should go up to Naujaat itself now to explain what you have been telling us.

David L: Thank you, Susie. Any response, Brian? David and then we will take a break. I see refreshments are out there.

David A: David Aglukark, the Senior. At our breakout, we had a lot of thoughts and details that we discussed. So when we get back to Arviat, we will pursue to meet with many people as we can and extract their thoughts and get information from them. The time is critical. The mapping breakout we did this morning, it gives you broader ideas of how we can assist and give information, and what to do.

So in thought of that, the Arviat delegation is the most southernmost community in Nunavut. That's why we're called Kivalliq. As it is, I think that this is very important work. People of Arviat, we're so close to Manitoba and the border, and we know the Kivalliq Inuit Association and Dënesųłiné have been sitting together. I don't know if that's continuing because of the border transboundary concerns, Mixed Use and stuff like that.

So Arviat people are a bit concerned, and here we heard this morning that the Government of Canada has exchanged their crown land for the sake of negotiations. I'm not familiar with it, so I will not go into details, but just very basic thoughts. The things that we like to do, and perhaps Dënesųłiné will continue and finish their negotiations us, but the Draft Land Use Plan here today that we are discussing, it looks so close. Perhaps Nunavummiut should now understand what the whole procedure is all about.

This is our Nunavut. We are slow in acting perhaps. That is why it appears to be late in coming, but for those of us who were in my group, we are going home. We are taking the maps and taking them to the Hamlets. We are going to ask them to put it on the wall. It's easy to make statements when you are talking, but when you actually have to do it, it becomes a hard reality that you can. But it is so close, and we've been here in this planning for many years. It has to come to an end, to finish the Article in the Land Claims Agreement.

So we have to work and not be lazy about it. Never mind procrastination. Go there. See from our fellow Arviatmmiut. See what their thoughts are. When we say we are going to do something, we should. Procrastination and the laziness have to be put aside. This was our agreement as a group this morning, what we decided to act on. So when we get back to our community, we will proceed, Peter, David 1 and David 2 will work with us. what I just wanted to comment on.

David L: Just a second, Brian. I wanted to respond to David Senior. You've heard from the Planning Commission that it is prepared to help – the staff is prepared to help. I understand that you have a close relative who actually sits on the Planning Commission staff, and I'm sure he would be delighted to help out whenever he is in Arviat, which isn't very often I understand. Brian?

(Laughter)

Brian: Thank you, David. We'll send (*?inaudible*) to help you. He's a close relative of yours as well. (*Translated*): As you mentioned, you briefly mentioned Dēnesųlíné. Just to let you know, we met with them, and they appear to be very concerned about the environment and the mammals we depend on. It appears you have just echoed their thoughts. When we met them, they had a strong voice. Qujannamiik.

David L: Like father, like son. Okay, let's take a 10 to 15 minute break, and then we'll get back. Thank you.

BREAK

David L: With your permission, we'll wrap this up by 5:30 at the latest. I don't think there is a need to get together as a large group this evening. My sense is that people need some time to think about things. I would suggest, though, that if communities want to spend a little time in the evening and the early part of the evening with their Nunavut Planning Commission staff representative going over the maps, there may be an opportunity there.

I'll leave that in your hands to discuss amongst yourselves and then approach the staff if need be. My understanding is that this room will be available. So if you wanted to get together again in the evening and just go over the maps, I think that would be an opportunity. Again, I'll leave that to your communities and the NPC staff to sort out among yourselves.

So the balance of the afternoon, we'll talk briefly about Key Issues – very briefly – and some of the tool that representatives here can think about when talking to the community. Then I'll ask Hannah to make a short presentation from the NTI perspective. That will probably take us until about 4:00 or thereabouts. Then we'll have another hour or so for general discussions, if people want to continue that level of discussion. We will break for supper, and for those that want to come back to talk about the maps, can do so. Does that work reasonably well? I guess if anybody has an objection, let me know. Seeing no obvious signs of objection, we will proceed with that plan.

DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES and OVERVIEW OF TOOLS TO ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

So Key Issues: I don't know if we have that up yet...if we could get the slide up. This list is simply intended to give the community folks a sense of what some of the Key Issues raised today are, and perhaps enable them to focus discussions back in the communities. It is not an exhaustive list. It is not a list that is meant to capture everything, nor is it a list that necessarily captures issues of concern. There may be some issues up there that

some communities aren't in the least bit concerned about. But it's just a guide, a guide to start the communication process within the community.

So that leads into, how are you going to talk about these things – these Issues and the Plan – when you go back? That is the fundamental reason why you are here in the first place is that you can take messages back, receive messages, and then bring them back to the Planning Commission. So I guess I'll ask Brian...oh Barney. I understand that Barney is in the room. Would you like to introduce yourself please?

Barney: Thank you. Barney Aggark, Mayor of Chesterfield Inlet and also with the Hunters and Trappers Organization. Sorry for coming in late. I've been getting bumped off since yesterday by Calm Air. Thank you.

David L: Yeah, we can identify. We chartered from Cambridge Bay to Thompson, and that was four or five days ago, and our luggage just arrived in Rankin Inlet yesterday. So you have my sympathy. Brian, did you want to take this? It's good to see you again, Barney.

Brian: *(Translated)*: Welcome Barney. Thank you, David. David just mentioned that tonight, you will have the opportunity to learn about the maps and what they are. We will be able to continue that tonight. As David mentioned, these are the ones that are key issues from the people around the table. It's just a guide.

When you go to your home communities, how you will be able to notify the public about your issues of concern from the communities for the Planning Commission. Writing to the Commission is something that we will be discussing or just open the floor to you of how you want to proceed. We will have the floor open, and these are the key issues that we have. Thank you.

These are the Communication and Engagement Tools that you will be able to use. I'm going to read them in English. If I try to read them in Inuktitut, we'll be here all night. The first one is bulletin board notices, then local radio and school flyers. The school flyers would be helpful, and if there is a meeting in your community, you can present to them. That would be helpful, or have an announcement at a community meeting or council events or other types of events. We want to hear from you and what you would be able to do. If you will let us know if you will not be able to do it.

David L: Alright, any comments? I think people from the communities are as well aware as anybody about how to communicate within your communities so I'm not going to spend time telling you stuff you already know better than anybody else.

Brian: *(Translated)*: As Susie mentioned earlier, the numbers and what they mean on the maps, how you would be able to use these tools. We are gathering issues and concerns that you might have from the communities, if you can have a written submission to the Planning Commission on how you feel the maps are and the designations. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Brian, and as Brian and Sharon pointed out earlier, the Planning Commission is putting together a Table of Contents for written submissions in January that would also probably be of help. So there is a tentative issues list. There is a template for the written submissions that will be available shortly. Then there is the offer from the Commission staff to help out as needed, as you go through your community engagement sessions. Any comments, questions, or concerns?

We've heard a concern about resources for sure, and Sharon has outlined the approach that the Planning Commission is going to take in trying to secure more money. But that's obviously no guarantee. Raymond?

Raymond: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, Mr. Chairman. In the Kivalliq region and the different regions in the area, the ships are arriving, and they are going close to the walrus haul-outs with the cruise ships. They go close to those walrus haul-outs. The Inuit, even though the cruise ships are going really close to our communities, they don't compensate the community.

For example, Coral Harbour, the walrus haul-outs are identified, and the cruise ships go close to those haul-outs without letting the community know. They don't even let the communities know when they are doing that. They use zodiacs to go closer to the islands, and they go right to the haul-out areas. They are affecting the wildlife when they go close to the walrus haul-outs. We found this out because we do go up to Duke of York Bay when we are hunting caribou, and you see ships that are close to the walrus haul-outs.

Are there any rules and regulations for ships, cruise ships that are travelling in this area? We need rules and regulations of how far those ships should be when they are going close to that area. It seems there are no rules or regulations for cruise ships. I have seen with my own eyes once, but sometimes we don't even notice ships when they are going close to those walrus haul-outs. I wonder if the Commission has considered whether there will be a policy or regulations when they are bringing cruise ships into the areas to ensure that the wildlife are not being affected by those, because they move from the areas where they are.

So I think we need rules and regulations on how far they should be. I know we won't be able to stop the tourism, even if they have a policy on how far they can be when they are looking at the walrus. It would not affect the wildlife as much. When animals are being affected by tourism, they do move away from the affected areas if there is too much activity happening. So I just wanted to mention whether they can have rules and regulations or policy to have ships at a 2 or 3 mile distance from the walrus haul-outs. It is something that I was considering, so that is why I bring it up, Mr. Chairman.

David L: Thanks, Raymond. I'll turn to Brian, and then Amy would you be able to discuss briefly the GN's approach to ecotourism, ships, and the policies you are developing? Okay, Brian first and then Amy, if you can add anything...I guess I'd also turn to Transport Canada if they might have any additional comments. So Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, David. Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. Right now in the Kivalliq region, we do have rules and regulations that have been approved. The Keewatin Land Use Plan is what they follow. We don't have any other policy or regulations that we follow in the Kivalliq region. This is something that is new. We're talking about it today. They have rules and regulations, and our Draft Land Use Plan is not approved yet, so you would be able to add if it's approved or not.

When we had our breakout sessions, I'm sure this was considered by one person, here in Rankin, Whale Cove, Chesterfield, we're talking more about the roads and not the cruise ship. It's something that you would have been able to hear this morning, which is in the Draft Land Use Plan. So these rules and regulations are there. Peter Scholz, our staff member will let you know how they manage the cruise ships.

Peter Scholz: Ma'tna, Brian. This is Peter Scholz from the Nunavut Planning Commission Office in Arviat. I'll just read out the proposed regulations for walrus haul-outs in Nunavut. The walrus haul-outs have been identified by Government and by the Kivalliq Water Board, and they have reviewed both sets of information.

The main condition is no vessel may approach within 5 kilometers seaward of a walrus haul-out at any time during the year. And then for the areas of walrus haul-outs, we have a list of prohibitions that include disposal at sea, oil and gas exploration, and infrastructure. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Peter. Amy, did you have anything that you would like to add about the tourism policy?

Amy: Hello, Amy Robinson, Government of Nunavut. Just a very brief update: So the Government of Nunavut, through the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, is still in the process of updating its tourism legislation and its accompanying regulations. So we're happy to hear. We recognize that these concerns exist, and through these updates, we are hoping to address them. But I can't speak to specifics at this time. I'm sorry. Thanks.

David L: Thanks, Amy. Government of Canada, anything that you can add? Jaideep?

Jaideep: Good afternoon. Jaidep Johan, Transport Canada. I understand that in the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, there will be a restriction for 5 kilometers. I would again suggest that would be subject to safe navigation. Now with regards to the concerns for the cruise ships coming into the area, Transport Canada is working on producing guidelines for the

cruise ships in the Arctic. We are working very closely with the Government of Nunavut Tourism Department, and also we'll be having our community sessions to discuss what we will be representing in the guidelines. So this is a very big concern. I'll take it to my senior management to be included in the guidelines.

David L: Thank you, Jaideep. Raymond, does that address your questions well enough for now?

Raymond: (*Translated*): Mr. Chairman, I know I didn't get a clear answer. However, when they're going everywhere...when they have the shipping routes discussion, I'll be asking that question again.

David L: Alright, thank you. Any other questions or comments on the subject of engagement? Yes, go ahead.

Amanda: I guess from the list that Brian had read out on the screen, it's helpful, and like you said we all know the tools that are available. Is it expected for Number 4: Community Meetings that our group should be engaging in a community meeting of our own? From the discussion that was given by the Planning Commission staff, it's not clear if we are meant to just join on other meetings that might be happening in the next little bit?

Given the timeline for the submission is coming so closely, it would seem important that the new version of this Draft Plan and the items that we are discussing today – the Key Issues – and the fact that community submission is needed in January, that this might warrant a full-scale community meeting in each town, specifically for these purposes.

David L: Thanks, Amanda. Brian?

Brian: Thank you, David. Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission. Amanda, as you know, if I can force my issue or whatever I want on anybody in this country, my life would be much easier, a lot easier. But I can't do that. These are just ideas that we can provide to the floor. We are just going to provide ideas that can generate discussion and possible results to what we're trying to find. Qujannamiik.

David L: Yeah Amanda, if I can add, I think everybody recognizes it's not an easy task to communicate clearly and effectively something like a Land Use Plan to community folks who may be more or less aware of this subject in the first place. There is a hope. I wouldn't even call it an expectation, but a hope, that the people here around the table representing your communities will go back and engage with the others in the community who aren't here and explain what they have heard today and what they know about the Plan, and solicit comments.

How you do that will be subject to time, resources, and local circumstances. So a community meeting is one way. You can conceivably hold a community meeting one

evening, put the maps out, invite people in, and try to walk them through the issues. You can tag onto an already scheduled meeting if it works and raise the subject.

I don't think you can expect – in fact, I'm quite sure – a Commission-sponsored meeting in the time available and with the resources available for sure. That's perhaps not helpful, but I think that's trying to get at the engagement side of this thing. Go ahead.

Amanda: Ma'tna. One point just to follow-up: I think you took it in the direction I was heading, and that is that meetings take time. They take effort, and those things take money. So it would be great to go and facilitate a meeting. My Inuktitut is rough, a couple of words at best. I couldn't do a meeting that would be effective.

So with a population of over 3,000 people, I think that having a meeting and putting maps in place and having people solicited, like you say, would be important for our community. But having resources, i.e., financially available to pay a facilitator or someone to do that, unless it is one of our four people here today, would be a necessary step.

I think also, one other point about resources that I appreciate is we are very fortunate to have the Planning Commission office right in Arviat. We would request another set of maps to provide to the Hunters and Trappers Organization. I think David #1 Senior had said we would be putting up one copy at the Hamlet Office, which is a good start, and a second copy for the HTO, which I don't think are here today from Arviat. That would be a great second step and use of Commission resources that maybe doesn't cost so much right off the top. Thanks.

David L: Thanks, and I'll turn it back to the Commission on this, but as you pointed out, you do have a Commission office in Arviat. Subject to the availability of Commission staff, perhaps a community meeting could be held in Arviat. It's easier in Arviat than it would be in a community that doesn't have a Commission office. Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, Amanda. Thank you, David. Sharon Ehloak with the Planning Commission. Communities tagging it onto a Hamlet Council meeting or a HTO meeting, going back to your community and using your local radio...We all know in our communities how to get our message out. While the resources aren't available to come and do an in-person meeting, that doesn't mean that the Commission staff is not available by teleconference to support if there are questions.

We are providing you with information – the Issues list, which is just a suggested list – and it's on the table in Inuktitut and English at the back. That is based on the outline of the Plan. We're going to provide you with a template to help guide your submission. So there are many things that you can do, recognizing that all communities are challenged at that level. When I was on the Hamlet Council, I recognize wearing a different hat that

there was always a way that we got things done, because as a Hamlet we were committed to making sure the community was aware.

So we are there to work with you. We do have the three regional offices, but our staff is available in the language of your choice to discuss the issues, and we've made that commitment. That's why we're here talking today, because this is important to us. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. And Sharon, I'll reiterate, did mention that the Commission would be writing to the Federal Government asking for additional resources for the communities. We can always ask. Are there any other comments or questions on this part of the agenda? Please.

Paul: *(Translated)*: Paul Pudlat from Coral Harbour. Raymond's comments earlier, I wanted to add onto them. I know it's not only the tourists that affect when they go close to Coats Island where walrus haul-outs are. The ships that come from Churchill and Quebec when they are delivering cargo, maybe the ship is from Montreal I imagine, when they are going to Baker Lake to deliver goods, they go close to Coats Island, and they go in between Coats Island and Southampton Island.

We ask them if they can skirt the island instead so they will not affect the walrus habitat. They wouldn't be affected. We don't think like wildlife. When they see the same thing over and over again, then they want to move away from that area when there is too much activity. I just wanted to add on that comment. It's something we have asked, because there are more and more ships traveling through this area, and they will affect us and our wildlife. So we want that to be considered to ensure that the walrus are not being affected by the ships. Thank you.

David L: Thank you Paul. Other questions before I turn it over to Hannah?

Raymond: *(Translated)*: Thank you. Just a clarification question: We need the maps to take back to the communities for work in the communities. What improvement can we make? What amendments can be made? There is something that I didn't see on the map we were working on, and there are proposals where there should have been come to pass some time ago. The numbering polygons, what do we say to our communities? These polygons with numbers can be changed. Is that the idea? Do we expand? Do we decrease? What improvement are you looking for by asking us to go to our communities?

David L: Yeah, I'll ask Brian to respond, but I think in a nutshell, you're free to make any recommendations you'd like.

Brian: Thank you, David. *(Translated)*: First of all, the maps that you viewed this morning, you can look at them and look at the amendments. They can be done in any way you want. You can ask for different maps. And the other question you have, they are not firm.

These are in draft stages of what we have compiled to date. They are for our Commission members to finalize and look at.

You can work with the Federal Government, NTI and the RIAs, and they are all aware that the deadline for written submissions is pretty firm. But the amendments can be amendment. Here you can work any way you want with it. We are waiting. Ma'tna.

David L: Thank you, Brian. Barney?

Barney: Thank you David (*Translated*): The maps on the wall that are marked. There are originally from the first trips. Qujannamiik.

David L: Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): I don't know if that was a question or not, but you can amend these any way you want. They are for you to review. I don't think they are from the first trip, but they can be reviewed and amended. Ma'tna.

David L: Barney, a follow-up?

Barney: Thank you, David. (*Translated*): If they are not community, who were the participants in development of the diagrams, the map?

Brian: (*Translated*): Many have participated. We have gotten resources from many areas. Peter and Jonathan will be good people to answer your question. With the Beverly Qamanirjuaq herd, the Government of Nunavut, caribou biologists - all participated and local people. That's how the map is diagrammed.

Jonathan: Thanks, Brian. Jonathan Savoy from the Nunavut Planning Commission. Just to confirm, the maps you are referring to are the Schedules on the wall, and they've been updated. These are just from June of 2016, and this is not the version that was reviewed in the communities, but they reflect and are based on the input that was received between those original visits and now. So they've included feedback from all of the different participants in the process as well as the community feedback that was received.

David L: Okay, thanks Jonathan. Lena, you had a question?

Lena T: (*Translated*). I'm Lena Tapatai, Hamlet of Baker Lake. The question I have: Do you have a website for the Nunavut Planning Commission that we can review and look at, or do you work strictly by email? When we ask questions, we need to get a hold of you.

David L: Sharon?

Sharon: Thank you, Leena for your question. Sharon from the Planning Commission. Nunavut.ca is our Commission website. It's in four languages. If you have questions on the information that you see, it's got a number on the website to call, and you can call whatever office for your area. Brian's office is in Arviat, or you can call Cambridge Bay or Iqaluit. All staff can assist you. So Inuktitut, Inuvialuit, English, and French. Oh, and the email addresses are all on the website as well for all the staff to contact. So it's pretty to remember Nunavut.ca.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. Any other comments? I'll turn it over to Hannah if not. Oh, right at the back. Willie?

Willie: (*Translated*): Willie from Coral Harbour, Hamlet Rep. First of all, I'd like to say thank you. We are given opportunities to the amendments in the Plan. Not everybody will be with 100% satisfaction, but people of Kivalliq and the Federal Government people are here. I appreciate seeing that. There were concerns about cargo ships and other kinds, and there are attempts to address the situation. I know that there will be resolution eventually to all the problems that we have discussed here. There will be resolution. It's just a matter of time.

And there's another thing, for instance Coral Harbour and East Bay, the bird sanctuary. They are both bird sanctuary areas. If we were to build access roads, I know we would be running into a wall right away because of their status. But here is what I don't like: The migratory bird technicians - the researchers – what control can we have, because our land has been littered with barrels and relics from the old researchers?

For those who research animals, birds, they are becoming too numerous. I have a lot more to add, but I'm happy here as we sit together for this region of Kivalliq. For those who are invited to participate, I'm happy about it and glad. It's not going to be in vein. It's going to be very useful.

David L: Thank you, Willie. Spencer, do you have anybody on your team who might address his concerns about barrels being left on the tundra?

Spencer: Hello. Spencer Dewar, INAC. I would just encourage anyone to call INAC's office and let us know where the barrels are so we can record them, know where they are. When we are in the area, we can do an inspection to see what's going on.

David L: Thanks, Spencer. I'd note too that the Planning Commission is compiling a list of waste sites that would include barrels and will be developing a priority list of the sites that would need to be cleaned up, sooner rather than later. So if you have specific sites that you know of, the Planning Commission would be very interested in those locations as well. Willie?

Willie: Yeah, I have the coordinates on my GPS, so I can pass them on to somebody else. Thank you.

David L: Thank you. I'll ask Jonathan or Peter to talk to you about that after the meeting. Okay, then let me turn it over to Hannah. Sorry... Raymond?

Raymond: (*Translated*): Thank you. Willie's comments, I support them. It has been a concern for a long time, the rubbish out on the land. There appears to be no action, although it is their responsibility. They don't fall under the DEW Line category. They don't fall under old mining camps for remediation.

So he mentioned about the barrels that have been used for the purpose by researchers who are out there to research on animals. I have myself cleaned up and picked up 15 barrels, as far away as 100 miles because it is so unsightly. It has been out there for many years. They are relics, two or three years. They are reusable and are just there by helicopter aircrafts. They are still there. There is no bother to pick them up or take them back.

It comes to a point now where they are so rotted that you start to worry that they will become a danger to the animals. The immediate areas should be cleaned up and remediated, especially the Federal Government. That is your responsibility. When can you come? When can you do the work? How will you do it? Is there anybody from the Federal Government that can give me an answer, because we are very concerned about the wildlife that might be in this vicinity?

It has been many years – over 30 years – they've been littered there. It just sits on the ground. These are the sort of things that have to be planned as well, and areas cleaned up if we are going to be working together.

David L: Spencer, did you want to follow-up on your comment earlier? I'm going to ask Spencer to answer the question, and then I'll get to you, David, if you can give Spencer just a second.

David A.: Sure.

Spencer: Hi. Spencer Dewar, INAC. We do investigate, and we do have a Contaminated Sites program that does clean up contaminated sites. We do remediation. The majority of what we are undertaking are the larger sites, which are more concern to risk and safety. With that, I would encourage anyone who has seen these on the land to report that, because we do have sometimes opportunities for inspectors to follow-up, and we can trace back who may have been the perpetrator of leaving the barrels behind. So that's one avenue that we can exercise. I think we have to work together, and Nunavut is large. If we have intelligence, we should be sharing it, and then we can do our best to try and tackle some of these concerns.

David L: Thanks, Spencer. Sorry, David. I interrupted you earlier. David Number 2?

David A: Number 1 actually. They guy over there is Number 2.

(Laughter)

(Translated): Raymond, I think your questions have been satisfactorily addressed. KIA and other organizations have written letters from this office to the DIAND office here. They should be open to receive letters. Feel free to write. I think they have funding to do this sort of thing.

(In English): You know we've been hearing that when we get home, we've got a lot of work to try and proceed on with this Planning Commission proposal. But there are no organizers. None of us are going to move. I think discussion of who is going to look after when we get home should be clarified and pinpoint the guy who may be responsible to get some people in the community further into what we are doing now. I think it's quite important, and we have only a couple of months left to try and expose some of the good ideas and thoughts in the community.

(Translated): I think it's a good idea if we talk about it, and if it is going to go ahead. There is no one to look after the relics in the land, old buildings, old barrels, old mining camps that just packed up and left. There appears to be someone who said they can do it. It should go ahead and be done. So we have been told that it is urgent.

NPC will draw strength from us, and March is so fast approaching. They want to do a final Hearing. You said today we go back and talk to people about it. That's my only concern right now. We need to get some information from our communities so information can be had for the NPC.

(In English): I think it's very important. We might not be quite right in gathering up some weapons for this Planning Commission's power. I think we need to set up something that we make sure when we get home to do a little exploration of our own to get some more weaponry to present to the Planning Commission for their use and their future use to come. I want to know for sure.

I want to know now who I'm going to...I have recommended my partner here to look after the possible meeting with the people in the community. I don't think none of us are capable of doing that. I'm not, but maybe a KIA representative. They don't have to be an expert. Just get us mobilized. That's all we need. I think I want to discuss about that before we leave this house and see what we can come up with. None of us is going to activate when we get home unless we have someone to remind us of this. Qujannamiik.

David L: Thank you, David. Sharon, Brian?

Brian: David, just for your confirmation, David Number 1 is on my right.

(Laughter)

(Translated): There are a number of opportunities you have. We have offices in each region you can call. We will do the best we can to assist you. For those of you who are from the communities, you ask who will assist us even in a small way. It will be of great help to all of us. You can decide whom you think should be the contact person. KIA has CLOs in each community. Perhaps some days they are not busy. Perhaps some days they are looking for something to do. Also as a Hamlet, they have land offices in each region, and perhaps they are wondering what we are doing asking for the representative to come up here to participate in the meeting. So right now everything is open to ideas.

David L: Thanks Brian. Okay, first Barney and then Susie. Barney first.

Barney: I pretty well have two of everything now. Maybe I'm making up for coming in late.

(Laughter)

(Translated): Just to give you an idea and for those of us who are here, I think we are being invited to Iqaluit for the Final Hearing representing our communities. People in our region, I think there should be a regional meeting as participants. So we can get our act together and see what each community thinks. I think this is just for an idea of something we can do. There are five of us from Chesterfield, and for those of us, we should select who should lead the team.

I think if we have the same game plan, it will be the best and help us most in our communities. This is the route I would like to take.

David L: Thank you, Barney. Susie?

Susie: *(Translated)*: Ma'tna. I'm just going to say, David, no more numbers.

(Laughter)

David Aglukark said what it means very well. I think we should decide beforehand who will be team leader in each community. I know I'm going to be assigned because I'm bilingual. But there are tools we need, for instance a computer and use of a telephone perhaps. If I'm going to have to look for these two tools, I don't want to be assigned to it. But someone who does this can gather information and dispense information, if we cannot answer immediately, it may not work.

But for those of you who have heard of this topic and have heard that this Plan was amended in June, I don't have the information as David said. But David said let's assign someone who will be our team leader as we head home, who will be the contact person. You mentioned you have regional offices in Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay and Kivalliq. Who do we talk to? Who do we call? That's another concern.

David: Thanks Susie. I'll turn it to Sharon and then Paula.

Sharon: Thank you, Susie for your questions. In Arviat, Brian is the Director of Policy and Planning, and you can contact Brian, Annie, Tommie or Hugh. But Brian can be your contact person and direct your call. In Cambridge Bay, Jon Savoy is the senior person in the office. You can contact Jon, and he can direct. In Iqaluit, that's where I am based. You can call me, or you can call our Senior Planner, Goump – if you want to stand up – or Al, our other Planner. We can assist you with your concerns.

Barney, for your comment regarding mobilization of the region, in the past, they had the Regional Councils, and I think they replaced that with your Regional Mayor Forums. So possibly CGS may have money to assist you under your Regional Mayor Forums. I think they happen this time of year. Maybe that's a venue you can use if that's the avenue you want to go, as an option or suggestion for how you mobilize collectively. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Sharon. I'm going to go to Paula. Just in the interest of time, I want Hannah's presentation, and then we can get back to the discussion if that is okay. I think Hannah may have some useful suggestions as well in this context, or maybe. No pressure, Hannah. Paula?

Paula: Thank you. Paula Hughson, Baker Lake. From what I am understanding today or this afternoon, we are piggybacking on other meetings that are happening in the communities from now until January when we are supposed to submit on behalf of the community. Is that correct?

David L: Sorry, that's one of the options. It's not the only option.

Paula: Logistics-wise, for the communities, are we going to be having to pay for the community hall rentals and all the other kind of things of meeting-type logistics that normally happen, like renting of a hall, translation, materials that you've provided here? Will those be provided to us for when we bring this back to our home communities? Are there summary notes for the changes of the Plan from 2012 to 2016 that we can bring back to the community? All these other questions that people are going to be coming to us, and we won't really know the answers. It's a big task.

David L: Thanks, Paula, and yes it certainly is. Sharon, do you want to answer that?

Sharon: Thank you, Paula. Sharon Ehaloak from the Planning Commission. You're absolutely right with your issues. Again, we've heard this in every location. I wish I could tell you that the Commission had extra funding for you. However, we do have the planning partners sitting here, and GoC is the funder of the Commission – the Government of Canada. I know that they are taking the messages heard at these Regional Hearings back, and the Commission is committed to ensuring that the Minister is aware of the burdens that are on the communities to do this and the cost that it is to have it.

So that's the best answer I can give you. I'm sorry it's not the answer you want to hear, but it's the honest answer. That is our reality. With regard to how you do the meetings or how you work in your community, we are very respectful to work with you and not tell you how to do it. That's not our role. You know your community, Paula, better than we do, because you live there. If you want to use local radio or all the things that we have said to get messages out, those are all options. We're just trying to support you and brainstorm with those. I hope that answers your question. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, Sharon. I know it's not the answer that any of you are looking for, but it's the answer that is available right now. Peter, is it a short question or observation? Then I really do want to turn to Hannah. Peter?

Peter Sh: (*Translated*): Thank you, Chair. Peter Shamee, Hamlet rep. Thank you for allowing us to discuss our concerns on the Draft Land Use Plan. It is becoming a little more clear. After all, it is the first time I've heard this project, and it sounds very exciting. I thank you. Questions and answers are helping me a lot and the work that NPC staff had to do. For those of you who are doing this in the Kivalliq, there are seven communities, and perhaps Brian should indicate that January deadline is here and very close.

Perhaps he could set a date. Once he did that in our communities, we should proceed to dispense information, perhaps ask for a community hall meeting just to give the information to our communities. So my idea is to have a date that we do this together. If NPC could set a date that we could perhaps meet, or in Whale Cove...if we could set up a short schedule date. Perhaps if we could work in unison, it just might work.

David L: Thank you, Peter. Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, David. Qujannamiik, Peter. I am not too clear on your question. But if I understand you correctly, in Arviat if we set a date, then you would be able to hold a meeting in Arviat. And in Whale Cove, we set up a date and have a hearing in Whale Cove. Is that your question?

No, it would be difficult to do that, because we do have other things we have to do. Right now, we were given the funding for this meeting from the Government of Canada, which is why we are able to hold this meeting, and we cannot go to every community for this. If we try in your communities, there's no funding for it right now, and there is no staff for

it. We do have offices. All the staff is here, and we do have other duties when we get back to our office.

But starting now to January 13, it would be difficult to do that. I'll answer you that way. But your question in Arviat, or in Iqaluit, or in Cambridge Bay, we will consider those. We'd be able to do that in those communities. Over the phone we can have teleconferences. We can move forward in the other communities. There are considerations. We are just listening for comments and questions.

David L: Thank you, Brian. Barney?

Barney: Thank you, David. (*Translated*): I wanted to support his comments for when we are going to plan for the future. They will affect our children. So we have to work on this. I know we have to work together. If we can have just one staff member, just one person go to the community. You know the ins and outs of all the Draft Land Use Plan.

I know funding is always an issue, but if we don't have a good Plan because of lack of funding, it wouldn't reflect very well on us when we are planning for our future and getting this Land Use Plan together. It is a very troubling concern. I think we have to consider other ways. I know funding is hard to find. However, when we are planning for our future generation, we have to work hard to ensure that they have a good Plan.

David L: Thank you, Barney. I'm going to make a suggestion. It's consistent with what I was proposing earlier, that the communities get together and reexamine the maps after the supper break. But I'd also suggest that would be an opportune time for the communities amongst themselves to decide on who the lead contact will be for your community. The NPC staff working with you on those maps this evening could be your key contact within the NPC. So that at least now you would have a community contact and NPC staff contact and a little bit more time to go over the maps to provide more information to the people who are here.

Maybe we should focus on that this evening rather than a roundtable of general discussions. Let's finish off the roundtable of general discussions before we break, and then resume in the community sessions at 6:30 or thereabouts. I think that might address many of the concerns that people are raising, and at least start moving the process forward. I think the time this evening would be best used in information sharing using the maps as the basis, and some internal discussions within communities about who your designated contact would be.

So Hannah, can you do your 10-minute-or-so presentation now, and then we still have a half-hour or so to continue this more general discussion. Does that work for you?

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Hannah: Qujannamiik, David. I'm just speaking with Luis from the Kivalliq Inuit Association. I think he wanted to take two minutes of my 10 minutes.

Luis: Thank you, Mr. Chairman for allowing me. My name is Luis Manzo, Director of Lands for Kivalliq Inuit Association. I would like to thank the community members for all the input. That was necessary at this point of the review of the Nunavut Land Use Plan. I would also like to thank the Nunavut Planning Commission to be able to come to the communities to get the feedback for community members.

I want to emphasize to the members that Kivalliq Inuit Association is working according to the calendar provided by NPC. We will soon be submitting and have been submitting technical reports to NPC and then later to the Nunavut Planning Commission. We are working now on a final technical submission, which is why we are here today. I've mentioned many times about collecting your concerns to then place in a technical report.

Unfortunately, we hear there is no funding to do that, and it is costly. It is very costly. But if community members would like to submit any comments to Kivalliq Inuit Association, the ones here at the table, they can do so and we can consider those in our technical report and place it accordingly as it is submitted to our office. We don't have a problem to put another addendum to the technical report from each community as is submitted without changes. That's for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman for the two minutes. I'll pass this along to Hannah who will explain our joint submission between the RIAs and NTI. Thank you.

David L: Thanks, Luis. That was very helpful. Sharon or Brian? Sorry, Hannah. I'll just give these guys a chance.

Brian: Sorry, David. Sorry, Hannah. I just want to get a confirmation if we heard you correctly. Are you telling the communities they can use your resources at each community you have in terms of the KIA staff member you have, the coordinator you have in each community?

Luis: Yes. We can use the CLO member in the community that we have. I will coordinate with NTI, but we can probably provide another staff member. Then without changes in those reports, we can put an addendum for NPC for the wishes and wants of the community, aside of the technical component of the report, which are two different things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

David L: Thank you, Luis. Hannah?

Hannah: Qujannamiik. (*Translated*): I'm Hannah Uniuqsaraq from NTI. NTI is very pleased to have the opportunity to speak to community participants regarding the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Nunavut Agreement requires the active and informed participation and support of Inuit affected by a Land Use Plan. Your views on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan are very important and necessary.

The Plan should reflect how Nunavummiut would like to see Nunavut lands, waters, and resources, including wildlife managed in the short and the long-term. It is up to you to see where the changes would be and what else has to be included or taken out. We realize that everything changes. NTI and the RIAs have many responsibilities, including managing Inuit Owned Lands and making sure Inuit Owned Lands provide Inuit with economic opportunities, and are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

The percentage of IOLs in Nunavut is not large, making it critical that they be managed for the benefit of Inuit. Only 18% percent of lands are surface Inuit Owned Lands managed by the RIAs, and 2% are subsurface Inuit Owned Lands managed by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

It is a requirement that the Nunavut Land Use Plan reflect Inuit goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Lands, following the Agreement. NTI and the RIAs want to hear from the communities whether activities should be or should not be allowed on IOLs in the different proposed designations.

The Nunavut Agreement states that special attention shall be devoted to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands. Many of the proposed designations in the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan overlap with IOLs, and we want to hear from you through letters, or we would be able to contact each other through the computer or toll free number at NTI or the Regional Inuit Associations. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

(*English*): As well, I'd like to thank the NPC for hosting this Regional Session. Qujannamiik.

David L: Thank you, Hannah. Brian?

Brian: (*Translated*): Qujannamiik, David. Qujannamiik, Hannah. That is very clear. I want to ask a question in English.

I'm not sure if I lost it in translation or not or if there are dialect issues. If I understood you correctly, did you state that if IOL parcels are going to be affected in a way that it requires an IIBA, is that what I heard? Can you confirm for me whether the Land Claims Agreement or NuPPAA directs the NPC to seek an IIBA process to manage IOL? Qujannamiik.

Hannah: Qujannamiik, Brian. Yes, it's in the Land Claims Agreement that if Inuit Owned Lands are to be affected, then there are processes to negotiate Inuit Impact Benefit Agreements. Upon NTI's request, we requested a NuPPAA workshop to clarify roles, responsibilities and jurisdictions when it comes to impacted Inuit Owned Lands. I believe we are organizing a NuPPAA workshop sometime in the New Year to clarify these issues. Qujannamiik.

Brian: So currently in the Land Claims Agreement - You're stating that currently in the Land Claims Agreement under Article 11, the NPC has to seek an IIBA process? And currently under the NuPPAA Act as it's written today, it requires an IIBA process? Qujannamiik.

Hannah: Qujannamiik. Hannah Uniuqsaraq. Brian, I didn't say under Article 11 or under a specific Article. If Inuit Owned Lands are to be impacted, used or otherwise, Inuit have the right to negotiate Inuit Impact Benefit Agreements. It is under Article 26 I believe.

Now with the new legislation, the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, NTI has requested a workshop to clarify certain things, including if the Land Use Plan would trigger legislative processes for IIBAs. I'm going to use an example. On one of these maps, there are additional migratory bird sanctuaries requested above and beyond the legislated process. NTI holds umbrella Impact Benefit Agreements for such sites. These would be in addition to what has already agreed to. We are trying to clarify where that trigger is, and that's why we hope to have that workshop sooner rather than later. Qujannamiik.

David L: Yeah, Brian. Follow-up?

Brian: Last question, if I may: So in the absence of that workshop and the absence of the result of that workshop, as we speak today under Article 11 and under NuPPAA, the NPC does not require to have an IIBA process to manage land. Qujannamiik.

Hannah: Qujannamiik, Brian, and that's why between now and NPC's deadline, we're going to be having a conversation with the Government of Canada, Canada Wildlife Services to clarify these legislative processes. Perhaps they may take them out until such time that we have an IIBA. Perhaps they won't, and at that point, we will consider our further options. Qujannamiik.

David L: Great. Thank you, Hannah. Any comments around the table on anything that we've talked about today? Raymond?

Raymond: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know some of the concerns that are from the Planning Commission. The Inuit Owned Lands, we ask for those land parcels to benefit Inuit. We identified lands that would benefit Inuit. The minerals, we're not dealing with

subsurface lands. The Regional Associations only deal with surface lands, the calving grounds, part of it. They do have a benefit to Inuit.

We tried to get Inuit Owned Lands to benefit Inuit. Some of them are going to be restricted – very restricted – especially the calving areas. So we do have concerns with those boundaries. We have to look for ways to economically develop in the area. For example, we can't even survive on the furs. We have to look at different ways to put money and food on the table.

I know this is something we won't be able to do any type of development, especially in the calving areas. I wanted to mention this. I think that it should be identified when we are discussing the restrictions, especially in the calving areas and what type of development can happen.

Before they started this process of selecting lands, they wanted economic benefits for those lands, so maybe we will be hearing questions about that in the communities.

David L: Thanks, Raymond. I'd just add that in my experience, the lands were selected for a number of reasons, economic development being one of them but not the only one. Barney?

Barney: Thank you, David. (*Translated*): Hannah, I just wanted to get clarification. NTI's rules on Inuit Impact Benefits Agreements, when a community is affected, when it's on Inuit Owned Lands, would we be able to ask for an IIBA? Is that my understanding?

Hannah: (*Translated*): Yes, it is under the Agreement. If Inuit Owned Lands are going to be affected, they can ask for an IIBA on the affected lands.

David L: There was a question at the back. If you could introduce yourself...

David _N_: Qujannamiik. David Number 1, from Naujaat.

(*Laughter*)

Yeah, I recognize a lot of you. I've met with all of you. I apologize. We were not made aware of this meeting in Naujaat, or maybe we were just made apprised of it in our community. My concern I'm sure was already mentioned. The road and the hydro line, I am aware from the beginning of the road, I know it's not going to make it to Naujaat. However, the hydro line would be able to make it up to Naujaat though.

Our concerns, I'm sure can be set aside. It was briefly mentioned when we were trying to get Inuit Owned Lands with our calving grounds, caribou, migration routes. We know them, and we let them know. In my community, just outside of Naujaat, we do have

more than one calving area. That whole area is a calving ground. They are all over in that area outside of Naujaat. I know they are not in one place.

The proposed road from Manitoba, we have a small community. The area I'm talking about, we selected that land. When the caribou are on the road, if it is not too high, they can go across the road. They are okay with that. However, when the hydro line is being set, they can go underwater or under the land. So I just wanted to mention that we've already approved and are in support of those two. Put aside the roadblocks if it is possible. I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

David L: Thank you, David – the fourth David in the room I think, and I'm not going to get into which is the more senior David. I think it might be a race to the finish there.

(Laughter)

I guess it is David from Arviat.

David A: I'm the youngest one.

David L: There you go. Alright, any comments, other comments?

Brian: One more comment.

David L: Brian, go ahead.

Brian: Thank you. One more question for Hannah if I may: Hannah, just for clarity, we're all kind of surprised by your comment about your meeting with regard to the NuPPAA. In reading and having a general idea of the Article on IIBAs, from our point of view, it's for major development and possibly identification of parks and what have you. That's our thinking of it. You probably know more than we do as to what the IIBA processes are used for.

I guess for confirmation, the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Government of Canada, and the GN are proposing to change both the Claim and the Act before January 13th, in the absence of consulting with the residents of Nunavut, the Inuit? Qujannamiik.

Hannah: Hannah Uniuqsaraq, NTI. The meeting is to clarify certain provisions with the NuPPAA. NTI has an umbrella agreement for migratory bird sanctuaries and National Wildlife Areas. They are broken up by the three regions. CWS's request to provide additional migratory bird sanctuaries, we believe is contrary to the legislative process that we have in place, which requires with one of them, a negotiation of an IIBA.

We're going to have a conversation with the Government of Canada and CWS between now and NPC's deadline to clarify this. Maybe they'll pull these proposed sites out until such time as we go through the normal process. Maybe they won't. NTI has also requested a NuPPAA workshop so we can come to a common interpretation in understanding things like staking project, existing rights, things like that. That's what the workshop would be, and I think that's proposed for the New Year. Qujannamiik.

David L: Thanks, Hannah. That's pretty clear, I think. And just for the rest of the folks who are not aware of the discussion that is underscoring what Hannah is talking about, the concern as I understand it, is that these areas that have been identified by the Government of Canada for protection of migratory birds may – in the view of NTI and others – may in effect, create a permanent protection that isn't subject to the IIBA process.

I'd just add that the nature of the Land Use Plan is not to subvert normal processes. If there was any suggestion about that, then I think it is well worth clarifying and making it clear. And it would certainly help the Planning Commission, I think in its deliberations down the road. Okay, from the Government of Canada, if you could introduce yourself for the record then that would be great.

Karla: Thank you. Karla Letto with Canadian Wildlife Service. Thank you, Hannah for your question, and I'll bring this back to the Canadian Wildlife Service, your comments. I just wanted to say for clarification that the advice from the Canadian Wildlife Service provided for key migratory bird habitat sites are just advice to the Planning Commission. They are not meant to be other-legislated Protected Areas. It was just advice for planning purposes. So I just wanted to say that we are not trying to sneak in other migratory bird sanctuaries.

David L: Thanks, Karla, and I'm sure that discussion will continue on but maybe not here today. So, what to do? Raymond, I'm going to draw this to a close, because I know that we have to make some decisions about what happens tonight and we want to break at 5:00.

Let's talk about tonight. And just make it clear from what I heard earlier, the greatest value of an evening session would be in resuming the community discussions about the maps, getting some of the points out that have been raised earlier about walrus issues, for example, or Protected Areas or whatever on a community-by-community basis. That, I think, would be useful for both the communities and the Planning Commission staff.

We can talk about general issues forever and not really advance them. I think there are more immediate benefits of using the limited time we have. I know that a number of people are hoping there will be a charter tonight to Iqaluit to beat the storm. So I'm going to suggest that people resume at 6:30 in their community groups with the NPC staff person that was working with them earlier today, and spend until 8:00 – no later

than 8:00 – going through the discussion that was, in some cases, cut short earlier this morning. Does that work for people? And we will park the more general discussion for a later date, whenever that might happen. I think that's probably the best you. Raymond, last comment please.

Raymond: *(Translated)*: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a concern. The Planning Commission, you are designating the lands, and Inuit have their own lands that were purchased by themselves. We would like you to consider our Inuit Owned Lands if we're going to go on Inuit Owned Land surface, because we asked for those parcels of land, and they are identified. The Kivalliq Inuit Association or the Regional Inuit Association are only dealing with surface, and NTI deals with subsurface.

If we are going to work together, we want to be informed if they are going to affect Inuit Owned Lands. I just wanted to mention that.

David L: Yeah, and I think everybody is clear about that concern around the table. I'd really like to get back to the community sessions so the community folks who are going to be attending the Public Hearing and are going to be involved in developing their submissions for January, are as well-informed as they can be after today. Part of that discussion would be designating key contacts between the Planning Commission and each of the communities to follow-up, as is possible, with more detailed discussions in communities.

So perhaps I should ask if there are any communities that don't want to resume the discussions tonight on the maps. If there are, please raise your hands. Alright, so 6:30, we'll meet here again and continue that map-based discussion. People will record the comments that folks have, and in the course of those discussions identify contact points. Sharon?

Sharon: For the participants that asked, we have run out of the Timeline copies. They are at the back in English and Inuktitut. You can pick them up now. Thank you.

David L: So thank you everyone, and we will resume at 6:30 here. See you then.

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(Individual sessions recorded in writing)

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