

August 31, 2017

PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT BY BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION (BIMC) IS PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN (NBRLUP) TO:

- 1. Construct and operate new rail line that is approximately 110 km in length and generally following the routing of the existing Tote Road to connect the Mary River Mine Site with the Milne Inlet Port Site and related infrastructure including railway unloading and maintenance facilities.
- 2. Allow winter-sea lifts of freight through ice in Milne Inlet and Eclipse Sound during the months of December, January and February annually.

Issues the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) will consider include: does the Amendment Application meets information requirements in Appendices J and K of the NBRLUP and rule 11.6 of the NPC's *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews* (*RPHPR*); should the NBRLUP include a railway in Appendix Q; and is adding icebreaking to the NBRLUP consistent with s. 3.2.1, 3.3.1 and Appendix Q. Under s. 3.5.10 – 3.5.12 of the NBRLUP, s. 59 to 65 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, and the *RPHPR*, the NPC asks anyone who may be affected by the proposed amendment to provide written comments and all relevant information (submissions) to the NPC in writing by 12 noon Eastern Time October 2, 2017, explaining:

- Are you one of the following "parties": Inuit of Nunavut; Other Aboriginal Peoples listed in Article 40 of the Nunavut Agreement; resident of Nunavut; Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Designated Inuit Organizations; Regional Inuit Organizations; municipalities; Community Land and Resource Committees; Hunters and Trappers Organizations; departments and agencies of the federal and territorial government; Nunavut Institution of Public Government or Designated Inuit Organization.
 - If you are not a "party" listed in 2.2(u) of the RPHPR, describe how the proposed amendment will affect you.



- Your concerns, comments and/or support of the proposed amendment and provide all relevant information to the NPC;
- Do you want an in-person public hearing, and if so, why; and
- Your preferred language, and your contact information, which may be made public.

If you are an "interested person" as defined in the *RPHPR*, the NPC will consider your written submission an application for standing under rule 23, and may grant standing if your interest is substantial and direct, your participation will further the public review, and your participation will contribute to the openness and fairness of the public review. A grant of standing may be limited to specific issues, and you may be asked to share a single grant of standing with others having interests similar to your own. If you do not meet the test for standing the Commissioners may in their discretion consider your submissions.

The NPC will put all submissions received on its online public record. The Commissioners will decide if a public hearing is necessary based on the submissions received, and may accept or revise the amendment and submit it for approval with or without a hearing. Existing participants will have 2 days to comment on requests for standing in the submissions, and BIMC will have an opportunity to reply to all submissions by 9:00 AM Eastern Time on October 5, 2017. Unless otherwise directed by the Commissioners no further written submissions or arguments will be considered.

Further details of the proposed amendment, NPC's *Internal Procedures*, the *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews*, and other relevant documents and materials, including templates for submissions, are available for download from the NPC website at www.nunavut.ca. If you cannot provide a written statement and wish to make an oral comment under rule 23.12, to request documents, or for other related information, please go to the NPC's website, visit the NPC'S Iqaluit office at 626 Queen Elizabeth Road (Tumiit Plaza) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday to Friday, or contact:

- Tommy Owlijoot, towlijoot@nunavut.ca, Nunavut Planning Commission, P.O. Box 419 Arviat, NU X0C 0E0 Phone: (867) 857-2242 | Fax: (867) 857-2243; or
- Goump Djalogue, <u>gdjalogue@nunavut.ca</u>, Nunavut Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1797, Iqaluit, NU X0C 0H0; Phone: (867) 979-3444 | Fax: (867) 979-8260

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 12 NOON EASTERN TIME OCTOBER 2, 2017



