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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

Thank you for your letter dated June 30, 2017 to myself and Minister Bennett regarding Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) proposed amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) to allow the further development of the existing transportation corridor listed in Appendix Q of the NBRLUP. Section 3.5.12 of the NBRLUP requires that the proposal be publicly reviewed.

In order to conduct the public review, which will include a public hearing, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) requires supplementary funding. Despite NPC's numerous and ongoing requests to the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in writing, in meetings and during phone conversations on the subject, INAC has yet to provide that funding or to confirm that the funding will be provided. Until such commitments are made, NPC regrets that it is unable to proceed with the review of BIMC's amendment request.

The NPC is committed to conducting the required public review process as efficiently as possible and will initiate that review immediately upon confirmation of the necessary funding. I will keep you informed as and when I hear further from INAC.

Respectfully,

Mr. Andrew Nakashuk, Chairperson

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