

July 16, 2018

## Re: Nunavut Planning Commission receiving additional comments on Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan 2016

You may recall that the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) originally planned a single public hearing on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, 2016 (DNLUP 2016) for the entire territory and had imposed time limits for providing written comments on the DNLUP 2016 leading up to that hearing. However, due to limited time and resources, the NPC later divided the one territory-wide hearing into three separate hearings to be held in each region. The NPC held a public hearing for the Qikigtani Region on March 22 to 26, 2017. Several participants identified process concerns and the NPC engaged the signatories to the DNLUP 2016 to discuss potential improvements to the process between May 2017 and March 2018. On July 11, 2018 the NPC received a joint letter from the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. advising there is consensus among the signatory parties that public hearings in the Kivallig and Kitikmeot regions on the DNLUP 2016 should not proceed and consultations should inform a revised version of the draft plan that should be subject to hearings in all three regions. In response to this letter, the NPC is re-opening the record to receive new written submissions on the DNLUP 2016. Written submissions must be received by the NPC by October 19, 2018. If anyone requires assistance or would prefer to speak their comments to NPC staff in the language of their choice, please contact the NPC Arviat office at 867-857-2242 after July 30, 2018 and speak to Brian Aglukark. Your comments will be provided to the NPC commissioners so they may be considered in any revisions to the DNLUP 2016.

Many of you already wrote to the NPC to say what you thought of the DNLUP 2016, and how it should be improved. The NPC has those written submissions on record and you do not need to write again if only to repeat yourselves. If you did not submit anything in writing before, or you have new ideas, new information, or a new perspective on the DNLUP 2016, please write to us. If you made written or oral comments or submissions and have changed your mind about the DNLUP 2016 in any way, please explain to the best of your ability and as specifically as possible what has changed from your earlier submission and the reasons for the change. The NPC encloses a series of questions for participants from other participants and the Commission and asks that the responses be provided in these further written submissions.

If resources become available the NPC still hopes to hold in-person hearings to receive oral comments, however at this time the NPC cannot guarantee further in-person public hearings on the DNLUP 2016. Subject to financing, NPC staff members hope to attend communities to provide information and instruction on the DNLUP 2016 to help prepare additional written submissions. The NPC will be working to confirm all Municipalities and Hunter and Trapper Organizations have copies of the DNLUP 2016 and to distribute additional copies as necessary.

Yours truly,

Andrew Nakashuk, Chairperson Nunavut Planning Commission

Encl. Public Notice Reopening of Record for Written Submissions Questions for Participants

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<sup>\*</sup> Materials relevant to the DNLUP 2016 are available on the NPC Public Registry at: <a href="http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry.php">http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry.php</a>