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Nunavut Planning Commission
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Executive Summary
ITPR Moving Forward Workshop
October 16, 2012
Genesis Room - 2nd floor, Nunasi Building
Suite 201 5109 48th St, Yellowknife NT

The following is a summary of the discussion between the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), the Government of Canada (GoC), the Government of Nunavut (GN), and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) regarding re-engagement and follow up to the Independent Third Party Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Participants (in alphabetical order):

Robin Aitken - AANDC, Nunavut
David Akeeagok - GN
Alan Blair – NPC
Adrian Boyd- NPC
Miguel Chenier - NTI
Karen Costello - AANDC, Nunavut
James Eetoolook - NTI
Sharon Ehaloak - NPC
Dee Dilek Karadag - GN
Ken Landa - Justice Canada
David Livingstone, Facilitator
Myretha McInnis - NPC
Robin Pitsiladis - AANDC, Nunavut
Paul Quassa - NPC
Jonathan Savoy - NPC
Adrian Silke- GN
Melissa Stewart – GN
John Todd - NPC
Mike Townsend – NPC

1. Call to order and Introductions (9:10)

2. Opening Remarks (9:30)

Commission Chairperson Paul Quassa delivered opening remarks that stressed the importance of moving forward and suggested that the parties begin to meet regularly to discuss successes and challenges and to clarify interests and work towards aligning expectations. All parties agreed with this suggestion and commented on the importance of developing a common understanding of the Third Party Review recommendations and how they will be implemented.

[Action Item – NPC, GoC, GN, NTI]

All parties committed to holding regular (quarterly) meetings.

3. Break (10:00)

4. Interests and Expectations (10:25)

The Government of Canada advised the parties that they are undertaking a facilitated decision-making process to identify their priorities and interests for a first generation land use plan, including hosting internal workshops in October and November.

The Government of Nunavut acknowledged the difficulty of describing expectations for the land use plan and advised they have been working on a project to fulfill some of the recommendations of the Third Party Review regarding input into the plan (presented during lunch).

NTI advised that their expectations are based on the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) requirements to guide land use and maximize benefit to Nunavummiut.

The NPC cautioned against looking to other jurisdictions to set expectations, given the requirements of the NLCA.

All parties agreed that defining everyone's expectations is essential to establishing shared interests, as well as identifying areas of disagreement.

[Action Item – GoC, GN, NTI]

Parties committed to defining expectations for a first generation Nunavut Land Use Plan.

[Action Item – NPC]

The NPC committed to supporting the parties during the identification of expectations, including through presentations during workshops.

5. Lunch (12:00)

6. GN Presentation (12:45)

The GN provided an overview of work that was done to identify priorities for the Draft Plan. GN departments agreed that the goal of Building Healthier Communities is a priority. The project, which is still evolving, identified areas of competing land use based on GN information.

[Action Item – GN, NPC]

The GN agreed to work with the NPC to provide additional detail on the project, including a methodology report.

7. Recommendation 1: Engagement of other IPGs (1:15)

The NPC advised that the IPGs are unable to fund a comprehensive compilation and analysis of issues raised during NIRB and NWB public hearings (Step 1.2).

GoC advised that they understood the steps should be implemented in the order they are presented, and funding should be made available to complete the project.

The parties agreed that some flexibility is needed regarding the implementation of the recommendations, including timing.

The NPC also advised that discussions are ongoing with the other IPGs regarding land use planning issues, and additional meetings were being arranged for the near future.

[Action Item – NPC]

The NPC committed to follow up with the IPGs to develop a project scope and budget for the compilation and analysis of concerns raised at regulatory hearings.

8. Recommendation 2: Public and Stakeholder Participation

The NPC advised that:

- a number of documents have been prepared regarding how the community tour will be carried out, and they will be shared with the parties shortly;
- The consultation record on the Commission's website is considered to be the "public registry" discussed in the Third Party Review (which is different from the public registry referred to in the draft Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA);
- Feedback from the community visits will be posted online as soon as it is compiled by NPC staff; and,
- The Commission intends to complete one round of community visits to gather information and a much smaller follow up visit to confirm the information that was collected.

All parties agreed on the importance of a sound strategy for engaging communities, and looked forward to reviewing the forthcoming documentation.

The NPC requested the support of all the parties for the community tour, and encouraged their participation.

[Action Item – NPC]

The NPC committed to providing the following documentation to the parties:

- *Community Engagement Strategy*
- *Developing the Nunavut Land Use Plan*
- *Working Together: Implementing the Nunavut Land Use Plan (Draft)*
- A schedule of community visits

[Action Item – NPC]

The NPC committed to posting a record of community feedback as soon as possible following each community visit.

9. Break (3:15)

10. Recommendation 3: Structured process for clarifying specific expectations by the Parties (3:30)

The NPC proposed that the parties should work together to align expectations sooner than what was suggested by the Third Party Review.

The GoC reiterated the ongoing work to identify expectations through workshops in October and November, and suggested a document could be prepared by the end of the fiscal year.

The group discussed the need for GN and NTI to identify their expectations by the end of the fiscal year as well.

[Action Item – GoC, GN, NTI]

Parties committed to defining expectations for a first generation Nunavut Land Use Plan by the end of the fiscal year (March 2013).

11. Recommendation 4: Preparation of a revised DNLUP by NPC (4:00)

The NPC advised that the Draft Plan will be revised following the public hearing, and there will be an opportunity for minor revisions after submission for approval.

A brief discussion took place about potential alternatives including having two rounds of revisions before submission for approval. The parties agreed that additional discussion was needed, and that thought should be given to the issue during the identification of expectations.

12. End of Session Reflection and Closing Remarks (4:15)

All parties were encouraged by the discussions and reiterated the importance of maintaining communication and following through on the commitments that were made.