

Paul Quassa, Chairperson Nunavut Planning Commission P.O. Box 2101 Cambridge Bay, Nunavut X0B 0C0 May 14, 2013

Dear, Mr. Quassa Paul

I am writing to follow up on the commitment made by myself and my staff at the October, 2012 senior officials meeting in Yellowknife. At that meeting, Dilek Karadag gave you a briefing on a project carried out by the Government of Nunavut (GN) to further prioritize its interests in a Nunavut Land Use Plan. I am pleased to share with you the results of this initiative which are summarized in the attached Geospatial Representation of the Government of Nunavut's Priorities for Land Use Planning.

This document describes the results of a two year initiative carried out by the GN to identify the specific geographic areas or hot spots within Nunavut that, from a GN perspective, would require special management in the Nunavut Land Use Plan. This package of materials (one all season map, six seasonal maps, and the summary report) was prepared in anticipation of the formal "structured process" for clarifying expectations as per the recommendations made in the *Independent Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan- Final Report*, section 8.2.3

These maps were designed as a tool to target specific areas for further investigation through the land use planning process. It is the GN's hope that the NPC may be able to assimilate the priorities of other stakeholders, thereby broadening the scope of the project beyond the perspective of the GN.

Following receipt of this letter, I would be pleased to have my staff to travel to Cambridge Bay and deliver the project materials (one all season map and six seasonal maps) to the NPC's planning staff in person. Please have your staff contact mine to arrange an appropriate time.

.../2



46∪ √7,49c

Department of Environment

Avatil iyikkut

Ministère de l'Enviror ement

-2-

I trust the information provided will be beneficial in moving the Nunavut Land Use Planning Process forward. Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns at this time.

Qujannamiik,

David Akeeagok

C Cathy Towtongie, President NTI
Alain Grenier, Acting ARDG, AANDC
Sharon Ehaloak, Exacutive Director, NPC