

F.1 will, before any restriction on land use is created, review and assess the available data and research, broad planning goals and objectives, legislation, policies, priorities and values of residents and other planning partners, and programs relating to conservation, land use planning, wildlife management and parks to determine whether the restriction is warranted.

F.2 provides clear direction and guidance regarding the conservation, development, management and use of land to provide certainty to land users, encourage investment, minimize risk and costs, and streamline the regulatory process to ensure Nunavut resources can compete in a global market place.

These objectives and policies, in conjunction with other policies, objectives and goals do guide the decision making of the Commission. It is important to recognize that the NPC is not funded to undertake mineral assessments for areas which may have access restrictions applied to manage land use.

As part of the Independent Third Party Review we are advancing a process where parties that approve the land use plan will be scoping out their expectations for completion of the draft plan. This may be a good venue to explore your Department's concern.

The timeline for development of the 1st Generation Nunavut Land Use Plan is attached for your information.

Respectfully,



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