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**Re: Independent Third Party Review - Implementation Step 3 Structured Decision Making (SDM)**

Gentlemen,

I'm following up today with regards to the Commission as the lead role in the SDM process. On July 12, 2013 the Commission provided an update to you on the initiatives that we have undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in the Independent Third Party Review (ITPR). In accordance with suggestions received from your staff our letter outlined a process where the NPC would take a leadership role to facilitate the Parties with implementation of Recommendation 8.2.3 the Structured Decision Making (SDM) process. For clarity the ITPR clearly assigns implementation of this recommendation to your three organizations.

As outlined in our letter the Commission had Dillon Consulting prepare a draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for review by the Parties. It was intended that a TOR agreed to by your organizations would form the scope of work for the Request for Proposals envisioned under this ITPR recommendation. The Commission provided the TOR to you in October 2013

As all parties are aware that following our September 2013 Workshop on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) the Commission committed to providing a revised DNLUP for review at our November Public Hearing. Given this new commitment we no longer have staff that can dedicate time to coordinate the three Parties to ensure the implementation of recommendation 8.2.3. As well, the NPC as an Institution of Public Government does not have the influence that is required to undertake a leadership role on this matter.

The Commission is confident that the draft TOR provided to your organizations and the feedback shared from AANDC and DOE will be a useful starting point to assist your organizations with implementation of the ITPR recommendation.

As the Parties work to implement the ITPR Recommendation it is important that there is consistency with the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the Commission's established land use planning process and timeline. In our view for the SDM to be of value this process would be used to support the joint approval process required under NLCA 11.5.6. In short, the SDM would be used to resolve any disagreements that may arise between your organizations during approval of the final Plan.

In closing, with over 14 months remaining while the NPC concludes public consultations and final revisions on the DNLUP we presume this should be adequate lead time to coordinate the SDM. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Ehaloak', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Ehaloak  
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