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Dear Ms. Ehaloak:

Government of Canada officials recently attended technical meetings hosted by Commission staff in Iqaluit on June 23-26, 2015 and July 14-16, 2015. I understand meetings were productive and will assist in advancing the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

I believe a number of comments raise significant issues in the draft Plan and require further discussion among interested parties and the Commission. Specific issues included: (a) the approach to protecting caribou calving and post-calving areas; (b) the protection or “grandfathering” of pre-existing mineral tenure; (c) the approach to permitting and prohibiting terrestrial and marine transportation; (d) determining whether the plan accurately reflects the input, values, and expectations of Nunavummiut; and (e) overlap of land use planning zones containing prohibitions within Inuit-owned lands.

Following these discussions and an upcoming workshop on caribou in October or November of 2015, Government of Canada officials will have further comments and recommendations for the Commission’s incorporation into the Plan. These new comments will be in addition to the substantial volume of submissions already received by the Commission. If revisions to the Plan are only shared at a public hearing, it will be challenging for the approving parties to analyse the revised Plan, consider the sources comprehensively and have a reasonable understanding of the contents.

During the second technical meeting, the Commission asked parties to provide their preferred date for a public hearing in writing. Rather than provide a specific date, I am recommending the following steps:

- prepare a revised workplan for the remaining steps in the development of the Plan;
- resolve outstanding concerns with the draft Plan in order to obtain the agreement of approving parties; and
- revise and redistribute the draft Plan at least sixty days in advance of a Public Hearing.

For our part, Government of Canada officials will endeavor to work with other participating parties to develop clear recommendations for the Commission in those areas where required, particularly regarding the protection of existing rights and transportation corridors.

I thank the Commission and its staff for their ongoing commitment to the development of a Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Terry Sewell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Terry Sewell**  
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