

By E-mail and By Mail

January 29, 2016

Andrew Nakashuk, Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Planning Commission
P.O. Box 2101
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Dear Mr. Nakashuk:

Re: Timelines for Further Work in the Development of a Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP)

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) Executive Committee has had the opportunity to consider the timelines proposed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for the completion of a DNLUP, as those timelines were set forward in January 5, 2016, and January 20, 2016 notices. NTI has had the further opportunity to take into account reports about what took place at the third technical meeting convened by NPC in Rankin Inlet during the week of January 18 -22, 2016, and, more broadly, to reflect on the general direction, pace, and features of DNLUP work in recent months and years.

NTI appreciates the NPC's desire to make progress as expeditiously as possible in the completion of a DNLUP that carries a high probability of approval by all three approving parties under the provisions of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*.

NTI also appreciates the commitment by the NPC at the third technical meeting to organize a caribou workshop on March 7-9 as well as draft an amended or refined version of the DNLUP 2014, in positive response to the suggestion to that effect previously made by NTI and others.

Those things said, as indicated by NTI staff at the third technical meeting, NTI does not believe timelines most recently put forward by NPC, even as adjusted at the conclusion of the January 18-22 technical meeting, are, given the number and importance of unresolved policy issues, workable or desirable.

For its part, NTI and the three Regional Inuit Associations are committed to continuing to carry out focused research and consultation with a view to working through a consolidated set of positions in relation to outstanding DNLUP issues, and then

communicating those positions to NPC, and its GC and GN approval partners, by May 31, 2016. We believe this to be a realistic time horizon and are optimistic about the successful completion of our work according to that time horizon. Once NTI's submission is received by NPC, as well as the submissions of the other two approval parties, a revision of the DNLUP should be undertaken before the convening of public hearings.

Important questions remain outstanding regarding the design, timing, agenda, anticipated outcomes and funding for the convening of public hearings in the final stages of the development of a DNLUP, including the effectiveness and inclusiveness of holding one Nunavut-wide public hearing versus regional hearings. It is NTI's preference that NPC, NTI and the two governments continue to address those questions in a collaborative and creative way, but not attempt, at this stage, to set any inflexible parameters, including a hard time target, for the holding of hearings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Towtongie', with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the signature.

Cathy Towtongie
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