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By Email and Regular Mail

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**Re: Nunavut Planning Commission Notice of Written Pre-Hearing Conference;
Commission Correspondence dated January 20, 2016**

Dear Mr. Savoy,

Thank you for the follow up to the correspondence of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board in which the Board confirmed that on a go forward basis, the NWB wishes to be included as a Party to the Nunavut Planning Commission's (the Commission) on-going work in relation to the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). In particular, as set out in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Article 13, Section 13.4.1. the NWB will be providing comments within our mandate and expertise for freshwater management in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

For all future contact in respect of the Board's participation as a Party to the DNLUP processes, the NWB's contact person will be the undersigned who can be reached by email at stephanie.autut@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360 – 6338, ext: 22. The Board will provide our comments, supporting documentation and any oral submission in English unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

At this point in the Board's consideration of the DNLUP the NWB anticipates filing focused written submissions on a few key water management issues. In keeping with the Commission's direction in the January 20, 2016 notice, the Board expects to file written submissions on or before March 4, 2016 in respect of the following aspects/issues of the DNLUP:

- Issues that may be associated with the Directions to the NWB and Regulatory Authorities provided in various points in the DNLUP; and
- Issues arising from the discussion of protection of Community Drinking Water Supply Watersheds.

Further, recognizing that the topics in the upcoming Technical Meetings are caribou management and marine issues, which are not directly within the jurisdiction of the NWB, the Board will not be providing submissions or attending those meetings at this time. However, should any issues arise in relation to freshwater management that may be linked to the discussions at the upcoming Technical Meetings, I would invite the Commission to get in touch with the Board. The NWB could certainly follow up with any information or comments that may be useful to the Commission and other parties to this process.

In the interim, please follow up with me directly if you have any questions regarding the NWB's further participation in the Commission's DNLUP development and public review processes.

Regards,

Original signed by:

Stephanie Autut, Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board

cc. Public Registry