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April 10, 2014

Percy Kabloona
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Dear Mr. Kabloona;

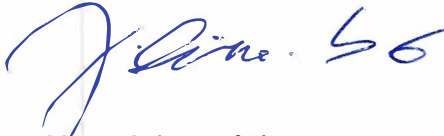
The Government of Nunavut (GN) is unable to meet the April 11th, 2014 for our expanded submission on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. Although we had previously indicated that we would provide a review of the Options & Recommendations document (O&R) as well as updated geospatial data on or before April 11th, 2014, we find we require additional time to fully review and provide recommendations on the material. As such, the GN is requesting an extension for submission until May 30th, 2014.

In a letter dated November 27th, 2013, the GN raised the concern that the timeline as proposed by the NPC was insufficient for the Commission to complete the necessary steps leading to the update of the DNLUP, O&R, and the Public Hearing. The same holds true for the planning partners. The GN understands that the planning process requires the full participation of all parties, but we find do require more time in order to ensure we provide you with the highest quality of information and recommendations for management direction. We expect to be in a position to provide you with a thorough and complete submission from the GN on or before May 30, 2014.

In the unfortunate event that the NPC is not able to accommodate this request, I believe your revised Draft Plan will be missing important information. Should you continue updating and circulating the Draft Plan and O&R without considering the forthcoming GN submission, there is potential for a protracted public hearing process because of the need to review the GN's material at that point.

The GN remains committed to participation in the planning process, and supporting the NPC toward the goal of completing the Nunavut Land Use Plan. As such, we will be providing you with a detailed submission on or before May 30, 2014. Please feel free to contact me or my staff with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Johnny Mike" followed by a stylized flourish.

Hon. Johnny Mike
Minister