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RE: Government of Nunavut Comments on NPC Proposed New Approach to Land Use Planning

Dear Ron,

I am writing to follow up on our conversations over the summer. As you are aware, final comments on the 11.4.1 policies are currently being finalized, and on submission of a revised draft by NPC, we will likely be recommending their approval to Cabinet and a GN re-engagement in land use planning. Consequently, it now seems timely for parties to consider approaches to land use planning that respond to the issues that have historically hampered the timely production of land use plans in Nunavut.

This summer NPC staff proposed a new approach to land use planning that stimulated a great deal of discussion within the GN. As I mentioned at our meeting, the GN has some reservations about this approach. As you and I discussed, the GN would like to propose an alternative approach for consideration by the parties (GN, NPC, NTI, INAC).

The accompanying discussion paper provides an initial summary of the GN's proposal. We recognize that further work would be required in order to fully develop this approach, but hope that the parties can discuss moving forward with something along the lines of this approach at the fall land use planning workshop being planned by the NPC.

We look forward to NPC's response on this matter.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Walsh
Deputy Minister

cc Joe Kunuk; CEO, NTI
Michael Nadler, RDG, INAC

Attachment: Government of Nunavut Land Use Planning Options Discussion Paper

Joe Kunuk; Michael Nadler