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Re: Managing the Land and Water that is of Importance to Municipalities

We need your help...

The Nunavut Planning Commission is established under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement to prepare a land use plan for Nunavut. The Plan will have rules that can protect the land, water, wildlife and hunting areas important to Inuit. We need you to show us the important areas on maps. Some of you provided this information during our phone survey in 2007, however there is still information missing.

Government has shown us the areas they think are important for wildlife. This information is contained in the attached Wildlife Report. Our research also includes the attached Socio-demographic and Economic Sector Analysis Report, which shows the locations of current developments in Nunavut. We have taken all the information in the two reports and created a series of maps to help you see what is happening in Nunavut. There are some problems with the Inuktitut translations on our maps. We apologize for this and we will have those fixed shortly. Our website at nunavut.ca will allow you to create your own maps for the area around your community.

Now we need you to show us the areas that you believe are important to the Municipality for future infrastructure, recreation, or conservation purposes. Once we have this information we can develop rules to help manage those areas.

You can help by showing us areas that are outside the municipal boundary and that your community believes are the most important, such as areas that:

- **the community residents use exclusively for recreation or cultural activities**
 - **are needed for conservation to ensure current and future municipal water supplies are preserved;**
 - **are where much of the community harvest comes from; and**
 - **are needed for future municipal infrastructure or possible business or tourism ventures.**
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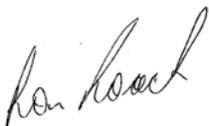
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We would like to send maps to you so that your municipality can mark off the important areas. You will also need to briefly tell us why the area is important. (e.g. the area is the future water supply, airstrip, tourism destination or important to the hunters of the community.) We will then take your information and provide you with a final map for display in your office. If you already have this information we would like to work with you to use the information to help manage the areas outside the municipal boundary which are important to your community.

If you have questions about the enclosed reports or want to work with us to manage the land outside municipal boundaries that is of interest to your community for future use, please contact Jonathan Savoy, Policy Analyst at 1-867-983-4625 or jsavoy@nunavut.ca.

Help us, help you manage those areas outside municipal boundaries that are important to your community.

Respectfully,



Ron Roach, Chair
Nunavut Planning Commission