

May 21, 2009

Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq, Chairperson Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 1360 Cambridge Bay, Nunavut X0B 0C0

Dear Lucassie,

## Re: Nunavut Impact Review Board Engagement in Land Use Planning

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is currently working with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Government of Nunavut, and the Government of Canada to finalize the timeline for the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP). When these discussions are complete we will inform our planning partners of the timelines and deliverables.

We believe that the early engagement of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in the development of the NLUP is important. Once the timelines are in place, we will have a better sense of what the opportunities for involvement will be for all our planning partners.

In advance of the establishment of a formal timeline, it would be beneficial if the NIRB would identify any regulatory gaps or marine issues that you believe the Nunavut Land Use Plan should take into account.

As well, the NPC is interested in developing a single application form as part of the Nunavut Land Use Plan. This application form is intended to facilitate the onewindow process our organizations have been contemplating for a number of years. My staff will be in touch in the near future with a proposal, and we look forward to NIRB advice on the content of the application to ensure opportunities to co-ordinate our processes are maximized.

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It would be helpful if we could receive this feedback by the end of June, 2009. Sharon Ehaloak, the NPC's Executive Director, has also sent a letter to the Executive Director of the NIRB that seeks to advance the collaborative relationship between our organizations. We look forward to the continued engagement of the NIRB in the development of the NLUP.

Respectfully,

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Ron Roach, Chairperson Nunavut Planning Commission

cc: Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director, NPC