



Dear Thomas,

Re: Nunavut Water Board Engagement in Land Use Planning

Thank you for your letter (dated April 14, 2009) in which you outline the importance of the engagement of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in land use planning.

As background, 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 agree that the early engagement of the NWB 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 NWB would identify any regulatory gaps or issues with the management of freshwater that you believe the Nunavut Land Use Plan should take into account. It would be beneficial if this feedback included issues the NWB feel may impact marine areas as well as the management of freshwater.

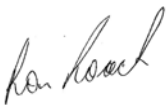
The NPC was disappointed to learn from your staff in November, 2008 that the NWB does not have any watershed data for municipal water supplies in Nunavut. This is important data that the NPC has identified as a critical data gap. We understand that National Resources Canada (NRCan) is preparing watershed boundaries for Nunavut; unfortunately, NRCan has no plans to finish the project anytime soon. The NPC would appreciate any assistance the NWB could provide in the identification of watershed boundaries around municipal water supplies.

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 one-window 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 NWB advice on the content of the application to ensure NLCA obligations under Section 13.4.2 and opportunities to co-ordinate our process under Section 13.6.1 are maximized.

It would be helpful if we could receive this feedback by the end of June, 2009. Once we receive feedback and have the NLUP timelines in place, a teleconference between the Executive Directors of the NPC and the NWB can be arranged if necessary.

Sharon Ehaloak, the NPC's Executive Director, has also sent a letter to the Executive Director of the NWB that seeks to advance the collaborative relationship between our organizations. Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to the continued engagement of the NWB in the development of the NLUP.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Roach", written in a cursive style.

Ron Roach, Chairperson
Nunavut Planning Commission

cc: Sharon Ehaloak, Executive Director, NPC