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Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Stas,

Re: The Nunavut Land Use Plan

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) adopted the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) 11.4.1(a) broad planning policies, objectives and goals, in November 2007. Since that time, in accordance with 11.4.1(a), the NPC has been developing a Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP), as required under NLCA 11.5.1.

The NLUP will replace the existing North Baffin and Keewatin Regional Land Use Plans originally developed in the late 80's and early 90's, respectively. A current land use plan for the entire settlement area, built on 11.4.1(a) will benefit Inuit and all northerners.

The NPC has been active in promoting the participation of Inuit, residents, and other partners in the planning process through various means. The Makivik Corporation has been engaged in the recent development of the NLUP in the following way:

- April 2009 – the NPC broadly distributed and made available publically our comprehensive baseline data in hardcopy and digital formats. At this time, we asked if our planning partners had additional information to provide.

The Commission remains interested in learning if the Makivik has information related to use, management or conservation of the islands and marine areas within the Nunavut Settlement Area. Any areas that may require management for possible transboundary impacts would also be useful information. The Commission continues to encourage the participation of the Inuit of Northern Quebec through the Makivik Corporation in the land use planning process. Over the past several months, the NPC has been soliciting guidance from government, NTI and RIA land managers on issues and priorities to be considered as part of the planning process. As this exercise will conclude at the end of October, we would be interested in learning if Makivik has additional data or information that would enhance our baseline knowledge. As well, we would be interested in knowing if Makivik is aware of any areas within the Nunavik Marine Region that should be considered for management of possible transboundary or cumulative impacts.

NPC's collation of this information will be reviewed with technical panels in mid-January 2010. The panels will be reviewing maps showing areas of economic potential and areas of high conservation value in relation to Inuit land use and harvesting patterns. Ron Roach, Chair, NPC will be inviting our current Makivik Commission member Donald Watt to these sessions. As well, we would like to encourage Makivik's general participation in these panels and throughout the planning process. The panels will be followed by regional public hearings in Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit this spring. We are aiming for a public release of the Nunavut Land Use Plan in September 2010.

If you have questions or additional information that you feel may be useful please contact Jonathan Savoy, Policy Analyst at jsavoy@nunauvt.ca 1-867-983-4632 to discuss the timing and delivery of additional information. We would like to hear from you in this regard by November 13, 2009.

The Commission looks forward to working with the Inuit of Northern Quebec as we advance a single land use plan for the Nunavut Settlement Area.

| Respectfully,



Sharon Ehloak, Executive Director
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Cc: Donald Watt, Makivik Alternate Commission Member