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RE: Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Sharon,

I am writing to communicate to you the Government of Nunavut's continued interest in supporting the Nunavut Planning Commission in the completion of the Nunavut Land Use Plan in a timely manner. We remain committed to the development of a Nunavut-wide plan with regional components for the Qikiqtaaluk, Kitikmeot and Kivalliq regions, to be completed by February 2011.

We also remain committed to striving for consensus of the four parties (GN, NPC, NTI, INAC) on the land use issues that will be addressed in the Nunavut Land Use Plan. In the past, this four party approach allowed for the completion and timely approval of the 11.4.1a policies, objectives and goals which now guide land use planning in the territory. We feel that the continued use of this approach will effectively allow for the GN to remain active participants in the land use planning process.

As you know, my staff have been working with NPC to gather data on land use issues and identify gaps. In the coming months we are also looking forward to working with the four parties to come to identify the land use issues to be addressed in the NLUP. Once we have reached this consensus, we look forward to NPC facilitating community involvement and broader participation of all planning partners through its regional consultations.

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