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The Nunavut Planning Commission has an important mandate under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement to prepare and implement the Nunavut land use plan. This plan guides and directs resource use and development.

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Governance

As an Institute of Public Government, the Commissioners are committed to governing with excellence and follow the results-based-governance model.

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Status of 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. The Nunavut land use plan includes the entire settlement area.

The NPC remains active in promoting the participation of Inuit, residents, and other partners in the planning process through various means. Most recently, we broadly distributed and made available publically our comprehensive baseline data in hardcopy and digital formats. 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. We are looking forward to QIA's participation in those panels. The panels will be followed by three regional public hearings in the spring and public release of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan in September 2010. The Commission's timeline for the Draft NLUP to be submitted for approval is February 2011.

The Commission continues to encourage NTI and the Regional Inuit Associations participation in the land use planning process. Over the past several months 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 QIA has additional data or information that would enhance our baseline knowledge. As well, if QIA has established region specific goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Lands that are not captured by 11.4.1(a), this information would also be useful.

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Technical Panels

In the spirit of co-management, the Commission is working with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and the Regional Inuit Associations as participants in technical panels. We are encouraging all to participate in these meetings.

We have collected a great deal of information from government, Inuit, industry and other planning partners. We are now asking the experts who work with the data to help us understand the information so it is used appropriately for land use planning decisions.

These technical panels will provide expert advice and guide the development of options for managing land use in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The information gathered from these technical panels will be incorporated into the Draft plan and included in the materials for the regional consultations.

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Timelines

The Nunavut Land Use Plan Options will be made public this winter and we anticipate hosting 3 regional public hearings to review feedback on the plan this

spring. We may call upon technical panels to assist us with addressing issues as we work to finalize the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan for review again in September 2010. With the support of QIA and other land and resource management experts the Commission is preparing to submit the Final Draft Plan for approval February 2011.

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Legislation

The Commission remains active working with the Government of Canada, Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Nunavut Impact Review Board to complete the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act. This Act is intended to bring clarity to the regulatory process in Nunavut. This legislation is a high priority of Government and we remain hopeful that it will be complete soon. The timeline for the Legislation to go forward into the House of Parliament is dependent on the Federal Government.

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Opportunities to Work Together

Again, we feel the participation of QIA staff in the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan would be very beneficial to determining how land use should be managed in Qikiqtani Region and throughout the Nunavut Settlement Area.

For instance the NPC attended a meeting hosted by INAC to discuss the future development of the oil and gas discoveries near Melville Island. This project will include year round shipping. Does QIA have any ideas on how oil and gas projects or year round shipping should be managed? These are the types of questions we are working to address with all of our planning partners.

The Nunavut Marine Council is an area that remains under development. The Nunavut Planning Commission, Nunavut Impact review Board, Nunavut Water Board and Nunavut Wildlife Management Board are exploring opportunities to implement the Article 15 requirements. Recently the senior IPG staff met to discuss the best approach for formalizing the NMC. In addition the NPC provided an update on the Nunavut Land Use Plan and the Nunavut Marine Council to the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) – Northern Region. CMAC is a multi-party forum where marine issues and management options are developed.

As you can see we have a number of big projects underway. We look forward to working with you and your staff over the coming months. If you any questions please don't hesitate to ask - or if at any time you would like further information call our Cambridge Bay office.

Thank you