



December 20, 2010

Distribution List

Re: The Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Robin, David and Joe,

The Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission) intends to make the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan public in early March 2011. Following public release the Commission will travel to each municipality in Nunavut along with hosting workshops for the Athabasca Denesuline, Manitoba Denesuline, Makivik and other planning partners to promote public examination of the draft plan.

The Commission envisions completing the public examination of the plan over the next 10 – 12 month period. During this period the Commission will continue to encourage our planning partners to review the land use plan and to provide feedback, further research, expert advice and opinion. Following the public review period a public hearing will be held to review the oral and written comments received on the draft plan.

At the outset of this major project our organizations recognized that there would be gaps in data and expert advice. We also agreed that the absence of data and advice would not be grounds to delay completion of the land use plan. As such the Commission would encourage you to focus on “what is in the plan” as opposed to “what is not in plan”. As new information becomes available it can be brought into the document through amendment or during periodic reviews of the approved land use plan.

If your organization intends to provide comments on the draft plan prior to the Commission making the plan public we would encourage you to focus on Chapters 3 and 4 where you will find the terms of the plan and implementation strategy.

Feedback will be required prior to January 31, 2011. This is the latest the Commission can receive input on the draft plan as we require 5-6 weeks for translation of the plan prior to making it public. Any delays encountered will jeopardize completing the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq workshops in 2011 and could easily add another year to the land use planning process.

If we have not received a substantive reply from your organization by January 31, 2011, the Commission will proceed with making the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan public in its present format.

The Draft Land Use Plan is available on our ftp site. The files consist of the following:

- **Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan December 2010.pdf** – high resolution copy of land use plan
- **Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan December 2010_small.pdf** – low resolution copy of land use plan
- **Illustrative_poster.pdf** – Illustrative poster map showing areas from chapter 3 of the land use plan

To access the data, users can log in using the following credentials:

<ftp://sftp.nunavut.ca/>

Username: *****

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your assistance in moving the land use planning process forward.

Respectfully,



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