



July 26, 2019

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Dear Ms. Lord-Hoyle

Re: North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, Revised Proposed Amendment #1 Information request under the Nunavut Planning Commission's Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews - rule 16.4

I write to inform you that on July 23 2019 during their quarterly teleconference call, the Commissioners decided to adjourn the public review pending your submission of a current Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) to the Commission in accordance with rules 11.7, 16. 4 and 16.6 of the Commission's *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews*. The Commission requires this information to publicly review the proposed corridor to determine whether the revised proposed Amendment No. 1 meets the requirements of sections 3.5.11 and appendices J and K of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) as required by section 3.5.12 of that plan. Documents relating to the revised proposed Amendment No. 1 that were considered by the Commissioners have been made available on its website at www.nunavut.ca.

I note that on September 28, 2018, the Commission requested the following information from Baffinland Iron Mines (BIM):

The NPC requests BIMC provide updates on the materials filed in support of the amendment application to reflect changes in the Mary River Project since the original materials were submitted, including consideration of a second railway North to Mile Inlet, or other projects that have been proposed or approved since that time. BIMC is also encouraged to provide suggested revisions to the wording of the amendment as it did as part of the Amendment #3 public review process.

On January 18, 2019, BIM provided updated materials to the Commission, but did not provide a CEA. On March 22, 2019, the Commission invited parties and interested persons to provide written comments on the revised proposed Amendment No. 1 to the NBRLUP. Following the comment period on May 10, 2019 the Commission received comments from the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut,

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. BIM submitted a response to the participants' comments on May 24, 2019, arguing that cumulative effects will be assessed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

As participants in the public review pointed out in written submissions, section 3.5.11 of the NBRLUP requires the proponent to submit an assessment of the "cumulative effects of the preferred route" as part of an amendment application. Appendix J of the NBRLUP also requires that:

"Applicants wishing to develop a transportation and/or communications corridor in the North Baffin region are required to provide the NPC with the following information:

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"3. An assessment of the suitability of the corridor for the inclusion of other possible communication and transportation initiatives (roads, transmission lines, pipelines, etc.). This assessment should include:

- The environmental, social and terrain engineering consequences, and the cumulative impacts of the project, and
- The environmental and social impact of the project on nearby settlements or on nearby existing and proposed transportation systems."

Please note that in order for updated information requested from BIM to be considered by Commissioners during their in-person meeting December 2-5, 2019, this information would need to be provided by November 1, 2019 to be considered during next in-person meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S Ehloak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'S' being large and stylized.

Sharon Ehloak, Executive Director
Nunavut Planning Commission

cc: NBRLUP Distribution List