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# Nunavut Planning Commission's Community Engagement Strategy

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## 1. Introduction

The Nunavut Planning Commission has prepared a Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan to encourage discussion on land use planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). The Draft Plan provides an illustration of how the Nunavut Land Use Plan may guide and direct resource use and development, once approved. The Commission is using the Draft Plan to focus discussions with communities and other stakeholders on land use planning in Nunavut.

To gather community feedback, the Commission is undertaking an extensive tour to visit all Nunavut municipalities, the Manitoba and Athabasca Denesuline, and the Inuit of Nunavik. The Commission has developed a consistent approach that will be used in all communities to raise awareness of the Draft Plan and community meetings, and to support the collection of informed feedback that will be used to improve the Draft Plan.

## 2. Purpose of Community Engagement

The primary purpose of most land use planning exercises is to support the well being of residents and communities of a planning region. Because of this, it is standard land use planning practice to encourage the involvement of residents throughout the planning process. Residents of a planning region play a key role in setting priorities for how land should be used, and their active engagement is essential to the success of a plan. In order to fully contribute to the development of a land use plan, residents must have the opportunity to provide informed feedback and to discuss land use issues that are important to them. While land use planners prepare plans that attempt to balance everyone's interests, they have a primary responsibility to support communities and reflect the views of residents.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Commission is guided by the principles and requirements set out in Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Of particular significance, is the guidance provided in Section 11.2.1 of the NLCA:

- (a) *people are a functional part of a dynamic biophysical environment, and land use cannot be planned and managed without reference to the human community; accordingly, social, cultural and economic endeavours of the human community must be central to land use planning and implementation;*
- (b) *the primary purpose of land use planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area shall be to protect and promote the existing and future well being of those persons ordinarily resident and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area taking into account the interests of all Canadians; special attention shall be devoted to protecting and promoting the existing and future well-being of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands;*
- (c) *the planning process shall ensure land use plans reflect the priorities and values of the residents of the planning regions;*

In order for the Commission to prepare a successful land use plan, it is essential that Nunavummiut are actively engaged in the process and support the plan that is developed. Accordingly, the input the Commission receives from communities, Inuit, and Inuit organizations will play an important role in guiding revisions to the current Draft Plan.

### 3. Raising Public Awareness

On September 7, 2012, the Commission released the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, English and French. The release of the Draft Plan was announced in Nunatsiaq News and Nunavut News North, and the Commission's website was updated for the release to include the Draft Plan and supporting materials. Copies of the Draft Plan and supporting materials were mailed to the Mayor and Council of each municipality, all Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly, and select Members of Parliament.

A key aspect of engaging the public on land use planning is to raise awareness of the Commission's work. Using a wide variety of communication tools is essential to reach as many residents as possible. The Commission has chosen to use the following techniques to inform residents about upcoming community visits:

#### *nunavut.ca*

For those with internet access, the Commission's website is an important tool for distributing information and providing notification for upcoming meetings. As schedules change or new information becomes available, the Commission's website provides an efficient way to present updates. The website is referred to in all promotional materials as a source of further information.

#### *Nunatsiaq News and Nunavut News/North*

These territory wide newspapers reach a wide audience and are a standard way to advise Nunavut communities of upcoming events. Notice of community meetings will be posted a minimum of 45 days in advance. A sample newspaper advertisement is included in Appendix A.

#### *Co-op cable TV*

Co-op cable TV advertisements in a PowerPoint slide format are another effective way to reach a different segment of the population in all but a few Nunavut communities. Notice of meetings will run in the targeted communities a minimum of 45 days in advance for a week and again at 14 days for three weeks. A sample TV advertisement is included in Appendix B.

#### *Community radio*

Local radio stations are very popular in many communities. Notices to be read by the hosts are being sent to radio stations in advance, and live interviews with the Commission will also be arranged to promote the meetings. A sample radio announcement is included in Appendix C.

#### *Community bulletin boards*

Bulletin boards provide another effective way of notifying residents of upcoming meetings. Notices will be posted on bulletin boards at Northern and Co-op stores, post offices, Hamlet offices, airports, health centers or nursing stations to promote the meetings. Multi-lingual posters will be placed on bulletin boards 45 days in advance and again at 14 days. A sample notification poster is included in Appendix D.

## Community mail drop

One page flyers that announce the meetings and their purpose will be delivered to the post office in each community for all mail boxes that accept unaddressed ad-mail. The multi-lingual notices will be delivered 14 days prior to the meeting. A sample mailbox notice is included in Appendix E.

## 4. Community Visits

### 4.1 Logistics

The Commission will spend approximately 2 days in each community. The Commission intends to arrive in each community in the evening, and then begin discussions the following day. The schedule of each visit is as follows:

	DAY 0	DAY 1	DAY 2
AM		Elected Officials Meeting Open House Set Up (Staff)	Wrap up Session
PM	Arrival	Open House	High School Visit Pack up and depart for next community/home
EVENING	Arrival/Set up	Public Workshop	

Wherever possible, community meetings will not take place during weekends or during the summer months when many residents are on the land. A combination of scheduled flights and chartered flights will be used to reach each community, depending on which option is the most effective. Each leg of the tour will generally visit three communities, with Commission staff being out of the office for less than two weeks at a time. When it is not possible to reach a community at the scheduled time due to weather or other circumstances, that community visit will be rescheduled for a later date, and the tour will proceed to the next scheduled community. With these restrictions, the tour is anticipated to take a year and a half to complete.

The Commission intends to have the following personnel present for all community visits:

- Commission Chairperson
- Executive Director
- Director of Policy
- Director of Plan Implementation
- Manager of Translations

- Interpreter/Translator
- Senior Planner
- Land Information Technologist
- Planner (GIS)
- Policy Specialist
- French Translator
- Locally Hired Translator

Wherever possible, the commission will also enlist the assistance of the Designated Inuit Organization's Community Liaison Officer to help with meeting preparation, and provide a 'go-to' person on the ground in each community in advance of the meeting.

A significant amount of organizational effort is required for such a large undertaking. The Commission has prepared an internal Tour Manual to address many of the logistical challenges, including establishing community contacts, and booking accommodations, venues, transportation, translations, and catering. The Commission's staff is using this manual as a guideline to coordinate all community visits.

## 4.2 Overview of Each Visit

The following overview provides a summary of each component of the community visits:

### *Day 1: Morning - Elected Officials Meeting*

The Commission is requesting an audience with the Mayor and Council of each community at 9:00 am on Day 1. If the Mayor and Council are available at that time, the local Hunters and Trappers Organization, Community Lands and Resources Committee, and appropriate Members of the Legislative Assembly will also be invited.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a brief overview of the Draft Plan, discuss any questions that there may be, and listen to any feedback. A small team from the Commission, lead by the Chairperson, Paul Quassa, will attend the meeting, while the majority of Commission staff prepare the chosen venue for public meetings.

### *Day 1: Afternoon - Open House*

The Commission will host an open house on the first full day in each community from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. The purpose of the open house is to provide the community's 'first glimpse' of the Draft Plan, and allow residents to review the plan at their own pace. The session will introduce Commission staff to the community in a friendly setting and establish contacts for future discussions.

The Commission has prepared a large format, multi-lingual poster for each chapter of the Draft Plan. Technical staff and translators will be available to discuss each poster. Participants will be encouraged to circulate through the open house following the sequence of the Draft Plan chapters, but they will be free to view the posters and engage in discussions with staff in any order they prefer.

The open house will also be used to promote the facilitated public workshop that will be held in the evening and to encourage future discussion.

## **Day 1: Evening - Public Workshop**

A facilitated public workshop will be held in each community from 6:30 to 9:30 pm to collect feedback on the Draft Plan and to identify issues that are important to participants. Discussions will be held primarily in Inuktitut, with simultaneous translations available for each group.

The session will begin with an overview of the Draft Plan to familiarize participants with its general content and purpose (see Appendix F). This will set the stage for more detailed discussions.

Following the overview, participants will be split into two groups to discuss the Draft Plan. The discussion will focus on each goal of the Draft Plan in turn. Each group will have a series of maps available on tables that illustrate the areas that have been identified in the Draft Plan to support each goal. These large goal-specific maps will be regional and centered on the community being visited. These large format 1:1,000,000 scale regional maps will allow participants to accurately locate areas within at least four hundred kilometres of the community. The entire NSA will be displayed on a nearby wall on large format poster versions of Schedule A and B of the Draft Plan.

Discussions will take place for the following topics:

- Protecting and Sustaining the Environment;
- Encouraging Conservation Planning;
- Building Healthier Communities;
- Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development; and
- Mixed Use

The following is an example of the script that the facilitator in each group will follow for the goal of Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development:

*Specific areas in the NSA have been identified for their importance to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development. These areas are;*

- *Mineral Exploration and Production*
- *Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;*
- *Commercial Fisheries*

*In each of these areas the Commission has applied land use designations and in some instances a recommendation that supports economic opportunities and needs.*

*We encourage you to comment on the location of these areas, the uses identified as appropriate in each area and any other comments you may have on the management of these areas.*

- *Are these economic activities important to you?*

- *Are there other economic activities important to Nunavut that should be recognized and protected in the Nunavut Land Use Plan?*

This format will allow participants to provide feedback on the content of the Draft Plan and also discuss land use issues that are important to them. The entire script is included in Appendix G.

Discussions on other topics will follow the same format. One adjustment will be made during the Building Healthier Communities discussion on important community areas. To focus these discussions, individual data points that have been collected through the Commission's Use and Occupancy mapping project will be displayed as an overlay on the Building Healthier Communities map. Displaying the detailed information the Commission has already collected about how communities use the land will support the engagement of community members in discussions on the importance of these areas.

### ***Day 2: Morning - Wrap up Session***

The next morning between 10:00 and 12:00, the Commission will hold a wrap up session to give the public an opportunity to review mapped feedback that was provided during the facilitated workshop, and to have any additional discussions with staff. The open house posters will also be displayed for anyone who was unable to participate in the previous meetings. Once again, staff will be available to record any oral feedback from participants.

### ***Day 2: Afternoon – High School Visit***

A letter is being sent to the principal of each high school that encourages student participation in the open house, and also requests a meeting with students between 1:15 and 2:30 in the afternoon on Day 2. These meetings will support the engagement of the youth of Nunavut on the future of land use in the NSA.

## **4.3 Recording Community Feedback**

During the open house, feedback will be noted by staff in logbooks, and questionnaires will also be available for participants to complete. Staff will be available to assist in completing the questionnaire, as needed.

During the public workshop, information with a spatial aspect will be recorded on each goal map by Commission staff that have previous experience conducting Use and Occupancy mapping interviews. That program has established a methodology that has been successfully used for many years to gather mapped information from community members. An audio recording of the discussion will be made to verify all feedback that is noted by Commission staff in their logbooks.

The Commission will also be filming segments of the community visits that will provide an engaging record of the discussions. Participants who are comfortable being filmed will be able to have their views recorded for future use exactly as they intended. This record will be a powerful tool for considering feedback and communicating the views of each community to other planning partners, including at a public hearing.



## **4.4 Reporting Community Feedback**

Feedback on the Draft Plan will be posted on the Commission's online Consultation Record and ultimately reviewed at a public hearing.

Commission staff logbooks from the open houses and workshops in each community will be entered into a large table that identifies the goal that the comment falls under and also assigns a code, where possible, that identifies the particular subject of the comment. This will allow staff to efficiently retrieve all comments on any given topic when considering feedback (for example, on a specific issue such as Heritage Rivers). Spatial information that is recorded on the goal maps during the facilitated workshops will be digitized and associated comments will be attached to those areas. Audio recordings will be used to verify the accuracy of the documented feedback. Surveys will be used to provide an additional opportunity for participants to supplement the land use information provided in group sessions.

Commission staff will use this information to prepare a summary of the feedback from each community, organized by the five broad topics of Protecting and Sustaining the Environment; Encouraging Conservation Planning; Building Healthier Communities; Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development; and Mixed Use. Each topic will be accompanied by a map showing the spatial information that has been collected.

The reports will be posted on the Commission's online Consultation Record, and will also be provided to the community for consideration.

This initial report will be a simple summary of what the Commission heard, and will not contain analysis of the feedback or details on how particular information is being used to inform the Draft Plan. Those details will not be available until after a public hearing, when the Commission has heard from everyone. At that time, an additional report will be produced outlining how community feedback was taken into consideration through the Options and Recommendations document.

It is anticipated that throughout the tour, feedback may be provided by residents that falls outside the mandate of the Commission and land use planning. This feedback may be valuable to other organizations and government departments with a role in land management in Nunavut. These reports will provide a record of community concerns that other organizations may find useful.

As noted above, video recordings of residents expressing their concerns and interests will be a valuable tool for communicating the views of each community to other planning partners, including at a public hearing.

## **5. Additional Opportunities for Feedback**

The Commission encourages feedback on the Draft Plan at any time. Promotional materials provide contact information and Commission staff will encourage follow up communication with interested workshop participants.

It is anticipated that many organizations will submit written letters outlining their feedback on the Draft Plan. These letters will be posted on the Commission's online Consultation Record. Commission staff are also available to collect feedback on the telephone for those who prefer to provide oral feedback.

In addition to the community meetings that are taking place, meetings with government departments, Inuit organizations, and other interest groups will be held. Notes from all meetings will be prepared and posted on the Commission's online Consultation Record.

Following the community workshops, a public hearing will be held to review the Draft Plan and all comments that have been received, as well as to provide an additional opportunity for parties to make oral submissions. This will be the final opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the draft prior to revisions and submission for approval.

## 6. Considering Feedback

The Commission must give great weight to the views and wishes of municipalities and ensure the plan reflects the values and priorities of residents. Special attention must be devoted to Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands. Accordingly, the feedback the Commission receives from communities, Inuit and Inuit organizations will play an important role when considering revisions to the Draft Plan.

The Commission is unable to give full consideration to the feedback it receives until all parties are heard from and a public hearing is held. Following the public hearing, all of the feedback the Commission has received will first be used to update the Options and Recommendations document that informs the decisions included in the Draft Plan. All of the considerations that went into the original Options and Recommendations document will be revisited in light of the feedback and this update will then inform revisions to the Draft Plan.

Feedback from communities on which issues they feel are important to address in the Nunavut Land Use Plan will be used to set priorities for inclusion in the first generation plan, as well as subsequent work that will be identified as part of the Implementation Strategy. New issues that have been identified will be included in the Options and Recommendations document as well. When new issues are identified, there may not be enough information available for the Commission to make a decision. In these cases, the issues may be identified in the Implementation Strategy as topics requiring additional study.

Additional details on how feedback will be considered as part of the Commission's incremental planning approach can be found in the document *Developing the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan* (October 2012).

It is important for communities to know how the information they provide is being used in the planning process. Following the update of the Options and Recommendations document and revisions to the Draft Plan, a report will be prepared that outlines how the feedback from each community has been used to inform the Commission's decisions.



## Appendix B: Sample TV Advertisement



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### Nunavut Planning Commission Tours Nunavut Communities **Public Meetings To Gather Feedback on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Upcoming community visits:

**November 1-2, 2012 – Arctic Bay, Community Hall**

**November 5-6, 2012 – Pond Inlet, Community Hall**

**November 7-8, 2012 – Clyde River, Community Hall**

The Draft Plan and the schedule for upcoming community visits are available at [www.nunavut.ca](http://www.nunavut.ca).

Call us at (867) 983-4625

## Appendix C: Sample Radio Announcement

### **Arctic Bay Radio Announcement** (to be read by host)

There will be a Public Meeting at the **Community Hall** in **Arctic Bay** to gather feedback on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

*Be Part of the Plan!*

Join the Commission's Chairperson Paul Quassa and staff to discuss land use in Nunavut. You could even take home a door prize!

*How do you want your land to be?*

There will be an open house on **Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm and a public workshop from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. A wrap up session will be held on **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.





## **Appendix F: Presentation of the Draft Plan**

### **Introduction**

- Thank you for joining us and welcome to the Formal Workshop on the Nunavut Land Use Plan
- Refreshments and room orientation
- Introduction and overview of facilitator's background and role
- Commissioner introduction, background and role
- Executive Director introduction
- Introduction of Commission Staff

### **Purpose of the Workshop**

- This Formal Work Shop has been designed to provide you with an understanding of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and it will provide the Commission an understanding of what you think is important that should be included in the Draft Plan

### **Overview of the Workshop**

- This workshop is broken into two parts;
  1. The first part is an overview of the Draft Plan, which will provide an understanding of the Draft Plan;



2. The second part will be a mapping session to determine if the Plan has captured the important areas and managed them correctly, and for you to identify areas that are important to you that may not have been included in the draft plan.

## **Brief Summary of the Commission and its purpose**

- The Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission), is an Institute of Public Government, more commonly referred to as an IPG. The role and responsibilities of the Commission are set out under Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.
- Article 11 directs the Commission to prepare and implement land use plans.

## **What is the Nunavut Land Use Plan?**

- The Nunavut Land Use Plan is intended to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut settlement area.
- The Nunavut Land use plan applies to land, water, marine areas and resources, including wildlife and the outer land fast ice zone.
- The Nunavut Land Use Plan does not apply to most municipal activities or traditional land uses such as hunting, fishing and camping. The Plan does not apply within established parks.
- The Nunavut Land Use Plan must;
  - Devote special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future well-being of Inuit and Inuit Owned Lands;
  - Reflect the priorities and values of residents;
  - Take into account cultural factors and priorities;

- Give great weight to the views and wishes of the municipalities; and
- Take into account Inuit goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Lands.
- In order for the Nunavut Land Use Plan to promote your goals you have to tell us what is important to you. And, today we will be asking specific questions to assist us in collecting data and information that is important to you.

## **Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan: History**

- The draft Plan has been guided by the Nunavut Planning Commission's Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals. The Plan is also guided by the Options and Recommendations Paper.
- The Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals consist of five broad planning Goals, these are;
  - Goal 1: Strengthening Partnership and Institutions
  - Goal 2: Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
  - Goal 3: Encouraging Conservation Planning
  - Goal 4: Building Healthier Communities
  - Goal 5: Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- These Goals are supported by 43 planning Policies and 63 planning Objectives.
- The Options and Recommendations document provides policy direction for the Nunavut Land Use Plan. The Document was prepared by the Commission to reflect;
  - The Nunavut Planning Commissions Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals;
  - Feedback received from planning partners;
  - The existing planning policy framework and pertinent reports; and

- Existing land and resource use in the NSA.
- The Options and Recommendations document continues to evolve. Your feedback will help further inform this document and your ideas will support the decision making process.

## **Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan: Review Session**

- We are now going to review the Plan content.
- Firstly we will familiarize you with the layout of the plan, along with the issues and areas that are presented.
- After we have presented the Plan we will have a mapping session, review the issues and get your feedback.
- In the mapping sessions, we will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the Plan.

## **Chapter 1: Land Use Planning in the Nunavut Settlement Area**

### **(INSERT SLIDE 1)**

- Chapter 1 is the opening of the plan and provides an overview of its content and purpose. It contains;
  - An introduction to the Plan;
  - The purpose of the Plan;
  - The methodology used to prepare the Plan;
  - The Plan's content;
  - The application of the Plan;
  - How to use the Plan; and
  - Limitations of Data in the Planning Process.

- The Plan is being prepared with the best available information. The Plan continues to evolve. The Plan is flexible and able to be updated and revised as more information becomes available
- The Plan guides and directs land use activities within the NSA. Land Use Designations have been applied to all areas of the NSA to identify appropriate land uses.

Recommendations have been applied to some areas to identify important issues for regulators to consider.

## Chapter 2: Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

### (INSERT SLIDE 2)

- This chapter identifies areas and issues that are important to protecting and sustaining the environment. These areas and issues are;
  - Key Bird Habitat Sites;
  - Caribou Habitat;
  - Atlantic Cod Lakes;
  - Cumulative Impacts;
  - Transboundary Considerations; and
  - Climate Change.
- These areas and issues are managed through Protecting and Sustaining the Environment (PSE) Land Use Designations and/or Recommendations (**Staff show example**).
- The intent of PSE Land Use Designations is to support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

## Chapter 3: Encouraging Conservation Planning

### (INSERT SLIDE 3)

- This chapter identifies areas that are important to Encouraging Conservation Planning in Nunavut. These areas are;
  - National Parks Awaiting Full Establishment;
  - Proposed National Parks;
  - Proposed National Marine Conservation Areas (NMCAs);
  - Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary;
  - Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs);
  - National Wildlife Areas (NWAs);
  - Historic Sites; and
  - Heritage Rivers.
  
- These areas and issues are managed through Encouraging Conservation Planning (ECP) Land Use Designations and/or Recommendations (**Staff show example**).
  
- The intent of ECP Land Use Designations is to support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

## **Chapter 4: Building Healthier Communities**

### **(INSERT SLIDE 4)**

- This chapter identifies areas that are important to Building Healthier Communities in Nunavut. These areas are;
  - Areas of Community Interest;
  - Community Land Use
  - Transportation Infrastructure;
  - Unincorporated Communities;
  - Alternative Energy Sources;
  - Community Drinking Water Supplies;
  - Land Remediation;

- Northern Contaminated Sites Program;
  - Aerodromes;
  - Canadian Forces Stations; and
  - North Warning System sites.
- These areas and issues are managed through Building Healthier Communities (BHC) Land Use Designations and/or Recommendations (**Staff show example**).
  - The intent of BHC Land Use Designations is to support community needs and cultural priorities.

## **Chapter 5: Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development**

**(INSERT SLIDE 5)**

- This chapter identifies areas as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development in Nunavut. These areas are;
  - Mineral Exploration and Production;
  - Oil and Gas Exploration and Production; and
  - Commercial Fisheries.
- These areas and issues are managed through Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development (ESED) Land Use Designations and/or Recommendations (**Staff show example**).
- The intent of ESED Land Use Designations is to support economic opportunities and needs.

## **Chapter 6: Mixed Use**

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- Mixed Use Areas support a variety of land uses. In mixed use areas, the Commission encourages a range of uses that support a variety of opportunities and land use activity (*show example*).
- The intent of the Mixed Use Land Use Designation is to support land use activity that takes into account factors such as economic opportunities, conservation initiatives and the social well being of the residents of the NSA.
- In some areas designated Mixed Use, the Commission recognizes that there are qualities that contribute to the Goals of Protecting and Sustaining the Environment, Encouraging Conservation Planning, Building Healthier Communities or Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development. In these areas, a Recommendation has been applied and proponents are encouraged to take the particular qualities of this area into account when a use is proposed (**Staff show example**).

## **Chapter 7: Implementation**

### **(INSERT SLIDE 7)**

- This Chapter describes the tools the Commission will use to implement the Plan.
- Land Use Designations have been applied to all areas of the NSA to identify appropriate land uses. Within each Land Use Designation, there is a list of permitted uses. These uses are considered an appropriate form of land use that supports the qualities of that particular area. Some land use designations have prohibited uses. A prohibited use is an activity that is not allowed in the designated area. Uses that are not specifically permitted or prohibited may be considered through Plan Amendment.
- Recommendations have been applied to some areas to identify important issues to consider.
- All project proposals must be submitted to the Commission. Project proposals will be reviewed to see if they are in accordance with the plan.

### **(INSERT SLIDE 8)**

- To see if a project proposal is in accordance with the Plan, the Commission will:
  - Locate the project proposal in the NSA;
  - Identify what land use designation applies in that location of the NSA;
  - Establish what uses are permitted and what terms are applicable to the land use designation; and
  - Determine whether the project proposal is permitted by the terms of the applicable land use designation.

### **Closing Remarks for the Presentation of the Plan**

- This concludes our presentation on the overview of the Plan
- I am aware that there may be many questions on the Plan's content.
- A lot of the questions you have will be addressed in our next sessions, the mapping session.
- We are now going to move into our mapping session where we will be able to discuss any issues and ideas you have about the Plans content as well as issues and ideas on how to improve the Plan.



## **Appendix G: Mapping Session Script**

### **Introduction**

This session will involve collecting information from you on the content of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan as well as areas and issues that you feel should be included in a Nunavut Land Use Plan.

In small groups we will be asking a series of questions to get your feedback. I will provide you with an overview of the chapters and then Commission staff will lead a discussion on each topic in the individual groups.

Commission staff will be happy to answer questions or clarify any issue as we move through the session.

The information that we receive in the groups today will be used to inform the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

## **The first goal that we would like to discuss with you is Protecting and Sustaining the Environment**

Specific areas and issues in the NSA have been identified in the Draft Plan for their importance to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment. These areas are;

- Key Bird Habitat
- Caribou Habitat
- Atlantic Cod Lakes
- Cumulative Impacts
- Transboundary Considerations
- Climate Change

In each of these areas the Commission has applied a land use designation and in some instances a recommendation that support environmental protection and management needs.

We encourage you to comment on the location of the areas, the uses identified as appropriate in each area, and any other comments you may have on the management of these areas or the issues identified.

- Are these environmental issues important to you?
  
- Are there other areas or issues that should be identified in the Nunavut Land Use Plan for their importance to protecting and sustaining the environment? For example other important wildlife habitat, areas where you are concerned with the amount of development, or areas where land use is shared between Nunavut and its neighbors?

## **The second goal we would like to discuss with you is Encouraging Conservation Planning**

Specific areas in the NSA have been identified for their importance to encouraging conservation planning. These areas are;

- National Parks Awaiting Full Establishment
- Proposed National Parks
- National Marine Conservation Areas
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary
- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries
- National Wildlife Areas
- National Historic Sites
- Territorial Historic Sites
- Heritage Rivers

In each of these areas the Commission has applied a land use designation and in some instances a recommendation that supports environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

We encourage you to comment on the location of these areas, the uses identified as appropriate in each area, and any other comments you may have on the management of these areas.

- Are these conservation areas important to you?
- Are there other issues or areas in Nunavut that should be identified for their conservation value? i.e. historic or environmental value?

### **The third goal we would like to discuss with you is Building Healthier Communities**

Specific areas in the NSA have been identified for their importance to Building Healthier Communities.

These areas are;

- Areas of Community Interest
- Community Land Use
- Transportation infrastructure
- Unincorporated communities;
- Alternative energy sources
- Community drinking water supplies
- Land remediation
- Northern Contaminated Sites Program;
- Aerodromes
- Canadian Forces Stations
- Northern Warning System sites

In each of these areas the Commission has applied a land use designation and in some instances a recommendation that supports community needs and cultural priorities.

We encourage you to comment on the location of these areas, the uses identified as appropriate in each area and any other comments you may have on the management of these areas.

- Are the issues that have been identified to support building healthier communities important to you?
- Are there other areas of community interest that should be identified for their importance to community well-being? For example, areas important for hunting, camping, or fishing, or scared sites?

- Are there additional sources of drinking water in Nunavut that should be protected?
- Are there other contaminated sites that should be identified?

## **The fourth goal we would like to discuss with you is Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development**

Specific areas in the NSA have been identified for their importance to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development. These areas are;

- Mineral Exploration and Production
- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Commercial Fisheries

In each of these areas the Commission has applied land use designations and in some instances a recommendation that supports economic opportunities and needs.

We encourage you to comment on the location of these areas, the uses identified as appropriate in each area and any other comments you may have on the management of these areas.

- Are these economic activities important to you?
- Are there other economic activities important to Nunavut that should be recognised and protected in the Nunavut Land Use Plan?

**The fifth topic we would like to discuss with you is Mixed Use**

Areas have been identified in the NSA that are able to support a wide variety of uses. These Areas have been assigned a Mixed Use Land Use Designation that permits all land uses.

- Are there areas in the Mixed Use Areas that require additional protection? Why?

## Closing Remarks

- The Commission appreciates the time you have taken this evening to participate in the preparation of this important document.
- Maps and information showing the data collected tonight will be displayed for comment tomorrow morning in the Wrap Up Session.
- The Commission will be providing a summary of the information gathered from all the discussions held in your community as well as other feedback received over the course of the Tour.
- Once again, thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning for further discussion and we encourage you to contact the Commission at any time if you have any additional ideas or feedback.