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Dear Mr. Madsen,

Re: Response to Request for Explanation of Amendment Application Process April 28, 2015

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2015 asking the Commission to comment on a "Potential Amendment" to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP).

As agreed upon in my meeting with your President Tom Paddon in Iqaluit on April 17th, 2015, the Commission staff is working on the issues discussed with Tom as expeditiously as possible in regards to process and timelines.

The Commission is currently engaged in funding discussions with the federal government to ensure the Commission has sufficient resources to deal with its growing workload efficiently and effectively. Under its present funding agreement, the Commission must fund all activities out of its annual core funding. This must be approved in advance by the federal government following a detailed review of the Commission's proposed work plans. The Commission will be in a better position to respond to your April 28, 2015 letter once it has had an opportunity to consider how your Potential Amendment would affect its existing work plans, and after the outcome of the Commission's discussions with the federal government is known.

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At present the Commission is in receipt of other applications and is committed to processing them on a timely basis in the order in which they have been received. Consequently the Commission is unable to undertake any new processes not planned, budgeted for, and approved by the federal government in the Commission's previous fiscal year. The Commission would be pleased to work with BIMC if BIMC chooses to proceed with an amendment application. The Commission also would welcome further dialogue on the issues raised in your April 28, 2015 letter. However, please be aware that unless supplementary funding is advanced by Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada pursuant to our current dialogue with them on that topic, the Commission may be required to prepare a budget and work plan for BIMC's amendment application and submit them to the federal government for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

I look forward to working with you and your team on the Mary River file. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Respectfully,

Hunter Tootoo
Chairperson

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