



May 16, 2017

David Akeeagok  
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Government of Nunavut

**Delivered Via Electronic Mail**

Dear Mr. Akeeagok,

**RE: Regional Public Hearings for the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan**

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 2017 outlining your observations with respect to the recent Qikiqtani public hearing and your recommendations for future hearings. The Commission is always working to improve its processes and certainly welcomes comments and constructive criticism such as yours. That said, it is important to note that the primary purpose of this series of public hearings, including the upcoming Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regional hearings, is to inform the Commissioners as to the views of the various participants in as efficient and effective a manner as possible, recognizing time and resource constraints. There have been many workshops on various topics in the past during which the participants fully engaged in mutual discussions. Now is the time for the Commission to hear directly from each participant regarding their views on the 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan to best inform revisions to the document. Your recommendations will be taken into full account and carefully considered in this context. In addition, the Commission recently announced that the upcoming Kivalliq regional hearing has been rescheduled to a later date to be determined which will allow full consideration of your recommendations.

The Commission appreciates the ongoing participation of the Government of Nunavut in the development of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan as we move towards our shared goal of an approved Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Respectfully,

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