



NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION REVISED NOTICE OF NEXT STEPS FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2021 DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

Date: February 1, 2022

BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANT DATES

On October 21, 2021, the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) postponed Regional Public Hearings in respect of the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) that were originally scheduled for November 2021 to March 2022 to provide all participants additional time to ensure adequate opportunity to review materials in Inuktitut, English or French and for the Commission to conduct in-person community visits to prepare community representatives for the hearings. The current Covid outbreak in Nunavut has made the Commission's intended preparatory community meetings unfeasible at this time. Following discussions with multiple communities and other planning partners, the Commission has determined that the most responsible path forward is to postpone the regional public hearings until the fall and conduct in-person community visits in the spring as guided by the Covid protocols in place at that time, or through Zoom or teleconference if necessary.

Parties should be aware that the new dates set below for the re-scheduling of the community visits and regional public hearings are tentative and may change depending on public health orders. Should the Commission subsequently make any changes to the timetable of events, these will be communicated through a procedural update.

Tentative Dates	Type of Meeting	Location
May-June 2022	Community Information Sessions	All Kitikmeot/Kivalliq/Qikiqtani* Communities
September-November 2022	Public Hearings	Cambridge Bay, NU Thompson, MB Rankin Inlet, NU Pond Inlet, NU* Iqaluit, NU*

* NOTE: The Community Information Sessions in the Qikiqtani Region and Pond Inlet and Iqaluit Hearings are subject to the availability of funding.

With these considerations in mind, the Commission has directed that the following modifications to the previously planned process be applied to keep parties engaged in the planning processes. Specifically, these modifications will allow for process flexibility and enable the Commission to complete next steps required to advance the development of a Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan. In providing this direction, the Commission reserves the right to

further modify the proposed processes and timelines - as may be required to reflect changed circumstances such as:

- Updates to public health orders including travel restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and
- The receipt of required funding from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

While the Commission recognizes that these process modifications may require all planning partners and communities, including the Commission, to adopt new approaches or make certain changes that may not be their preference, the Commission is obligated to continue to work with partners and modify its processes to fulfill its mandate.

Next steps in the planning process discussed in this notice are summarized in Appendix A.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO ENGAGE WITH NPC STAFF ON THE 2021 DNLUP

The Commission's December 2021 notice¹ encouraged participants to set up meetings with NPC staff to discuss any outstanding matters pertaining to the 2021 DNLUP. In January 2022, NPC staff met with a number of participants and other parties to discuss comments on the DNLUP and other topics. The Commission encourages all parties to use this extended period to engage in dialogue with NPC staff regarding any outstanding technical issues they still have on the 2021 DNLUP.

2. REVISED COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PREPARATORY SESSIONS

Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak in Nunavut, the NPC has decided to postpone the timing of its public engagement program. The Commission will be holding in-person information sessions across in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot Regions with representatives of the Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), Hamlets and other organizations and will endeavor to carry out these visits between May and June, 2022 (additional guidance to be provided once actual dates are confirmed). Where an in-person session may not be feasible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and other unforeseen circumstances, the Commission may consider using alternative means (e.g. teleconference or zoom) to conduct the sessions to prepare the community representatives.

Subject to the availability of funding, the NPC will also conduct community information sessions with communities in the Qikiqtani Region and affected communities in Nunavik to prepare them for Public Hearings in Pond Inlet and Iqaluit. Should the Commission subsequently make any changes to the timelines of events, these will be communicated through a procedural update.

These information sessions will be informal and facilitated by NPC staff to meet the following objectives:

- Provide an overview of the 2021 DNLUP, its potential impacts, and how communities and the public can be involved;
- Provide community representatives with opportunities to ask questions to better understand the 2021 DNLUP;
- Provide updates on the next steps in the planning process; and
- Assist representatives in the preparation of written submissions and/or oral presentations for the upcoming public hearings.

3. AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS

¹ <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry.php?public=docs&g=16&c=1045&searchtext=>

Copies of the 2021 DNLUP and Options and Recommendations document and all submissions filed in the NPC's public record in association with the DNLUP are available online at: <http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry.php>. Interactive DNLUP maps are also now available at www.nunavut.ca and hardcopies of the DNLUP and supporting material have been mailed to affected communities.

4. PARTICIPANTS AND EXTENDED TIMELINES FOR ADDITIONAL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Parties not yet registered as participants are able to do so by completing the registration form in Appendix B, by March 11, 2022.

Participants who have already provided written comments are able to provide additional comments, and other participants are now requested to provide any written submissions by April 15, 2022. Parties should be aware that this is an opportunity to:

- Provide any additional comments and opinions about the 2021 DNLUP that was not previously submitted in the last round of comments in 2021;
- Present arguments about the relevance and weight of any evidence that is before the Commission as pertaining to the 2021 DNLUP; and
- Make your recommendation on which components of the 2021 DNLUP should be changed or approved and if so, under what conditions.

NPC staff are available to meet with participants to provide an overview of the DNLUP or to respond to any clarifying questions to assist with the preparation of written submissions.

5. REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

As noted above, the Commission has set tentative dates for the upcoming public hearings in Nunavut and Thompson, Manitoba.

Participation

Participants can attend any of the regional hearings in person and will be able to observe the hearings online through live streaming. Parties intending to participate in the public hearings must register by contacting the NPC least 30 calendar days in advance of the start of the public hearing. Early registration will allow for the public hearing sessions to be planned in a logical and organized manner.

Covid 19 Protocol

Please note that in-person meeting sites will be managed in accordance with Public Health Orders in place for each location. All participants attending in person should be aware that **full vaccination and non-medical face masks** will be **mandatory** for attendance.

Community Input and Engagement

Public input and feedback are essential to the Commission's planning processes for the development of a Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan. As you are aware, the Commission is requesting the nomination of community representatives from Hamlet Councils, Hunters & Trappers Organizations, and other community groups to participate directly in the Public Hearings. The Commission will cover the cost of travel, accommodations and provide standard per-diem rates for meals and incidentals for these community representatives to allow for their attendance and participation at the Regional Public Hearings. A significant portion of time will be made available to community representatives to ask questions and provide comments for the Commission's consideration.

6. ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND CONTACT

Copies of the 2021 DNLUP and Options and Recommendations document and all submissions filed in the NPC's public record in association with the DNLUP are available online at: <http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry.php>.

As the Commission continues to monitor and respond to ongoing changes arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the NPC appreciates the feedback and support provided by all participants involved in the planning process in light of these challenging circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding the Commission's approach moving forward or require more information on the upcoming Community Information Session and Public Hearings or assistance locating specific documentation, please contact Solomon Amuno at: samuno@nunavut.ca.

Appendix B- Registration Form

FORM 1 - REGISTRATION AS PARTICIPANT

NPC FILE NO. _____

SUBJECT MATTER: _____

(name or description)

REGISTRATION AS PARTICIPANT

DATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE _____

1. I, (*please print name*): _____ completing this form to register as a Participant in the above-noted Proceeding:
- a. for myself
 - b. as a representative of a single Person; or
 - c. on behalf of a group, association, or coalition of Persons.

If acting as a representative for another Person, or for a group, association, or coalition, please identify the Person (or Persons) you are representing:

2. I intend to participate in the above-noted Proceeding (*check any that apply*)
- a. In writing;
 - b. Orally if a Hearing is held.

3. I request an opportunity to make oral comments

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. I intend to participate in the following language (*check any that apply*)

- a. Inuktitut (please specify dialect): _____
- b. English
- c. French

5. My contact information, or the contact information of my representative is (*note this information will be made public*):

- a. Address for electronic delivery of Notices to Participants and other materials (e.g. via electronic mail, fax):

(By providing this address you consent to receive all communications electronically.)

- b. Address for physical delivery of Notices to Participants and other materials (e.g. via mail or courier):

(By providing this address you consent to receive all communications physically and agree to pay the Commission reasonable fees for providing physical copies.)

6. I have information, knowledge, or a view on the following issues:

(attach additional pages if required)

Signed: _____

[Print Name & Name of Participant if different from person completing form]

Date: _____