



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

**Date: March 25, 2022**

On October 21, 2021 the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) postponed the Regional Public Hearings in respect of the 2021 DNLUP that were originally scheduled for November 2021 to March 2022 to provide all participants adequate time to review materials in Inuktitut, English or French. As a result of the most recent Covid-19 outbreak in Nunavut in January 2022, the Commission further postponed the regional public hearings to the fall of 2022. Due to the recent easing of travel restrictions and changes to public health measures across Nunavut allowing for public gatherings, the NPC has decided to proceed with its plans to hold in-person public hearings in the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, Qikiqtaaluk (North/South Baffin, Nunavik) Regions, and for affected Dënesuᓄiné communities in September to November 2022. **The Qikiqtaaluk hearings remain subject to the availability of funding.** Refer to Appendix A for further updates regarding logistics arrangements for the Public Hearings.

### 1. IMPORTANT DATES

The table below shows the new dates and venue locations for the upcoming regional public hearings. Parties should be aware that the dates set below for the public hearings may change depending on public health orders that is in effect at that time. Should the Commission decide to make any changes to the timetable of events, these will be communicated to participants through a procedural update.

Location	Venue	Meeting Date	Time
Cambridge Bay, NU	Luke Novoligak Community Hall	September 12-15, 2022	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (With the potential for evening sessions)
Rankin Inlet, NU	Singiituq Complex	September 19-23, 2022	
Thompson, MB	Royal Canadian Legion	September 26-27, 2022	
Pond Inlet*	Community Hall	October 24-27, 2022	
Iqaluit*	Cadet Hall	November 14-19, 2022	

\* The Pond Inlet and Iqaluit hearings remain subject to the availability of funding.

The Public Hearings will provide a public forum for discussion of those technical issues that have been identified on the 2021 DNLUP and which remain unresolved, as well as issues for which there is public concern and other matters considered relevant to the NPC's development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

## 2. 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**, as soon as possible.

As of December 2021, the Commission has received written comments and submissions from the following participants on the 2021 DNLUP.

Written Submissions from Participants	
Government of Canada	Athabasca Dēnesūliné Communities of Black Lake, Fond Du Lac, and Hatchet Lake Dēnesūliné First Nations
Government of Nunavut	Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc./Regional Inuit Associations	Ghotelnene K'odintineh Dene (Sayisi Dēne First Nation & Northlands Dēnesūliné First Nation)
Kivalliq Inuit Association	Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link
Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization	Baffinland Iron Mines
Agnico Eagle	Canada's Oil and Natural Gas Producers
Blue Star Gold Corp	De Beers Group
Deborah Jenkins, Trent University	North Arrow Mineral Inc
Flood Consulting	Fury Gold Mines
GGL Resources Corp	Nordgold Limited
Sabina Gold and Silver Corp	Solstice Gold
Seal River Watershed	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
Suncor Energy Services Inc	Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board
Orano	NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines
Friends of Land Use Planning	APEX Geoscience
Nunavut Impact Review Board	Paula Kigjugalik Hughson Senator Denis Patterson

Furthermore, participants who have already provided written comments in the last round of comment request in 2021 are able to provide additional comments, and other participants are now requested to provide any additional written submissions by **April 15, 2022**. As previously stated, participants should be aware that this is an opportunity to:

- Provide any additional comments and opinions about the 2021 DNLUP that were 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 regarding 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.

As previously noted, the consultation record for the 2021 DNLUP will close 40 days after the conclusion of the final regional hearing.

### 3. AVAILABILITY OF DNLUP DOCUMENTS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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>. The Interactive maps and GIS files of the maps are available on the NPC's website at [www.nunavut.ca](http://www.nunavut.ca).

Hard copies of 2021 DNLUP and Options and Recommendations and the executive summary documents have been sent to the Municipal offices in each community. HTOs are asked to visit the Municipal office to pick up copies if they have not yet received them.

### 4. NPC DIRECT ENGAGEMENT WITH PARTICIPANTS

NPC staff are available and remain committed 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 on or before **April 15, 2022**.

Over the course of the first quarter of 2022, NPC staff have met with representatives from the following organizations: the Government of Nunavut, DeBeers, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), the Kivalliq Inuit Association, the Dēnesuḷiné communities and several departments of the Government of Canada. Additional meetings with the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, NTI & RIAs, and industry are being scheduled for the coming weeks and the Commission encourages other participants to engage with NPC staff to discuss any outstanding technical issues prior to the Public Hearings.

### 5. NPC COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PREPARATORY SESSIONS

The NPC has decided to proceed with its plans to conduct in-person information and preparatory sessions for community representatives based in the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtaaluk (North/South Baffin) Regions in advance of the Regional Public Hearings with the following schedule and timelines:

- Kitikmeot Region = April 25-29, 2022
- Kivalliq Region = April 25-May 4, 2022
- Dēnesuḷiné communities = Dates to be determined
- Qikiqtaaluk (South Baffin) = June 2022
- Qikiqtaaluk (North Baffin) = June 2022
- Nunavik communities = Dates to be determined

The Qikiqtaaluk community visits are subject to the availability of funding. The NPC will be sending letters of invitation for each community to select **five (5) representatives** to attend and participate in the upcoming information and preparatory sessions.

Please note that community organizations have until **April 8, 2022 (Kitikmeot/Kivalliq) and May 13, 2022 (Qikiqtaaluk)** to appoint their representatives and to send details of the representatives to the NPC office at [submissions@nunavut.ca](mailto:submissions@nunavut.ca).

### 6. MEDIA ACCESS

The NPC requests that all media organizations that wish to record proceedings during the Public Hearing (film, photograph, audio) request media access from the Commission on or before **August 12, 2022**.

**Summary of Key Dates**

April 8, 2022	Deadline for community organizations in the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions to appoint representatives to participate in the information and preparatory sessions.
April 15, 2022	Deadline for participants to submit additional written submissions on the 2021 DNLUP, and to meet with NPC staff to clarify questions and to assist with preparation of written submissions.
April 25-29, 2022	Kitikmeot Communities Information and Preparatory Sessions
April 25-May 4, 2022	Kivalliq Communities Information and Preparatory Sessions
May 13, 2022	Deadline for Community Organizations in the Qikiqtaaluk (North and South Baffin) to appoint representatives to participate in the information and preparatory sessions.
May 27, 2022	NPC to distribute Draft Public Hearing Agenda for comments and feedback
June 2022	Qikiqtaaluk Communities (South Baffin) Information and Preparatory Sessions
June 2022	Qikiqtaaluk Communities (North Baffin) Information and Preparatory Sessions
August 6, 2022	Deadline to Receive Parties Presentations, and questions to other participants in advance of the Regional Public Hearings
August 12, 2022	Deadline for participants to confirm attendance at the Regional Public Hearings with names of presenters highlighted and request by public media organizations to cover the proceedings.

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](mailto:samuno@nunavut.ca).

Sincerely,



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## APPENDIX A

### NPC PUBLIC HEARINGS LOGISTICS AND ARRANGEMENTS

The Commission has made the following logistical arrangements for the upcoming Public Hearings in Nunavut and Thompson, Manitoba.

#### **a) PARTICIPATION AND FORMAT OF HEARING**

Participants can attend any of the regional hearings in person and will be able to observe the hearings online through live streaming. **Interactive virtual participation will not be possible.** 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 hearings. Early registration will allow for the public hearing sessions and agenda to be planned in a logical and organized manner.

#### **b) INTERPRETATION SUPPORT**

All proceedings will be open to the public and media and will be conducted with simultaneous *English-Inuktitut-French-Dënesułiné* interpretation.

#### **c) SEATING ARRANGEMENT AND COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

Seating will be assigned at each location based on the number of parties registered to attend in each location. 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.

#### **d) PUBLIC HEARING FACILITATOR**

Please note that the public hearing proceedings will be facilitated by the NPC Chairperson.

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):

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*(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:

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(attach additional pages if required)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_