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**Qikiqtani Inuit Association**

Building stronger relationships between  
Communities and Proponents  
A Proposal for the Nunavut Land Use Plan

# The Challenge

- Communities are not being informed early enough during project planning phases
- Communities are rarely consulted regarding projects occurring outside of IOL
- Proponents not benefiting from vast amounts of Inuit Qaujimatugangit (IQ) or Inuit traditional Knowledge held by community members for planning purposes
  - Ex: Sensitive areas, sensitive time periods, etc
- This causes delays and issues later on during the regulatory process and project development

# The solution

- Engage and notify communities early on regarding projects occurring nearby
- Be sure that communities are notified/consulted prior to projects getting conformity
- This can be done as part of the Nunavut Land Use Planning process currently underway

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**Land Use Plan**

# The Concept

- Currently the Nunavut Planning Commission is in the final planning stages of a Nunavut-wide Land Use Plan
- QIA proposes that the conformity process include a more substantial requirement for notification of communities
- Level of notification required is based on scope of planned activities



# Guiding Principles

- Helpful for Communities
- Helpful for Proponents
- Benefit the Regulatory Process

# Benefiting Communities

- Early on engagement with Inuit and community members to identify and discuss potential adverse impacts of the project on Inuit rights, traditional harvesting and Inuit land use
- Proponent is motivated to work with Inuit to avoid or minimize adverse impacts or delays
- Communities are aware of any potential environmental impacts and benefits
- Community members provided a template to aid in their assessment of projects
- Community input guides project plans

# Community Review Template

- Was information provided in an understandable manner?
  - Yes  No
- Were translations provided?
  - Yes  No
- Was your community leadership engaged?
  - Yes  No
- Were you or your group given reasonable time and opportunity to express your concerns and interests?
  - Yes  No
- Did you have enough time to consider the impacts of the project?
  - Yes  No
- Did the Proponent support your capacity to participate?
  - Yes  No
- Were your concerns addressed?
  - Yes  No
- Is the Proponent planning to minimize any adverse impact on Inuit traditional uses?
  - Yes  No
- Are there any outstanding issues/concerns?

# Benefiting Proponents

- A clear set of guidelines regarding consulting with Inuit and communities early on will help build good relationships, share necessary information, and reduce the risk of future challenges to government decisions.
- Attract motivated workforce
- Raised comfort level due to greater involvement in planning
- The guide provides a list of appropriate groups to approach based on the proposed level of activity
- Area of influence map will guide proponents regarding scope of engagement necessary



# Benefiting the regulatory process

- The current Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) sets out a long-term vision for Nunavut where:
  - Decisions are made through discussion and consensus, with the informed involvement of all land use planning partners in the region.
- Better chance of consensus between partners
- Communities can have more informed interventions
- Better informed Terms and Conditions from a community perspective
- Proponent Consultation Report

# Draft Area of Influence Map

- QIA has created a map that divides the Qikiqtani into 13 regions.
- The boundaries on the map outline each community's area of influence based on watersheds and Inuit Owned Land in the region.



# Draft Area of Influence Map



# Next Steps

- Engage stakeholders on the development of an area of influence map
- Engage other regions as this is a concept that could also apply elsewhere in Nunavut
- Continue this discussion with various stakeholders:
  - Industry, regulators, communities, etc.
- Have this concept adopted by the NPC in the NLUP for implementation in this region and beyond

