



Press Release

Announcement of the Appointment of a Commissioner and Notice for the Public Hearings for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area Regional Land Use Plan

The Regional Planning Authority for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. Bob Warren as the commissioner who will hold public hearings and consider representations regarding the draft Land Use Plan for LISA.

A draft Regional Land Use Plan has been adopted-in-principle by the Provincial and Nunatsiavut Governments for the purpose of public hearings. The Regional Planning Authority (RPA) prepared the draft plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) in northern Labrador. The RPA was appointed in 2007, in accordance with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, to direct preparation of a Land Use Plan for LISA. The plan will guide development and the use of land, water and resources in LISA.

The hearings will take place in the five Inuit communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville, and Rigolet, as well as Mud Lake, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River and St. John's.

Upon completion of the hearings, Mr. Warren, the Commissioner will submit a report detailing his recommendations on the draft Regional Land Use Plan to the Regional Planning Authority. The authority will then consult with both governments on the report. Following this consultation, the authority may revise the draft Regional Land Use Plan before submitting the final draft to both governments for final decisions. Upon submission of the final draft plan to the governments, the work of the authority will be completed.

Public hearings to be held by the Commissioner to consider representations on the draft Regional Land Use Plan shall be held as follows:

Date / Time (Local Time)	Community	Location
Monday October 17, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	Postville	Postville Community Centre
Tuesday October 18, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	Makkovik	Makkovik Community Centre
Wednesday October 19, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	Hopedale	Board Room, Hopedale Inuit Community Government offices
Thursday October 20, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	Nain	Nain Community Centre
Monday October 24, 2011. Hearings at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm.	Happy Valley-Goose Bay	Labrador Friendship Centre 49 Grenfell St. Happy Valley - Goose Bay
Tuesday October 25, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	North West River	North West River Community Centre
Wednesday October 26, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	Rigolet	Rigolet Community Centre
Thursday October 27, 2011. Hearing at 4:30 pm.	Mud Lake	Mud Lake Community Centre
Wednesday November 2, 2011. Hearings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.	St. John's	Capital Hotel 208 Kenmount Road, St. John's

This is an important opportunity for the public and stakeholders to have input in the development of the plan.

A copy of the plan is available by requesting it through rpa@lisaplan.ca. Information is also available at www.lisaplan.ca or by contacting Robert Griffiths, Regional Planner, St. John's at 709-729-4981.

Copies of the draft Regional Land Use Plan for LISA are also available during normal business hours at:

- The Nunatsiavut Government Community Liaison Office. The Community Liaison Officers are:
 - Joe Dicker in Nain at 709- 922-2942;
 - Ethel Hunter in Hopedale at 709-933-3777;
 - Brenda Colbourne in Postville at 709-479-9880;
 - Carol Gear in Makkovik at 709-923-2365;
 - Paula Mclean-Sheppard in Rigolet at 709-947-3383; and
 - Ataomie Blake for Upper Lake Melville at 709-896-8582 ~~7359~~ for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River and Mud Lake.
- The Nunatsiavut Government Constituency Office - Canada, 203 - 95 LeMarchant Rd., St. John's, 709-754-2097 or 1-877-754-2097.

Those wishing to make a formal presentation during the hearings are asked to advise the commissioner, at least two days prior to the hearing in which they intend to make the presentation, to ensure that appropriate time is provided during the hearings for all presentations. If possible, presentations should also be provided to the commissioner in advance of the hearing by e-mailing it to rpa@lisaplan.ca. Those not wishing to attend the hearings, but who wish to submit written comments on the plan may send submissions to the commissioner at the addresses noted below. All written submissions should be received by the commissioner no later than Friday November 4, 2011.

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Background Information on the Commissioner

Mr. Warren is a retired provincial public servant who has held several senior positions, including Assistant Deputy Minister (Natural Heritage), Director of Land Claims, Chief Negotiator (Labrador Inuit Land Claim) and Director of Land Management. In these positions he has been involved in managing public lands, resolving land use conflicts and preparing integrated resource management plans. He has also been involved in dealing with the Provincial Parks system, protected areas and negotiations on the Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve land transfer agreement.

Mr. Warren acted as a consultant with the Nunatsiavut Government on the preparation of a Framework Land Use Plan, developing regulations and holding hearings with respect to Traditional Tenure on Labrador Inuit Lands. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Memorial University.