



Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

Regional Planning Authority for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, which took effect on December 1, 2005 called for the establishment of the Regional Planning Authority (Authority) for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA).

The Authority was appointed jointly by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government.

The Authority is comprised of four members: Ms. Isabella Pain and Mr. Keith Chaulk nominated by the Nunatsiavut Government and Ms. Mary Bishop and Mr. Stan Clinton nominated by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

As required by the Agreement, the Authority chose a Chair from amongst its members. Stan Clinton was appointed as the Chairperson.

As set out in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the Authority is to direct the preparation of a Plan for LISA.

The Plan for LISA will respect the rights of the Labrador Inuit and will:

- guide the use of land, water and natural resource; and
- optimize social, cultural and economic benefits for the Labrador Inuit and other residents of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area.

Both governments have stated that the Plan shall be completed by March 2011 for submission to both governments for approval.

A Regional Planner was appointed by the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Planner works under the direction of the Authority in the preparation of a Regional Land Use Plan.

Funding for the Authority is provided jointly by both governments.

Why do you need a Regional Land Use Plan?

Land use planning affects the future activities in the LISA. The Plan will provide direction on where certain intensive land use activities should take place such as mining, forestry and quarrying. The Plan will recognize areas that require protection from development because they are: environmentally sensitive; are habitat for wildlife, birds, fish and marine animals; are required to provide a sustainable food supply for Inuit; or have cultural, spiritual or

archaeological significance. Sustainability will be a significant part of the Plan. The Plan may also identify existing and future trails or roads.

Land use planning is based on managing the land and resources for future generations.

The Regional Land Use Plan:

- lets the public know what the general land use planning policies are
- helps all members of the community understand how the land can be used now and in the future
- helps decide where development, roads, trails and other services may go
- provides a framework for setting local regulations and standards
- provides a way to evaluate and settle conflicting land uses

What is the Planning Process?

Information, data and maps were compiled as background material for the Plan. The Plan is guided by a vision statement, founding principles, core values, goals and objectives. Maps are prepared to show areas that are to be protected and where development could occur.

Policies are prepared to provide guidance for future development. The public is consulted at various stages in the development of the Plan.

A draft is prepared to the satisfaction of the Authority based on input from Inuit, those who wish to develop land within LISA, government representatives and the residents within Inuit communities. Once the Authority is satisfied with the Plan it is submitted to the governments for comments.

The Authority considers the comments received and makes changes to the Plan in consultation with the public. The Plan is then finalized and the Authority appoints a Commissioner to hold hearings on the Plan. The Commissioner makes a report to the Authority which may include suggestions on possible changes to the Plan. The Authority considers the Commissioner's report and finalizes the Plan. It is then submitted to the two governments for approval.

The governments will consult with each other before making a final decision on the Plan.

The Nunatsiavut Government will approve that portion of the Plan that is within the Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL).

The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will approve that portion of the Plan within LISA, outside of LIL.

The Plan can be amended and is to guide development for the next ten years, with a review every five years.

How can you get involved?

You can take part in planning the future of LISA by:

- thinking about how the plan might affect you and your community,
- finding out as much as you can about the proposed regional land use plan,
- going to information sessions that are held to explain the plan and to the public meetings where the plan is discussed,
- giving your opinions at the meetings or by writing to the Authority, and
- working with the Authority to resolve concerns.

Where can I get more Information?

Visit the Authority Website at: www.lisaplan.ca

A Regional Planner has been appointed to assist the Authority in the preparation of the Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. The planner can be contacted at:

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