



**Background**

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### **2.1 Purpose of the Regional Land Use Plan**

The purpose of the Plan is to provide for the social, cultural and economic well being of Inuit and the residents of LISA. The Plan is based on the principle of respect for the land by Inuit, the traditional use of the land by Inuit and sustainable development. The emphasis of this Plan is the protection of the ecosystem and the rights and health of Inuit including their culture and history while providing for the use of natural resources and the economic vitality of the area.

Section 10.4.3 of LILCA states that the Land Use Plan must provide for the management of land, water and resource use in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and shall take into consideration and account for:

- (a) the natural resources of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, including water, and existing patterns of natural resource use
- (b) the health and quality of life of the residents of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area
- (c) the economic needs of, and the economic opportunities that are and may be available to, the residents of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area
- (d) Environmental considerations, including fish, fish habitat, aquatic plants, wildlife, plants and habitat
- (e) Protected Areas, National Parks, National Parks Reserves, National Marine Conservation Areas and National Marine Conservation Area Reserves
- (f) cultural factors and priorities, including the protection and preservation of Archaeological Sites, sites of religious or spiritual significance to Inuit, Inuit burial sites and Aullâsimavet (settlements, camps or places occupied by Inuit families or groups of Inuit on a seasonal, semi-permanent or permanent basis)
- (g) particular local and regional considerations

- (h) considerations respecting the management of estuarine, coastal and marine ecosystems
- (i) the rights of Inuit as set out in the Agreement
- (j) the mandatory and discretionary requirements for plans and regulations under the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000
- (k) any other factors that, in the opinion of the Regional Planning Authority and the Planner, are necessary or desirable

## **2.2 Founding Principles**

Founding Principles related to Land Use Planning were developed based on the Labrador Inuit Constitution. These are:

- to maintain and strengthen the relationship of Inuit of Labrador to the land, sea, waters, resources, plants, animals, birds and fish of their ancestral territory within LISA
- Labrador Inuit have a special responsibility to use and enjoy the land within LISA and its renewable and non-renewable resources with care and respect, without greed or waste and as stewards for future generations
- need to establish policies and laws that meet Labrador Inuit needs, reflect Labrador Inuit culture, customs, traditions, observances, practices and beliefs, and strengthen the relationship between Labrador Inuit and LISA
- recognition that people other than Labrador Inuit live in LISA and that Nunatsiavut Government is a part of the Canadian federation. Therefore, Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions must develop policies that embrace pluralism within Nunatsiavut Government and in dealings with other peoples and their governments
- recognition that Inuit of Labrador have experienced change, new ideas and new technologies which have been integrated into their culture and way of life and, therefore, Labrador Inuit political, social, cultural and economic institutions must maintain and develop policies and ideas that address

innovation and the adaptation of new ideas and technologies in ways that are appropriate to Labrador Inuit needs, values and aspirations

### **2.3 Public Consultation Process**

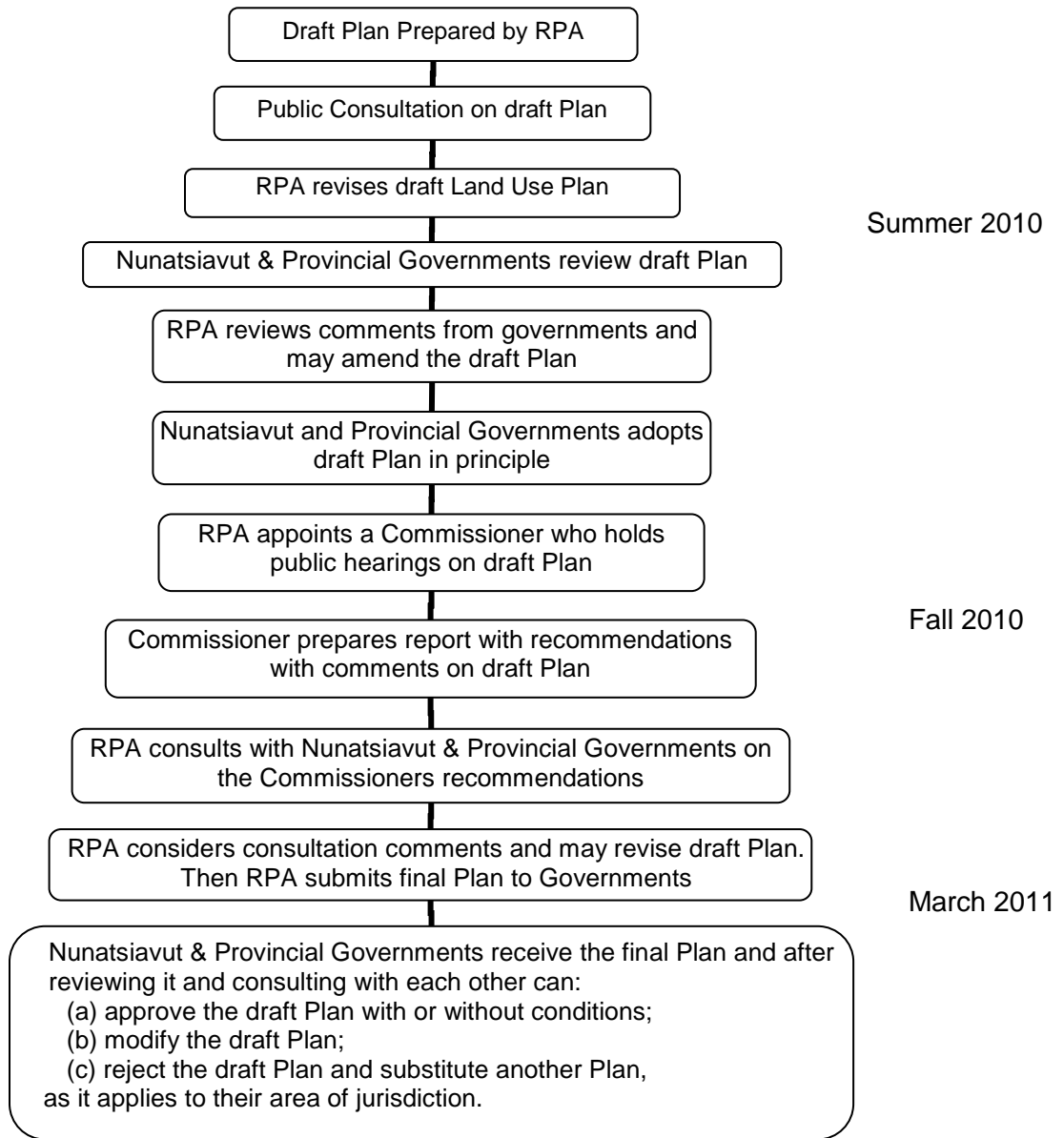
During preparation of the Land Use Plan by the Regional Planning Authority consultations in the five Inuit Communities of Hopedale, Makkovik, Nain, Postville and Rigolet as well as North West River and Happy Valley-Goose Bay were built into the process. The Authority developed a web site ([www.lisaplan.ca](http://www.lisaplan.ca)) where information was available.

In addition to community consultations, the Nunatsiavut and Provincial Governments provided background for and comments on the draft document.

After completion of the draft Plan, the Authority visited the above communities plus St. John's to receive comments on the Plan. Presentations were also made to various government departments and agencies. The Authority reviewed the submissions and comments, and then made changes to the draft Plan. A summary of recommended changes to the draft Plan proposed by the Authority was made available on the website.

The following process diagram shows the simplified process in the development of the Plan until final approval. Details of the process are in Part 10 of the LILCA.

**Plate 4 – Process Diagram for the Land Use Plan**



**2.4 Scope and Application**

This Plan will guide the future conservation, development and utilization of the land, water and other resources within LISA.

The Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) is a comprehensive policy document for the management and development of the

Labrador Inuit Settlement Area over a ten-year period 2011 – 2021. The Plan will be reviewed every five years from the date that it comes into effect.

The Plan applies to all land, water and resources in LISA other than lands under the control and administration of Canada including Tidal Waters within the jurisdiction of Canada. It is to be implemented by permits, licences, agreements or written authorizations issued by the appropriate government.

The land use designations, general policies, and implementation and development control provisions within this Plan will guide future development.

## **2.5 Approval**

This Plan shall come into effect when it is approved by Nunatsiavut Government and the Province.

Nunatsiavut Government is responsible for the approval of this Plan as it applies to all Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL) including Specified Material Lands (SML). The Province is responsible for the approval of this Plan as it applies to all land within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) outside of LIL and water within LIL.

## **2.6 Authority and Review of the Regional Plan**

When this Regional Plan is approved by the appropriate Governments, it is binding upon Nunatsiavut Government and the Province and all other persons, corporations and organizations.