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Press Release

First of three Regional Public Hearings on Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan delayed by one day due to weather

"Hearings signal one step closer to plan becoming a reality"

Iqaluit, March 20, 2017. The first of the Nunavut Planning Commission's regional public hearing in the Qikiqtani region is now scheduled to begin Wednesday March 22nd. Commission Chair Andrew Nakashuk says he's hopeful the plan that emerges from these hearings properly balances the current and future interests of all Nunavummiut. Nakashuk says *"this hearing is just one step in the planning process that can be expected to continue for generations"*

The Commissioners will use what they hear this week and at other regional public hearings in June and October, together with the information and advice gathered at pre-hearing meetings, written submissions and other comments, to decide what changes to make to the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan in order to balance the priorities and values of the people of Nunavut and Canada.

The NPC is encouraging participants to collaborate rather than take entrenched positions and to work to find creative ways to achieve their objectives. Commission Executive Director Sharon Ehaloak says, "*I'm hopeful and truly believe the regional hearings will help Commissioners strike the right balance"*

The Commission has an important mandate under the Nunavut Agreement to prepare and implement land use plans that guide and direct resource use and development. The Commission has consulted extensively with its planning partners over the last twelve years to inform the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan and will continue to do so as it works toward finalizing the Nunavut Land Use Plan.

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