

NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION TO DETERMINE CONFORMITY WITH THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

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*All applicants for a project proposal shall comply with the requirements listed below.
The relevant sections of the plan are noted in each requirement.*

GENERAL

2. Environmental Protection: s3.13.8: The applicant undertakes to prevent any new occurrences of pollution, garbage and contamination at the site of the development.

Yes

3. Removal of Fuel Drums: s3.13.8: The applicant undertakes to remove all drums safely from the site and dispose of the drums in a safe manner.

Yes

4. New Site Restoration and Clean Up: s3.13.1 and Appendix H, s1: The applicant undertakes to clean up the site and restore the site to its natural condition to the greatest extent possible.

Yes

5. Low-Level Air Flights: Appendix H, s3: Will the applicant avoid all low-level flights?

No

- i. If not, explain why such flights are or may be absolutely necessary.

The only way to access the ice cap is by Twin Otter or helicopter so we need flights for getting to and from the ice cap. Some of our field sites are also accessible only by helicopter.

ii. If such flights are or may be absolutely necessary, will they avoid disturbance to people and wildlife?

Yes

There are no people on the ice cap except for us. In addition there are no resident wildlife, though occasional animals (foxes, bears) do cross the ice cap. If such animals are seen we avoid them.

iii. If not, explain why it is not possible to avoid such disturbance.

HERITAGE RESOURCES

10. Reporting of Archaeological Sites: s3.11.3 and Appendix H, s2 and s8: Will the applicant immediately report the discovery of all suspected archaeological sites to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN)?

Yes

But our work is almost entirely on the ice so this is very unlikely to be an issue

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

17. Scientific Research: s3.9.3: Does the project proposal involve scientific research?

Yes

If yes, will the applicant integrate all available and relevant local and traditional knowledge when conducting its research?

Yes

But as far as we are aware there is no local or traditional knowledge that is related to the processes we are studying.

18. Consultation with Nunavut Research Institute: s3.9.5: Has the applicant consulted with the Nunavut Research Institute about research topics that would benefit or interest local residents?

Yes

i. Describe the results of your consultation.

We send copies of our applications, annual reports and publications to the communities of Resolute Bay and Grise Fjord for comment and discussion. We have done this since 1994. We have recently produced a poster summary of our work in Inuktitut and are sending copies to all Nunavut schools with an offer to follow up with visits if there is interest.

ii. If no, explain why.

19. Local Services and Local Employment: s3.9.4: Will the applicant rely on local services and employment where possible?

Yes

i. Describe the services retained and the people to be employed.

We try to purchase some food and supplies in Resolute each year. However, we operate from remote field camps and cannot rely on all we need being available there at the time when we need it, so we have to purchase much of what we need in Edmonton and ship it North.

ii. If no, explain why it is not possible.

Work on ice caps requires a lot of specialist training – related to both field safety and scientific activities. Concerns about liability preclude us from involving anyone who has not received all necessary certified training. Budget restrictions mean that our field parties are always small. Everyone has to be able to operate safely in the environment, and to do most of the tasks that need to be done. It takes several months each year to prepare a field party properly for a one month field season. Unfortunately, it is simply not feasible to safely involve local personnel in our work

20. Communication on Scientific Research: s3.2.8: The applicant will, at minimum, translate a summary of its work into Inuktitut and communicate with communities using language that is clear and non-technical. The results of all scientific research shall be made available to the affected communities as soon as possible.

Yes

22. Code of Good Conduct for Land Users: *Appendix H:* The applicant undertakes to adhere to the code of Good Conduct at all times.

Yes

I, (name of applicant), certify that the information I have given in this application is true and correct and hereby make the above undertakings which form part of my application for a project proposal within the meaning of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

27 January 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thelma Shap", is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan
Appendix H Code of Good Conduct for
Land Users

- 1 The landscape of each camp and other land use sites will be restored to its original condition to the greatest degree possible. Water quality will be preserved and no substances that will impair water quality will be dumped in water bodies. When possible and feasible, old sites will be restored to the natural state.
- 2 All land users shall assist communities and government(s) in identifying and protecting archaeological sites and carving-stone sites, as required by law.
- 3 Generally, low-level flights by aircraft at less than 300 metres should not occur where they will disturb wildlife or people. If such flights are necessary, they should only take place after consultation with the appropriate communities. All land users are responsible for reporting to the land managers any illegal or questionable low-level flight.
- 4 All activities on the land will be conducted in such a fashion that the renewable resources of the area in question are conserved.
- 5 Whenever practicable, and consistent with sound procurement management, land users will follow the practice of local purchase of supplies and services.
- 6 Land users will establish working relationships with local communities and respect the traditional users of the land.
- 7 During the caribou calving, post-calving and migrating seasons, land use activities should be restricted to avoid disturbing caribou, in general, and activities will be governed more specifically by caribou protection measures such as those contained in Appendix I.
- 8 Artifacts must be left where they are found. All land users are responsible for reporting the location of, or any removal or disturbance of artifacts, to CLEY.
- 9 The mining industry is encouraged to assist in identifying local carving-stone deposits and report any discoveries to the QIA. Industry is also encouraged to identify and report old waste sites that need to be cleaned up.

10. All land users shall obey the laws of general application applying to land use.