



House of Commons



Hon. Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs

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I urge you to immediately sign off on the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP). The plan has been sitting with the federal government since June 2023 and concludes more than 100 community consultations and over 15 years of engagement. It is the last major requirement of the 1993 Nunavut Agreement.

On November 1, 2024, I sent a letter to Minister Dan Vandal, then Minister of Northern Affairs, requesting he finalize the NLUP. Since then, there has been no progress. We are at the same stage today as we were in November 2024. My letter made clear that mining is not the only source of good jobs for Nunavut residents and highlighted the need to complete this process without further delays.

The NLUP safeguards critical habitat while providing clear pathways for responsible development. It includes recommended corridors for nation-building projects, such as the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link. If adopted, projects in these corridors would not require separate hearings, allowing critical infrastructure to move forward in designated areas.

The Friends of Land Use Planning have called for prompt approval of the plan, which is the final requirement under the 1993 Nunavut Agreement. The Nunavut Planning Commission has listened to rights holders and stakeholders to produce this plan, and both territorial and federal governments agree on the proposed land use designations.

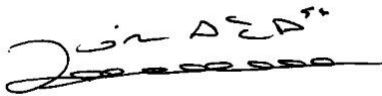
This is a balanced plan that accommodates economic development and major infrastructure within the boundaries set to protect the land, water, and animals we depend on.

Delaying approval further to cater to mining interests harms Nunavut. Every day without sign-off denies people of Nunavut the chance to develop skills, create opportunities outside mining, support their families and communities, move toward economic independence, and ensure Inuit participate directly in decisions about their territory.

The NLUP secures the land and wildlife while creating paths for economic growth.

The next step is yours. Stop delaying. Sign off on the NLUP and move Nunavut forward.

Taimakalauq,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Idlout", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Lori Idlout, MP for Nunavut

Cc: Friends of Land Use Planning