

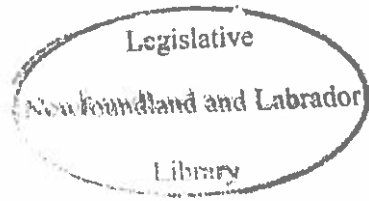
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# **REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY**

## **TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITY PLAN**

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# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

The Regional Planning Authority for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA), a category three Board, was appointed jointly by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government in April 2007. Under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (the Agreement), its role is to direct the preparation of a Regional Land Use Plan for LISA (including Labrador Inuit Lands) for the consideration of both governments.

It is comprised of four members: Ms. Isabella Pain and Mr. Keith Chauk nominated by the Nunatsiavut Government and Ms. Mary Bishop and Mr. Stan Clinton nominated by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. At its first meeting the Authority, as is required by the Agreement, chose a Chair from amongst its members.

The Agreement does not establish a reporting requirement but as funding is channeled through both governments and its members liaise with staff of both governments, some of whom from time to time attend Authority meetings, all parties are kept apprised of the Authority's activities.

The Authority's actions in having a Regional Land Use Plan drafted constitutes one step in the implementation of the Agreement and so will contribute to one of Government's strategic directions to advance the well-being of aboriginal communities.

Only recently appointed, the Authority will have to initially establish its rules of procedure, receive orientation and take steps to hire a planner. Accordingly this Activity Plan covers only the start up phase and is considered to be only the Authority's Transitional Activity Plan pending the preparation of a plan for 2008-2011.

All Authority members have participated in the preparation of this document, will participate in the Authority's activities towards the future preparation of the Regional Land Use Plan, and will have an equal say in the Authority's final deliberations prior to the submission of the Plan to both governments.

As Chair of the Regional Planning Authority for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, I accept responsibility for the 2007-2008 Transition Plan.

Labrador Inuit call LISA "Nunatsiavut" which means "our beautiful land". The Authority aims to prepare a plan for the wise use of this beautiful land.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley N Clinton".

Stanley N Clinton  
Chair of the Regional Planning Authority

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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

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Pursuant to section 10.3.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (Agreement), the Government and Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government jointly appointed a regional planning authority (the Authority) for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) composed of four members having knowledge and experience in land use planning. The members were jointly appointed in March 2007. The members of the Authority selected a chair from amongst the members.

Funding for the Authority is provided jointly by both governments.

The Authority can be contacted through:

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and Department of Municipal Affairs  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

and

Nunatsiavut Government  
Box 70  
Nain, NL AOP 1L0

## 2.0 MANDATE

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Labrador Inuit Lands Claim Agreement Act brought the Agreement into legal effect.

Section 10.3.8 of the Agreement states that:

*"The Regional Planning Authority shall prepare a single, comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area following the procedures set out for the preparation of a regional plan by a regional authority under the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, as modified by this chapter, and for that purposes has the powers and shall carry out the functions of a regional authority under the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, subject to this chapter."*

## 3.0 VALUES

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The Authority has the following values:

Collaboration	Each member seeks the knowledge and opinions of others when directing the preparation of the regional plan.
Commitment	Each member ensures effective representation of both governments and the Labrador Inuit.
Integrity	Each member represents the interests of both governments and the Labrador Inuit in a flexible, thorough and open manner within his/her mandate.
Respect	Each member acts based on the needs and culture of both governments and the Labrador Inuit in the spirit of the Agreement.

## 4.0 PRIMARY CLIENTS

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The primary clients of the Authority are the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Labrador Inuit, other aboriginal people, residents and stakeholders in the LISA including Labrador Inuit Lands.

## 5.0 VISION

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Respecting the environment, cultural factors and priorities and the rights of the Labrador Inuit, the regional land use plan for LISA, including Labrador Inuit Lands, shall:

- guide the use of land, water and natural resource; and
- optimize social, cultural and economic benefits for the residents of LISA.



## 6.0 MISSION

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The focus of the Authority is a draft regional plan for the LISA as required by the Agreement and the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.

**Mission:** By 2011, the Authority will have prepared a draft regional plan.

**Measure:** Draft regional plan prepared

**Indicators:**

- Number of Authority meetings
- Numbers of stakeholders consulted
- Planner recruited
- Commissioner appointed
- Number of public meetings
- Facilitated and coordinated meetings with other boards established under the Agreement
- Consulted with Provincial Government and Nunatsiavut Government

## 7.0 ISSUES

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### **Issue 1: Regional Planning Authority Orientation**

The Authority was jointly appointed in March 2007. In order to develop a familiarity with issues influencing the preparation of the regional plan and the terms of the Agreement, the Authority will hold initial meetings and complete an orientation. This orientation will include a visit to LISA as well as meetings with government representatives and stakeholder groups.

**Goal 1:** By 2008, the Authority will have completed its orientation.

**Measure:** Orientation completed

**Indicators:**

- Established rules of procedures
- Selected a chair
- Attended orientation session on terms of the Agreement
- Met representatives from the Provincial Government and Nunatsiavut Government
- Completed regional tour
- Met with stakeholder groups
- Held meetings

### **Issue 2: Regional Planner Recruited**

Section 10.4.2 requires that the Authority provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs with a list of nominees for appointment to the position of regional planner. Under the direction of the Authority, the planner is responsible for the preparation of the regional plan.

**Goal 2:** By 2008, the Authority will have prepared a list of nominees for the position of regional planner for appointment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

**Measure:** List of Nominees provided to Minister

**Indicators:**

- Participated in recruitment process
- List of nominees prepared and submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs

## 9.0 APPENDIX A: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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The work of the Authority contributes to the strategic directions established in the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Business Plan for 2006-07 to 2007-08.

1. **Outcome Statement:** Advance well-being of Aboriginal Communities.

**Source:** Blue Book, Summary page 9 and Jobs page 16; Speech from the Throne 2004 and 2005; Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

This requires systematic intervention in the following areas:

Components of Strategic Direction	Applicable to other Entities Reporting to the Minister(s)	This Direction is addressed in the RPA' s activity plan
Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation	X	X

This strategic direction represents only a portion of the outcome statement. The full outcome statement along with other strategic directions can be found in the Appendix of the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Business Plan for Category 2 Public Entity 2006-07 to 2007-08.