

**REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
FOR THE
LABRADOR INUIT SETTLEMENT AREA (LISA)**

ACTIVITY PLAN

2008-11

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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 Chaulk 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.

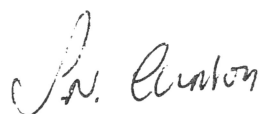
The Agreement does not establish a reporting requirement but as funding is channelled through both governments and its members liaise with staff of both governments, some of whom from time to time attend Authority meetings, all parties are kept apprised of the Authority's activities.

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 two of the Government's strategic directions to work cooperatively and effectively with the representatives of aboriginal groups in Newfoundland and Labrador and to strengthen municipal capacity.

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, on behalf of the Regional Planning Authority for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, I accept responsibility on behalf of the Authority for the preparation of the 2008 to 2011 Activity Plan and the achievement of its goals and objectives.

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



Stanley N Clinton
Chair of the Regional Planning Authority
for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

1.0 OVERVIEW

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.

A Regional Planner was appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs who works under the direction of the Authority to assist the Authority in the preparation of a Land Use Plan.

Funding for the Authority is provided jointly by both governments.

The Authority can be contacted through:

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PO Box 8700
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

and

Department of Municipal Affairs
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Nunatsiavut Government
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2.0 MANDATE

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 purpose 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

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

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 Labrador Inuit Settlement Area including Labrador Inuit Lands.

5.0 VISION

A Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, including the Labrador Inuit Lands respecting the environment, cultural factors and priorities and the rights of the Labrador Inuit having been prepared to:

- guide the use of land, water and natural resources; and
- optimize social, cultural and economic benefits for the Labrador Inuit and other residents of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area.

6.0 MISSION

The focus of the Authority is a draft regional plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area 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

Issue: Regional Planning Authority Operation

The Authority was jointly appointed in March 2007. The Authority is responsible for the preparation of a Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA). It is responsible for the oversight of the Regional Planner and holding meetings with government representatives and stakeholder groups. The goals have been prepared in consultation with the Authority members.

Goal: By March 31, 2011, the Authority, with the assistance of the Regional Planner, will have submitted a final draft of the Regional Land Use Plan for the LISA to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government.

Measure: Submitted the final draft of the Regional Land Use Plan.

Indicators: Submitted the final draft of the Regional Land Use Plan to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government.

Objective 1

By March 31, 2009 the Authority with the assistance of the Regional Planner will have established Goals and Objectives for the Land Use Plan.

Measure: Established the Goals and Objectives for the Regional Land Use Plan.

Indicators:

- Met representatives from the Provincial Government and Nunatsiavut Government
- Met with stakeholder groups
- Collected information and mapping from government departments, agencies and the public
- Held meetings of the Authority
- Identify components of the Regional Land Use Plan

Objective 2

By March 31, 2010 the Authority with the assistance of the Regional Planner will have submitted an Initial Regional Land Use Plan to the two governments for review and comments.

Objective 3

By March 31, 2011 the Authority with the assistance of the Regional Planner will have considered and notified the governments of the Commissioner's report and submitted the final draft of the Land Use Plan to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government.

8.0 APPENDIX A: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Strategic directions are the articulation of desired physical, social or economic outcomes and normally require action by more than one government entity. These directions are generally communicated by Government through platform documents, Throne and Budget Speeches, policy documents, and other communiqués. The Transparency and Accountability Act requires departments and public bodies to take into account these strategic directions in the preparation of their performance-based plans. This action will facilitate the integration of planning practices across Government and will ensure that all entities are moving forward on key commitments.

The directions related to Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs are provided below.

The work of the Authority contributes to the strategic directions established in the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Business Plan for 2008-11.

Title: Aboriginal Relations

Outcome: Established effective working relationships with Aboriginal peoples.

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 2008/11.

The directions related to Municipal Affairs are provided below.

The work of the Authority contributes to the strategic directions established in the Department of Municipal Affairs Business Plan for 2008-11.

Title: Strengthening Municipal Capacity

Outcome: Preparation of a Regional Land Use Plan

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
Regional Land Use Plans		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 Municipal Affairs Business Plan for Category 1 Public Entity 2008-11.