

**DEPARTMENTAL ACTION PLAN ON**

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED**

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S**

**AUDIT OF IMPLEMENTING THE LABRADOR INUIT LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT**

**BY THE PARKS CANADA AGENCY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Fall 2015 Auditor General's Report 3 examined the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) to provide objective information, advice, and assurance to assist Parliament in its scrutiny of the government's management of resources and programs.

The Report found that federal government entities made progress implementing selected obligations in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and two related side agreements, the Fiscal Financing Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Park Impacts and Benefits Agreement. However, there are challenges that need to be resolved and recommendations were provided to the audited federal entities.

The Parks Canada Agency agreed with these recommendations and will work to address the commitment made in our management responses.

<b>Office of the Auditor General Recommendation</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Actions and Timelines</b>
<p><b>OAG Recommendation 3.68</b> Parks Canada should finalize, with the Nunatsiavut Government, the memorandum of understanding on the presentation, management, and safekeeping of archaeological material found in the Torngat Mountains National Park of Canada.</p>	<p><b>Response from the Parks Canada Agency to the OAG recommendation:</b> Agreed. Currently, Parks Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government are conducting respective legal reviews of the penultimate draft of the memorandum of understanding on the presentation, management, and safekeeping of archaeological materials in the Torngat Mountains National Park of Canada, with the shared intention to sign the memorandum in the fall of 2016 or as soon as possible, once the legal reviews are complete and the memorandum has been finalized.</p>	<p><b>Related actions to be taken by the Parks Canada Agency</b></p> <p>The draft MOU is currently under review by Nunatsiavut Government and the Makivik Corporation. The Parks Canada Agency is awaiting this review. The parties are meeting in August 2016 as part of the regularly scheduled Cooperative Management Board meetings. The status of the MOU will be an agenda item.</p> <p>Responsible individual: Field Unit Superintendent</p>

<p><b>OAG Recommendation 3.98</b>  Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, and Environment Canada should ensure that data related to contracts for goods and services within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area is accurate and complete. These entities should also provide this information to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regularly for reporting through the publicly accessible CLCA.net database</p>	<p><b>Response from the Parks Canada Agency to the OAG recommendation:</b>  Agreed. Parks Canada (the Agency) reports comprehensive land claims agreement contracting activities to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada on a quarterly basis in accordance with Treasury Board policy. The Agency is aware of the importance of accurate data when reporting on procurement in comprehensive land claims agreement areas. The Agency will review its business processes and training approaches for its procurement officers by March 2016 to ensure awareness of comprehensive land claims agreement obligations in general and system requirements for recording and monitoring contracting in such areas.</p>	<p><b>Related actions to be taken by the Parks Canada Agency</b></p> <p>The Agency has completed the review of its business processes and training approaches for its procurement officers with respect to comprehensive land claim agreements and reporting requirements.</p> <p>The agency has collaborated with INAC on the creation of its latest version of the Treaty Obligation Management System to ensure better reporting of Indigenous procurement activities with specific emphasis on procurements delivered within a CLCA.</p> <p>Guidelines have been updated, in consultation with the Agency’s Indigenous Affairs Branch, related to conducting procurements for delivery within a CLCA.</p> <p>An update to the procurement training material delivered to Agency stakeholders is underway and the CLCA portion will be revised to incorporate clarifications and delivery of the training will take place on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>A data entry procedures document is in development for posting on the procurement intranet site and for communication to procurement stakeholders, with a specific section dedicated to Indigenous procurement, to inform and instruct users on how to properly enter transactions into the Material Management Module (MMM) of the Agency’s financial system.</p> <p>Responsible Individual: Chief Financial Officer</p>
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