

Chapter 16: Place Names

Part 16.1 Definitions

16.1.1 In this chapter:

"Place" includes a location, geographic feature and landmark.

Part 16.2 General

16.2.1 The Nunatsiavut Government is the final authority on the spelling and pronunciation of Place names in Inuktitut in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Part 16.3 Place Names in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities

16.3.1 Subject to this part, the Nunatsiavut Government has the exclusive power:

- (a) to select Place names, rename Places, recognize alternative Place names and determine the suitability of Place names in Labrador Inuit Lands;
- (b) to rename the Inuit Communities and to select Place names, rename Places, recognize alternative Place names and determine the suitability of Place names with respect to Places that are wholly situated within the boundaries of the Inuit Communities; and
- (c) with respect to Places that do not have official names that are situated on a boundary of Labrador Inuit Lands or that extend within and outside Labrador Inuit Lands or that run through Labrador Inuit Lands, to select Place names, rename Places, recognize alternative Place names and determine the suitability of Place names.

16.3.2 The Nunatsiavut Government, in carrying out its powers under section 16.3.1, shall Consult the Newfoundland and Labrador Geographic Names Board and may collaborate with the Geographical Names Board of Canada.

16.3.3 The Nunatsiavut Government shall provide the Minister, the Newfoundland and Labrador Geographic Names Board and the Geographical Names Board of Canada with written notice of a decision under section 16.3.1.

16.3.4 The Minister may approve or disallow a decision of the Nunatsiavut Government under section 16.3.1 within 60 clear days from the date when the decision is received.

16.3.5 If the Minister disallows a decision of the Nunatsiavut Government under section 16.3.1, the Minister shall give the Nunatsiavut Government the reasons, in writing.

The Nunatsiavut Government may make a new decision and sections 16.3.2, 16.3.3, 16.3.4, 16.3.6 and 16.3.7 and this section apply to the new decision.

- 16.3.6 If the Minister does not give notice of disallowance of a Nunatsiavut Government decision under section 16.3.1 within the time set out in section 16.3.4, the decision is deemed to have been approved.
- 16.3.7 The Nunatsiavut Government shall not publish a decision under section 16.3.1 until the decision has been approved under section 16.3.4 or 16.3.6.
- 16.3.8 A Place name that has been approved in accordance with this part is the Place name for official purposes and shall be used by all Governments in the preparation of maps and other publications.
- 16.3.9 Notwithstanding section 16.3.8, neither a Law nor an order, contract, summons, information, writ or other instrument affecting rights shall be considered to be invalid merely by reason of the use of a Place name that has not been approved in accordance with this part.

Part 16.4 Place Names Outside Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities

- 16.4.1 The Minister shall Consult the Nunatsiavut Government about:
- (a) any proposed new Place name or change of Place name in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area outside Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities;
 - (b) any proposed new Place name in Inuktitut or change of Place name in Inuktitut in Newfoundland and Labrador outside the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area; and
 - (c) any proposed change of Place name with respect to a Place that has an official name and that is situated on a boundary of Labrador Inuit Lands or that extends within and outside Labrador Inuit Lands or that runs through Labrador Inuit Lands.
- 16.4.2 The Minister shall give the Nunatsiavut Government the reasons, in writing, for declining or varying any views or recommendations of the Nunatsiavut Government provided under section 16.4.1.