

17 November, 2016

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 10.3 Emergency Resolution- AMM

Resolution # 2016-156

Moved by: Shane Hutchins

Seconded by: Joanne Stover

WHEREAS for 85 years the Port of Churchill, Canada's only Arctic Seaport has been in the national interest by serving as a competitive alternative for prairie farmers to export their grain, and also provides an essential service for the resupply of the Kivalliq Region communities of Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS the long term viability and expansion of the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway is essential in order to continue to provide economic benefits to Manitoba and to the broader Canadian economy;

AND WHEREAS The Port of Churchill grain season was abruptly cancelled without notice on July 22, 2016 that caused more than 100 grain elevator, port and railway employees to be off work throughout Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS many farmers who traditionally had large portions of their crops shipped through the Bay Line thereby lost the opportunity to have their grain exported through the most economical port in the country for their product;

AND WHEREAS the potential loss of the port and rail line would be a setback to farmers and all municipalities in the province who support the development of Canada's North;

AND WHEREAS climate change and the rapid growth in all kinds of commodity traffic in the arctic will continue benefiting exporters, producers and shippers elsewhere at the expense of Manitoba producers, First Nations and municipalities unless the Port re-opens in 2017 with a new commitment to serve its traditional markets and the North.

AND WHEREAS the Port should serve as an essential base of arctic operations in support of Canada's Ocean Protection Plan;

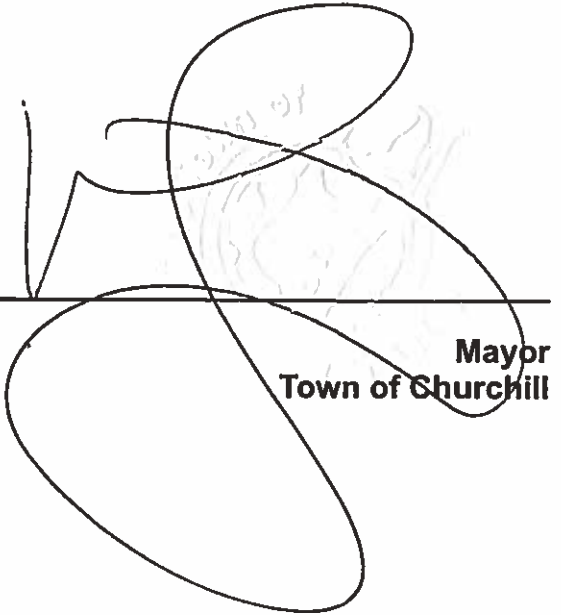
AND WHEREAS the Region has formed a broad-based coalition of communities and interests called the Northern Delegation who are in support of acquiring the assets for the purpose of creating a sustainable long term economic plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and the

Federal Government to jointly act to ensure that the Port re-opens for the 2017 grain season by setting up meetings at the highest level with the current owner of both the Port and Hudson Bay Rail line and the two levels of government to negotiate an ownership transfer at the earliest opportunity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to request the new Northern Economic Development Strategy Task Force make revitalizing the Port and Railway their number one priority by convening an urgent meeting with the Northern Delegation and the AMM Board of Directors on ways and means to ensure that the Port and Hudson Bay Rail Line reopen for the 2017 shipping season.

Carried



**Mayor
Town of Churchill**

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THE TOWN OF CHURCHILL