



## HBRA 2021 MEMBERSHIP REQUEST SUPPORT OUR PRAIRIE PORT

To Members and Potential Members:

How quickly the entire world changed. The events of the past year have put a huge strain on our well-being, our economies, and how we conduct our day-to-day lives. Fortunately, we live in a virtual world, lessening the impact of not meeting in person.

Arctic Gateway Group was successful in navigating the restrictions and challenges of the past year, and continued to upgrade the port and railway, with 40,269 feet of rail replaced, 16,085 ties replaced, 757 cars of ballast distributed, and 118.6 miles of machine track surfacing. They were able to complete three C-lift sailings (resupply) to Arctic regions, and three grain vessels were loaded at the port in 2020. Hopefully, we see a marked increase in 2021.

HBRA understands the importance of having a base of operations for the Canadian Coast Guard at the Port of Churchill. In advocating this, we brought the issue to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, The Honourable Bernadette Jordan. We received a positive response, and will continue with this dialogue.

In March 2020, we attended the SARM convention trade show. Our focus at that time was acquiring signatures on a proposed oil pipeline to Churchill. The proposal was met with overwhelming support from the delegates at the convention. We also had the opportunity to meet with the Saskatchewan Energy Minister, Bronwyn Eyre. It was a successful meeting, firstly to introduce ourselves, and to propose the diversification of our port to the energy sector.

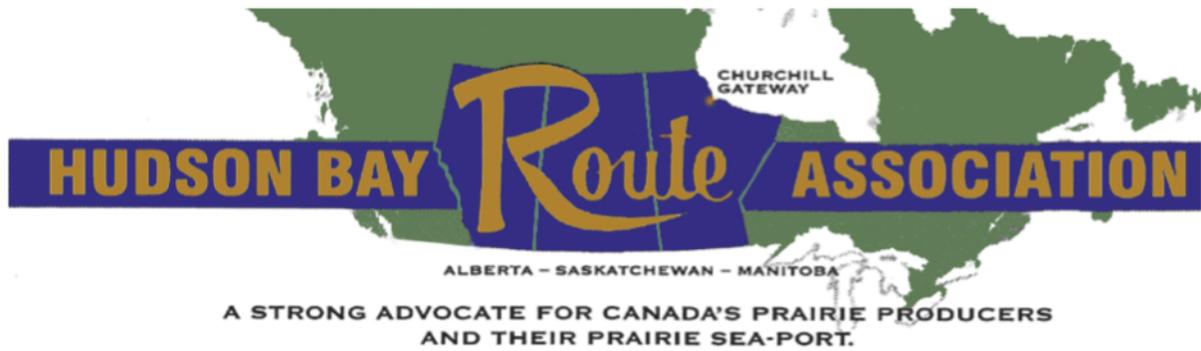
Late 2020, we had virtual communication with the University of Calgary School of Public Policy with regard to the feasibility and desirability of establishing a network of multimodal rights-of-way (corridors) across middle and northern Canada. The University has launched this initiative, and HBRA will be part of the information support mechanism going forward. Their focus aligns in so many ways with ours, so stay tuned.

As always, your support is so very important to HBRA's ongoing endeavours to put Churchill in the forefront as a major Arctic shipping port for western Canada. The membership structure is as follows:

<b>RM's, Cities and Associations</b>	\$300.00 per year
<b>Towns &amp; First Nations</b>	\$100.00 per year
<b>Villages &amp; Corporations</b>	\$ 50.00 per year
<b>Individuals</b>	\$ 20.00 per year

The 78<sup>th</sup> HBRA AGM and Convention will be determined, when conditions allow for public gatherings.

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