

PRESS RELEASE

HBRA CALLS FOR CWB PLEBISCITE

The Hudson Bay Route Association is calling on the Federal Government to hold a plebiscite with a clear and concise question on the future of the Canadian Wheat Board single desk marketing authority.

“We feel that farmers should have the democratic right to determine the future of their marketing agency” says Sinclair Harrison, President of the Hudson Bay Route Association.

The mandate of the Hudson Bay Route Association is the greater use of the Hudson Bay Route and the development of Canada’s northland.

We are concerned that any reduction in the volume of shipments, including grain, through the Port of Churchill will have a detrimental effect on the port and all of Canada.

Currently, 95% of the volume of grain shipped through the Port of Churchill is Canadian Wheat Board grain and any change in the grain marketing structure that would negatively affect the volume is a grave concern to the HBRA.

There are many other factors which contribute to the viability of the port of Churchill such as producer cars, short line railways, and the Canadian International Grain Institute.

It is imperative that the federal government consider all these factors before they implement any changes to the basic structure of the Canadian Wheat Board.

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