



HBRA 2017 MEMBERSHIP REQUEST SUPPORT OUR PRAIRIE PORT

To Members and Potential Members:

As many are aware, OmniTRAX is negotiating a sale of the Hudson Bay Railway (The Pas to Churchill) and the Port of Churchill (which includes the grain terminal). As of December 2016, these negotiations are ongoing, more than a year after the announcement of the intended sale. The decision by OmniTRAX, in July 2016, to close the grain terminal at the Port of Churchill and reduce freight service on the Hudson Bay Rail, has had a detrimental impact on communities and First Nations living along the Hudson Bay Rail line, as well as Prairie producers and shippers. As a result of the closure, there were zero grain shipments in 2016 from the Port of Churchill; something that has not happened since World War II.

Hudson Bay Route Association (HBRA), along with civic communities and First Nations groups in Manitoba's north, have met many times with Provincial and Federal government officials, to bring awareness to the issues, and to advocate for an expeditious sale. In our efforts, HBRA has had tremendous support from AMM in Manitoba, SARM in Saskatchewan, and also the farm groups APAS and KAP. It is going to take this kind of combined effort, to get the Port of Churchill up and running again. The HBRA has been supporting this rail line and port for seventy-three years, and this is the biggest challenge we have ever faced. Our association has expended a lot of time and resources, in trying to get this deal to the finish line. We are funded solely by membership, and ask that you give strong consideration to renewing your membership, or becoming a new member. The membership structure is as follows:

RM's, Cities and Associations	\$300.00 per year
Towns & First Nations	\$100.00 per year
Villages & Corporations	\$ 50.00 per year
Individuals	\$ 20.00 per year

The HBRA AGM and Convention will be held in Swan River, MB on April 20th and 21st, 2017 at the Westwood Inn. We urge you to attend and hear more about the future of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Rail. A block of rooms are reserved, under HBRA, at the Westwood Inn (1-866-734-4500; 1-204-734-4548; www.westwoodinn.ca) until March 20th, and Super 8 Swan River (1-204-734-7888) until March 30th.

If you require additional information, we would be pleased to have a member of our association attend a meeting with you. To make these arrangements, call or email President Elden Boon at 1-204-748-8345 or HUDSONBAYROUTE@gmail.com . Please visit our web site at www.hbra.ca.



Make cheques payable to Hudson Bay Route Association and mail to:

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