



## HBRA 2020 MEMBERSHIP REQUEST SUPPORT OUR PRAIRIE PORT

To Members and Potential Members:

Folks, we are finally now back on track, with a shipping season at the Port of Churchill for the first time since 2015. This fall, Arctic Gateway Group (AGG) was successful in loading four grain vessels and three resupply vessels out of the port. This was a great first initiative, as they continue to implement an aggressive maintenance program. 2019 saw 87,000 ties replaced, 56,000 linear feet of rail replaced, as well as numerous upgrades to the port and terminal. 137,000 tonnes of grain sailed out of the port, destined for the Mediterranean region. 2020 is projected to be 300,000 tonnes, and up to 500,000 tonnes in 2021.

The Hudson Bay Route Association (HBRA) had a very successful 2019 AGM in Flin Flon, MB on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We had many influential presenters, including the Honourable Jim Carr, Federal Minister of International Trade Diversification. Our organization continues to lobby governments, both federal and provincial, on the importance of our Arctic port. HBRA remains involved in road and rail links, like the Tisdale Sub and Highway 55/283 project, that influence the future of the Port of Churchill. Another area of focus for HBRA in the coming year, will be looking into the feasibility of an oil pipeline to the Port of Churchill. This is one of the most frequently discussed topics by our members. We all know the effects a lack of pipelines is having on the oil and gas industry and the economy of Western Canada. As Canadians, we need to develop our trade corridors and gateways, to secure Canada as a major trade partner, now and in the future.

We ask, once again, for your support, to continue our endeavours advocating to retain and invest in these assets for future generations. Arctic shipping has a tremendous future, and HBRA will continue to advocate for that vision. 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:

<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 77<sup>th</sup> HBRA AGM and Convention will be held in Hudson Bay, SK on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Brooks Hall. We invite you to attend and hear more about the future of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Rail. Accommodation information will be posted on our website, [hbra.ca](http://hbra.ca).

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](mailto:HUDSONBAYROUTE@GMAIL.COM). Please visit our web site at [WWW.HBRA.CA](http://WWW.HBRA.CA).



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