

HBRA RESOLUTIONS 2019

Resolution 1

WHEREAS: towns and villages have amalgamated with neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS: the towns and villages have some protection to retain sidings for the use of producer loading; and

WHEREAS: this protection is not available to rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS: the railroads have a track record of removing sidings at will;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that HBRA insist that all sidings be protected in the prairie provinces.

Resolution 2

WHEREAS: Churchill is the only port in the developed world without national Coast Guard services; and

WHEREAS: there are Canadian Coast Guard services in at least twelve points including inland waters; and

WHEREAS: the Canadian Coast Guard Service stationed at Churchill serving Hudson Bay would provide:

- **Increased Safety**
- **Lower Insurance Rates**
- **Reduced Risk**
- **Improved rescue and Salvage Operations**

WHEREAS: this would lead to an increased length of the shipping season and increased number of ship owners willing to bid on shipping contracts to and from Churchill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the HBRA Board of Directors actively pursue all avenues that will to the establishment of Canadian Coast Guard Services stationed at Churchill.

Resolution 3

WHEREAS: extending the shipping season at the Port of Churchill would be very beneficial; and

WHEREAS: recent research on the Arctic supports extension of the shipping season; and

WHEREAS: in order to extend the shipping season at Churchill, there must be an Ice Class Tug boat located at the port;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that an Ice Class Tug boat be stationed at the Port of Churchill.

Resolution 4

BE IT RESOLVED: that HBRA urge the federal government to reinstate the Grain Freight assistance to grain exported through the Port of Churchill for another ten years.

Resolution 5

BE IT RESOLVED: that HBRA urge the Provincial and Federal Governments to continue to actively support the improvement and development of the transportation and grain handling infrastructure related to Churchill.

Resolution 6

WHEREAS: Sovereignty and security is important to all Canadian citizens; and

WHEREAS: the Canadian Military routinely does exercises in the vicinity of the Port of Churchill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that HBRA urge the Federal Government to establish a permanent military base including icebreaker capacity that is operational year round.

Resolution 7

WHEREAS: the Praxis Economic Impact Study indicated completing Highway 283 and Saskatchewan Highways 9 and 55 (Gateway Keewatin Corridor) to a dust free 12 month primary weight highway could lead to a \$7.2 billion increase in GDP for the provinces, \$984 million taxback to the provinces and \$1.9 billion tax revenues to the Federal Government over 20 years with an employment impact of 12,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs; and

WHEREAS: Gateway Keewatin Corridor Inc. Board of Directors has targeted 2021 as the deadline for the completion of the corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that HBRA lobby the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Federal Governments to engage in meeting this deadline.