



NEW CORPORATION WOULD SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH, BOOST TRADE THROUGH CHURCHILL: MINISTER

The MHCA supports the recent decision by the Province of Manitoba to create the Churchill Arctic Port Canada Inc.

The Churchill Arctic Port Canada Inc., a non-government Agency, will act to incent local investment, to develop long-term economic opportunities, spur job creation and ensure the viability of the Churchill gateway system and develop a long-term vision for the Churchill Arctic Port.

Multiple service providers operate through the port, and vessels travel to and from Churchill, MB from around the world.

The Port handles a variety of goods and products, including a petroleum storage and distribution facility. The Port also operates the railway between The Pas and Churchill, Manitoba, provides stevedor services and is the freight service provider for Northern Manitoba and Nunavut.

"The new corporation will attract and co-ordinate investment linked to the Port of Churchill, support research, planning and partnership development," said Minister Ashton, who introduced the legislation today. "We see Churchill Arctic Port Canada playing a vital role similar to CentrePort Canada in terms of promotion and development for the benefit of users, investors and owners, while promoting Churchill around the world."

The concept of such an agency in the Port of Churchill was first raised by the Canada-Manitoba Task Force on the Future of Churchill. The task force suggested a more inclusive governance model could enable the port to handle multiple commodities with multiple shippers. cont'd on page 2

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"The Port of Churchill has always been important to our economy and is poised to play an even bigger role in the future of this province," said Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, president of the University of Winnipeg and chair of the board of directors of the Churchill Gateway Development Corporation, which will help in the creation of the new agency. "By working together, we can establish a solid business foundation and new sources of investment that will establish the port as a vital link between Manitoba and growing markets overseas." Churchill Arctic Port Canada would

be governed by a board of directors, which will determine how best to achieve the corporation's mandate. The province will consult with stakeholders, including northern Manitoba communities, First Nations and businesses, to put the board of Churchill Arctic Port Canada in place quickly, the minister said.

"CentrePort Canada supports the creation of Churchill Arctic Port Canada Inc., which will spur development around the Port of Churchill in a focused way. The port represents an important node for accessing the Arctic gateway and enhancing its connections to CentrePort will lead to more opportunities, investment and jobs for our communities," said Diane Gray, president and CEO, CentrePort Canada Inc.

The Churchill gateway system is an important asset in northern Manitoba, generating employment and contributing to economic growth for Manitobans. Several communities rely on the transportation system as their only surface-based link to the global economy. Manitoba's vision is to position it to be a key Arctic gateway to derive economic activity, jobs and growth for the Hudson Bay region, said Minister Ashton.

"The port proudly serves as one of our community's economic pillars and we are pleased to see the creation of this broad-based agency that will lead the way in creating not only a brighter economic future for our community, but for our province, our region and our country, and we are excited to be moving in this direction," said Churchill Mayor Michael Spence.

The Port of Churchill is located on the west coast of Hudson Bay with shorter shipping distances and times to many parts of Europe, Russia and Asia. The proximity of the port to the Arctic region allows Churchill to act as an efficient shipping hub for many Arctic communities and resource developments. The port also provides unique potential for the export and import of manufactured and resource based products in addition to the grain and other agricultural products already exported through Churchill.

The registration site for EXPO North is now up and live, ready for you to register!

EXPO North will take place in Thompson, MB between February 25 – 27, 2014!

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SAFETY TALK

Black Ice Awareness

Black ice is a transparent coating of ice on a roadway. Black ice will cause you to skid and lose control of your vehicle on the roadway.

HAZARDS

- Black ice is transparent and matches the color of the road making it difficult to detect
- Black ice gives you less reaction time to control skids
- Black ice will form early in the morning, in the evenings, on cloudy days when the sun is not shining to warm the road
- Black ice will form easily on bridges
- Daylight hours are reduced in winter - detecting black ice is difficult
- Freezing rain and wind will readily form black ice on roadways

SAFEGUARDS

- When temperatures drop near or below freezing take your time and drive with caution
- If you encounter black ice on the road reduce your speed significantly and be aware of oncoming traffic
- Plan your journey ahead of time, check the road conditions on a road conditions website, listen to the radio for black ice and/or slippery road alerts
- Avoid travelling whenever possible when road and weather warnings are advised
- Travel during daylight hours whenever possible
- If you see a vehicle in front of you suddenly swerve for no apparent reason - be prepared for black ice
- At a slow speed, test road conditions by gently applying brakes
- Winter tires are an asset the tread patterns have added depth which help with icy road conditions





SAFETY TALK

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Harper in town for CentrePort event; no plans to hit campaign trail

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Greg Selinger and Diane Gray, CentrePort's president and CEO, open the first section of the new CentrePort Canada Way expressway in Winnipeg this morning.(WAYNE GLOWACKI / WINNIPEG FREE PRESS)

PRIME Minister Stephen Harper landed in Winnipeg Thursday to open the first section of the new CentrePort Canada Expressway to its first trucks.

The Prime Minister's Office said Thursday Harper will be joined today by Premier Greg Selinger and Diane Gray, CentrePort's president and CEO, and senior Manitoba MP Shelly Glover. The morning event includes a tour of Fort Garry Fire Trucks.

CentrePort is the 8,093-hectare inland port and transportation hub being developed northwest of the airport. The \$212.5-million expressway, off the west Perimeter Highway, is designed to handle more transport trucks and wider access to the CentrePort development. The expressway will also give businesses quicker, more efficient access to national and international highways and railways to move goods.

Construction has involved an overpass at the Perimeter Highway north of Saskatchewan Avenue and a 10-kilometre expressway extending from the Perimeter to Route 90. Work on that section continues.

When finished, the roadway is expected to see about 4,000 vehicles a day travelling on and off the expressway at the Perimeter Highway and another 15,000 vehicles at Route 90. The expressway is to provide a faster route for truck and commuter

traffic and alleviate existing traffic congestion on Inkster Boulevard.

The Conservatives announced Harper's visit to Winnipeg after a morning of rumours he would campaign in Brandon-Souris, where the Tories are in the midst of a surprisingly close byelection. Polls suggest the Liberals could steal the Tory stronghold on Monday, which would be a major blow for the Tories, already embattled by the Senate spending scandal.

Harper will not be visiting Provencher or Brandon, but his Winnipeg visit is widely seen as a way to bolster his Brandon base the weekend before the vote. Conservative candidate Larry Maguire has been hammering home the value of the new Canada-European trade deal and Manitoba's ability to export agricultural and livestock products to new markets.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau have visited both ridings, but Harper has not.

The Selinger government said in its recent throne speech the next phase of CentrePort is building a new bypass around Headingley to extend the CentrePort expressway. The bypass would also reduce the number of trucks passing through Headingley and enhance road safety.

The MHCA Congratulates new MP's Ted Falk and Larry Maguire on their November 25, 2013 byelection victories !

- » In Manitoba's eastern riding of Provencher, Conservative candidate Ted Falk won the federal byelection, defeating Liberal rival Terry Hayward. Ted Falk was an active member of the MHCA Aggregates Committee, and is the Owner of Manitoba Heavy Construction Association member firm Diamond Construction and Gravel.
- » In Manitoba's western riding of Brandon-Souris, Conservative candidate Larry Maguire won the federal byelection, closely edging out Liberal challenger Rolf Dinsdale by 391 votes.

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WINNIPEG, MB WINTER ROADS TRAINING

Winter Roads Training will be held in Winnipeg Manitoba at the MHCA Office, 3-1680 Ellice Ave., December 9th – December 13th

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	December 9th
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	December 10th
WHIMIS	December 10th (p.m)
COR™ Auditor	December 11th
Winter Roads Training	December 12th
Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)	December 12th (p.m)
First Aid (Please Note: First Aid is not a sponsored course. Course cost is \$75.00 per person)	December 13th

***This training is open to anyone, Training for Aboriginal Communities building winter roads will be sponsored by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation**

For any other training requests and to register please contact:
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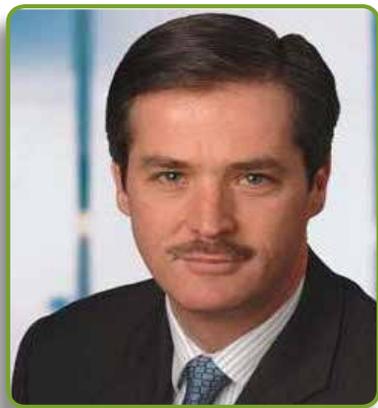
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QT: The Next Big Acronym

Peter G. Hall, EDC Vice-President and Chief Economist, November 28, 2013



Peter G. Hall

Five years beyond the financial and economic crisis, weariness with hyperbole and economic shock-talk should come as no surprise. But it stands that the world has experienced a long list of unprecedented occurrences that have caused turbulence, uncertainty and as a result, a fuzzy picture of the near-term future. One of these is quantitative easing (QE), a never-before-used retrospective remedy for the Great Depression that gained currency in the 2008-09 cash crunch. With global growth returning, there is a lot of debate about unwinding QE. Should we worry?

QE is nothing if not dramatic. Unleashed on the US economy in three waves, it ended up injecting a \$2 trillion mountain of cash on top of a monetary base that was less than \$1 trillion in 2008. The latest phase involves injecting an additional \$85 billion into the economy monthly. It is hard to do justice to the magnitude of these moves with mere words. It is equally hard to gauge the impact of these moves on real economic growth.

Academics will likely be analyzing this program for decades to come. But most people can't wait that long; can we assess its market impacts with what we currently know?

What seems obvious is that certain key asset prices moved significantly with the onset of the first wave of QE. Subsequent rounds appear to have had additional, although more muted, effects.

Between early 2009 and late 2012, key increases were obvious in stock markets, currencies and key commodities, and at the same time there was an obvious compression in bond markets - with a noticeable bias toward high-yielding, emerging market paper.

At the very mention last May that the Fed was considering tapering its current round of monthly bond purchases, markets went into an immediate tailspin. Each of these asset classes reversed movements seen in the previous four years, as traders sought to price in the expected effects of the unwind. The turbulence exacerbated slowdown that was already underway with the uncertainty of tightening liquidity, compounded by a depreciation in currencies.

Since then, expectations of imminent tapering have faded. Initially expecting a gradual reduction of the Fed's monthly purchases to commence in September, markets now believe that changes won't come until next April at the earliest. At this point the extent to which markets have priced in these moves is unclear. Key to their current actions is the collective expectation of the timing, the duration and extent of the unwind. At the same time, market moves are likely being tempered by the fact that tapering will only occur if preceded by a convincing increase in growth and easing elsewhere.

Whatever the net effects, emerging markets are likely to experience both volatility and some tightening of liquidity. The effects will not be even, though. Countries that experienced a greater influx of 'hot money', more rapid extension of domestic bank credit and wide current account deficits will likely be more affected as monetary policy tightens. On the top of the list are Turkey, Sri Lanka and India. Three of the major emerging markets are in the top 10.

Clearly, the return to global growth will bring challenges. Liquidity will tighten as growth ramps up, but in a way that has never really been experienced before. It is likely to be an interesting ride, and one that favours those that have access to a steady source of liquidity. The bottom line? As quantitative tightening sets in, get ready for a new acronym - and yet another journey through uncharted economic waters.



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www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html**TENDER NO. 6383 – BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT INCLUDES GRADE WIDENING AND BASE**

Location: PTH 16, East Jct. of PTH 5 to 2.5 km West of PTH 34 (including Passing Lanes).

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 3, 2013

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 16, including intersection improvements, reclamation of existing bituminous pavement, construction of passing lanes and bituminous pavement, from the East Jct. of Provincial Trunk Highway 5 to 2.5 km West of the Jct. of Provincial Trunk Highway 34 for a total construction distance of approximately 34.4 km in the Municipalities of Lansdowne, Westbourne, Langford and the Town of Neepawa. Major items of work include:

- 100 000 t of Granular Base Course Class 'A'
- 95 000 t of Recycled Bituminous Pavement Class 'B'
- 52 500 t of Granular Fill (Modified)

C.O. X03676 - CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Location: PR 346, Rural Municipality of Riverside

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 3, 2013

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-726-6800

The work involves:

- Installation of corrugated steel culverts by open cut through Provincial Road 346, 6 km North of Provincial Trunk Highway 23, in the Rural Municipality of Riverside.

C.O. X21125 – REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES

Location: Various Locations in the City of Brandon

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 5, 2013

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves replacing the painted traffic signal poles to galvanized traffic signal poles, and all the Traffic signal poles at various locations in the City of Brandon.

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TENDER NO. 6380 – CULVERT REPLACEMENT, PR 391, LEAF RAPIDS TO LYNN LAKE

Closing: November 19, 2013 Results:

	Option A	Option B
(M) Tri-Core Projects MB Ltd. COR™	\$1,040,700.00	N/A
(M) Main Line Industries Ltd.	N/A	\$1,238,720.87

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TENDER NO. 774-2013 – RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ST. JAMES STREET BRIDGE OVER OMAND’S CREEK

Closing: November 22, 2013 Results:

Gateway Construction & Engineering	\$1,937,877.05
(M) M.D. Steele Construction Ltd.	\$2,095,245.00
PCL Constructors Canada Inc.	\$2,223,868.00
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