



NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY BUREAU

What is



NTAB

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**“What happens globally
frequently impacts locally”**

A Wise Person

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PREAMBLE: Northwest Alberta is one of Canada's leading economic regions. The region is rich with minerals, natural gas, oil, forestry, and home of the most northern agricultural region in the world (the Peace Country).

With the increasing demands on Canada's southern transportation systems and our Provincial and National goals of diversifying our trade partnerships; NTAB is a collective of northern voices promoting the building of our next wave of economic prosperity - northern trade transportation corridors that will redesign Canada as we know it today.





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NTAB focuses on higher-level national and international challenges and opportunities that champion the north for infrastructure investments, and community enhancement / emergence / development. Our collective view is to keep informed of these higher level events and politics that can impact our local communities and advocacy.

Five pillars of transportation related economic development necessities are championed by NTAB – All inclusive Corridors

Roads

Railways

Pipelines

Airports

Utilities (electricity, water, & telecommunications)





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NTAB consists of previous municipal leaders from the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (1998 – 2015) which was created by the federal government to focus on the development of a port in western Canada. The chosen port was Prince Rupert, BC as a major export / import option for Canada.

Formed NTAB in 2016 to continue advocacy for development of Canada's Northwest

Currently a consensus governed sub-committee under the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA)





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Big Lakes County	MD of Peace
Birch Hills County	MD of Smoky River
Clear Hills County	MD of Spirit River
County of Grande Prairie	Northern Sunrise County
County of Northern Lights	Saddle Hills County
MD of Fairview	Town of Peace River
MD of Greenview	Town of Sexsmith
MD of Opportunity	Town of Valleyview

NTAB 2024 MEMBERS





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Become a Member of NTAB

To become a member of NTAB an application to the membership is required. Membership requests are reviewed and approved / not approved based on criteria internally determined by NTAB.

Municipal Member fees are .50 per capita set to a minimum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$5000. Currently NTAB raises <25K

If you are interested in becoming a member of NTAB please contact us at 780-527-6232 to review our application criteria and membership fees.





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NTAB also advocates for a unified, cohesive, and strategic approach to the development of Canada's north with all decision makers, investors, and community stakeholders to be involved in proposed projects.

*Multi-modal, multi-functional, and non-partisan leadership
builds nation changing infrastructure.*





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NTAB SAMPLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Municipal & Regional Airports
Internet Access, Reliability, and Quality
Northern Railway / Trade & Utility Corridor
Bill C48 – Oil Tanker Ban
The Bering Strait
China's Belt to Road initiative
Protection of Canada's Arctic Region
Right to Repair / GPS Lockdown of Tractors



Discussion Topic #1 – Municipal & Regional Airports



[Municipal & Regional Airports \(2017 & 2024\)](#)

[Community Airports Value – Presentation \(2022\)](#)

[Federal Government Airport Funding \(2022\)](#)

[Community Airport Program – Alberta](#)

[Capital Funding – RMA Resolution 2015](#)

[Our Airports – Interactive Map Link](#)

[Flight Radar – Live Link](#)



Discussion Topic #2 – Internet Access, Reliability, & Speed



Northern Broadband assessment (2015-2016)

Hosted a full-day with CRTC - 2017

The CRTC creates the Broadband Fund in 2018

Upcoming 2024 Symposium – Satellite internet (Xplornet, Starlink)

Connectivity is increasingly vital for competing on the global stage, access to education, and the development of the north.





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Discussion Topic #3 - Northern Railway / Trade & Utility Corridor

**ALASKA TO USA RAIL CONCEPT DISCUSSED FOR 75+ YEARS
(SINCE WW2 !!!)**

**VARIOUS POLITICIANS AND INVESTORS
VARIOUS COMMUNITY ROUTES
SPUR LINES / OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED**

**IN THE LAST 20 YEARS ALONE THERE HAVE
BEEN MILLIONS SPENT ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES**





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Samples of Feasibility Studies and Reports

[Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Alaska Canada Rail Link \(University of Alaska, 2006\)](#)

[Rail to Resources to Ports \(ALCAN Rail Link, 2007\).](#)

[Strategic Importance of Rail Corridors \(2007\)](#)

[Alberta to Alaska Railway Pre-Feasibility Study \(Van Horne Institute 2015\)](#)

[Alaska-Canada Rail Link- Economic Benefits \(Van Horne Institute 2019\)](#)

University of Calgary – School of Public Policy:

[Planning for Infrastructure to Realize Canada's Potential: The Corridor Concept \(2016\)](#)

[Gains from Trade for Canada's North: The Case for a Northern Infrastructure Corridor \(2018\)](#)

[The Canadian Northern Corridor: Planning for National Prosperity \(2020\)](#)





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Various community routes

Spur lines / Opportunities identified



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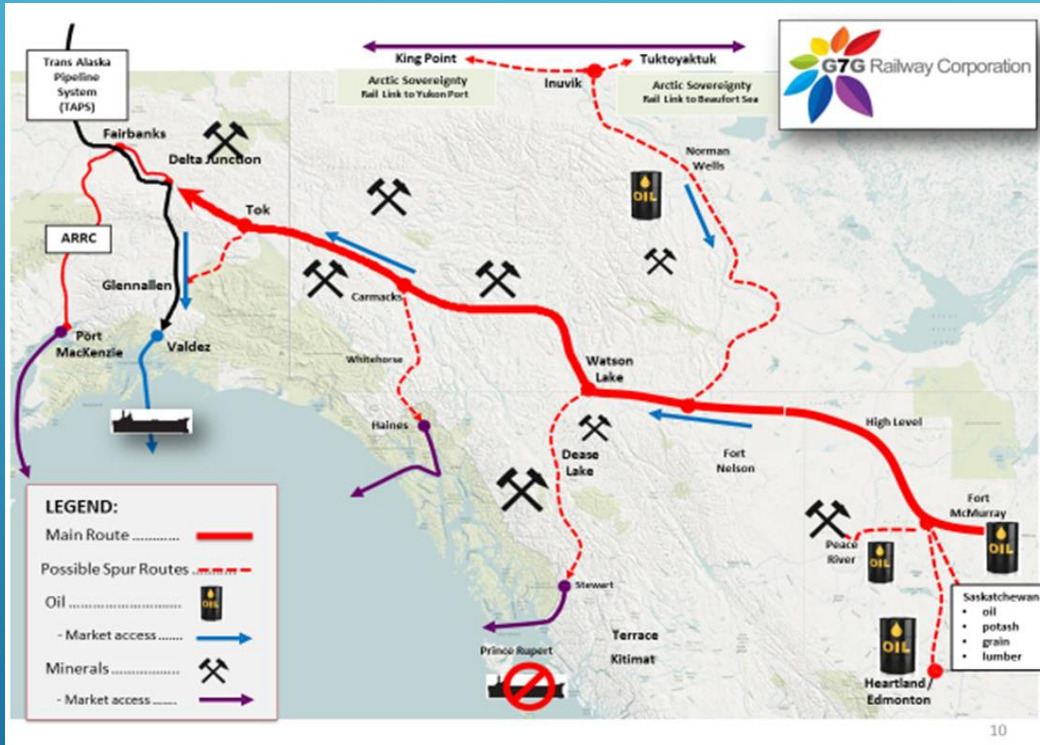


WW2 era originally focused on route going down BC - Map

The Rails to Resources Act of 2000 was sponsored by U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski. Prince George, BC connect



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G7G Concept Map.
Fort McMurray, AB
to Valdez, AK 2010



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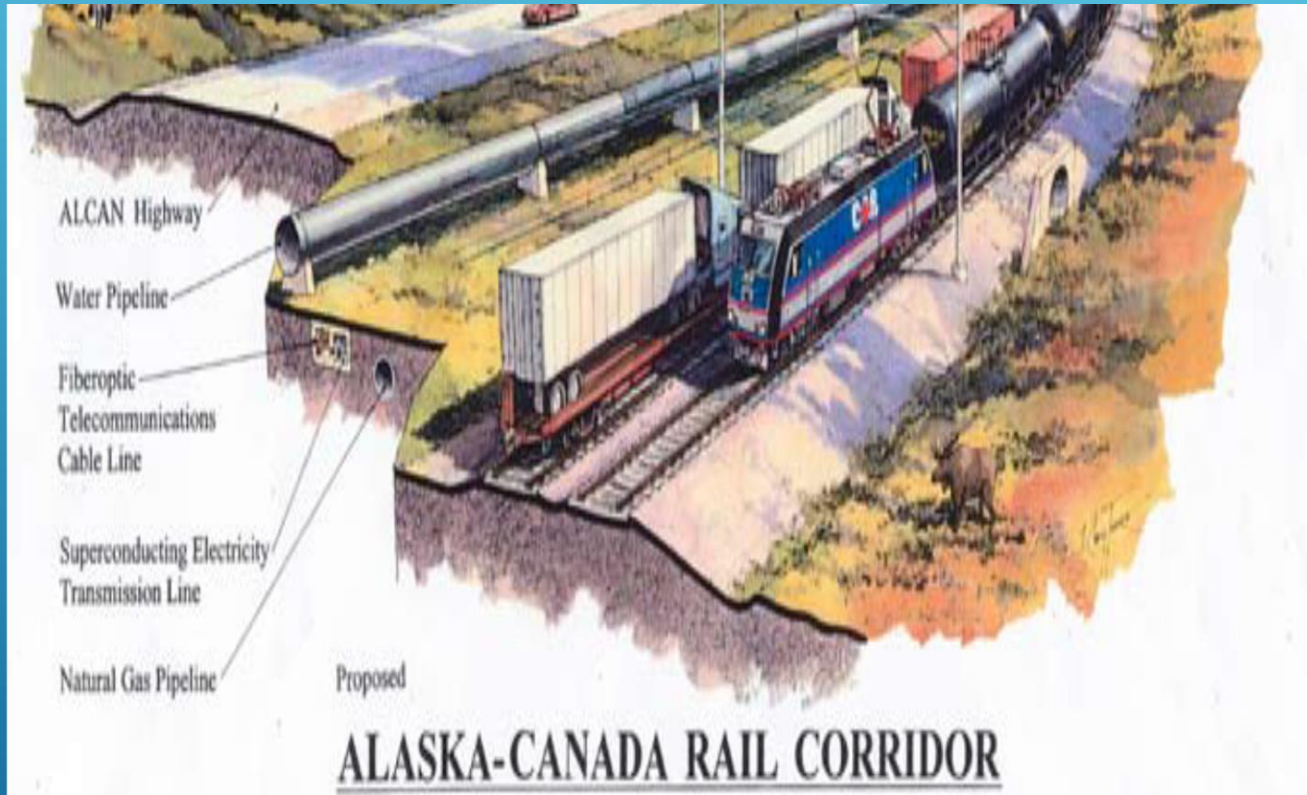


Concept Map (2018).
Northern Corridor Research
University of Calgary

Northern Canada focus.



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Graphic Showing Utilities (2007)

In 2021 Utility Corridor
Committee overseen by MLA
Shane Getson



Discussion Topic #4 – Oil Tanker Ban Bill C48



[Marine Traffic – LIVE Link](#)

The graphic shows global tanker (red dots) traffic in real time through GPS location services .

Apparently, the west coast of Canada is the only place in the world that has environmentally beautiful pristine reasons for banning tankers and blocking access to tidal waters?

There are 1000's of tankers shipping oil, gas, petroleum products, and toxic chemicals every day!



Discussion Topic #5 – The Bering Strait

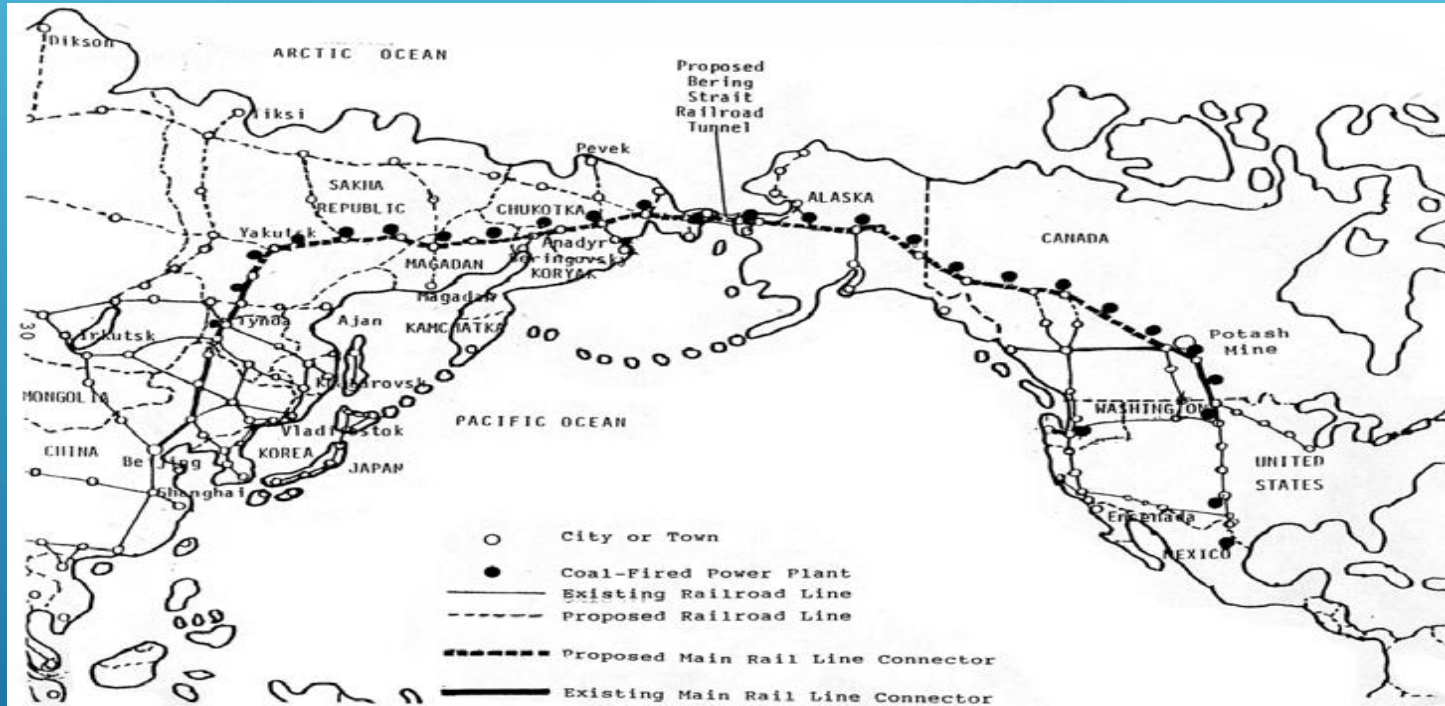


The Bering Strait is only 82 kilometers wide, and the only sea link between the Arctic region and the North Pacific Area. [Google Map Link](#)

For decades Russia has been announcing its intention to build the world's longest tunnel, a transport and pipeline link under the Bering Strait.



Discussion Topic #5 – The Bering Strait



Part of a larger vision to link the west and east
[\(Graphic Link\)](#)



Discussion Topic #6 – China's Belt to Road Initiative



A global infrastructure development strategy adopted by the Chinese government in 2013 to invest in nearly 70 countries and international organizations.

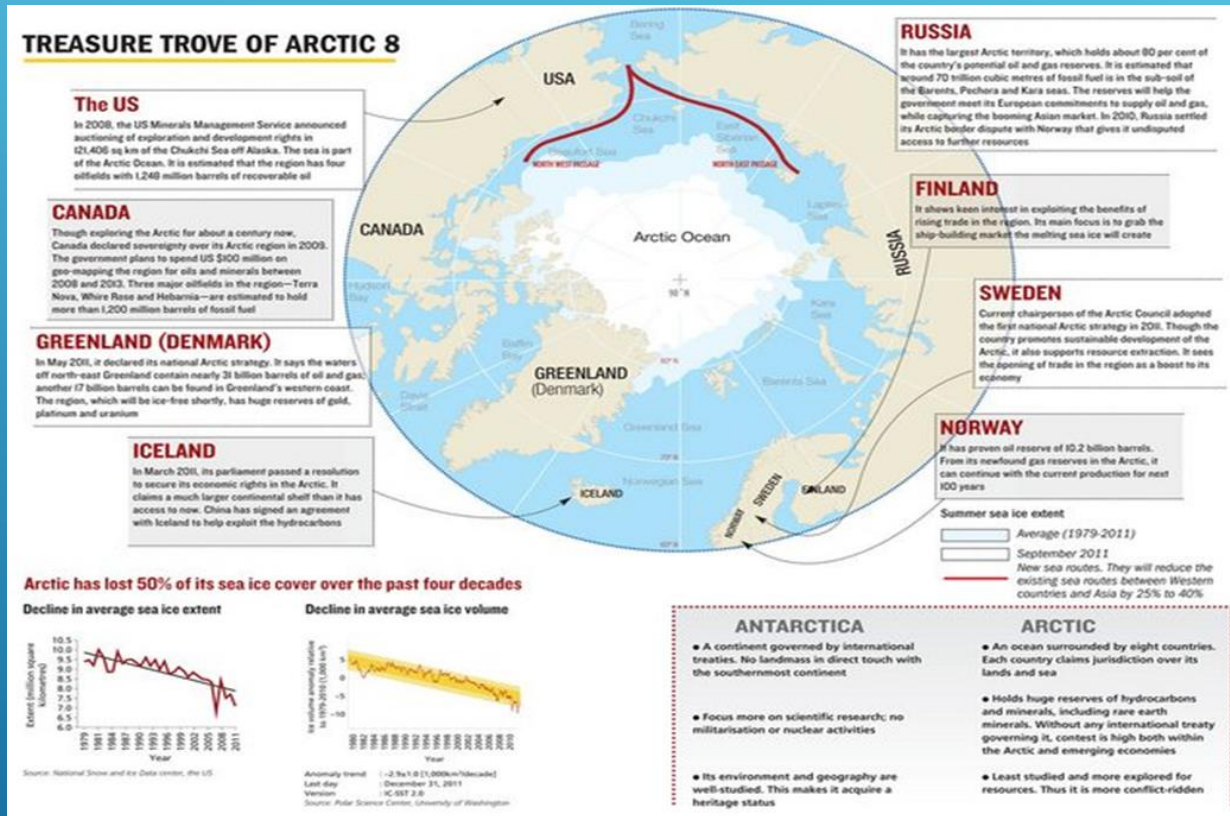
Examples of infrastructure investments include ports, skyscrapers, railroads, roads, bridges, airports, dams, coal-fired power stations, and railroad tunnels.

[\(Graphic Link\)](#)

[Belt to Road - Video Link 10M](#)



Discussion Topic #7 – Protection of Canada’s Arctic Region



The Arctic Council named eight members of the Arctic Council: Canada, Russia, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, the United States of America, Sweden and Finland.

Countries of the Arctic Circle
Graphic Link

Arctic High Stakes – Video 18m





Discussion Topic #6 – China's Belt to Road Initiative

In 2018 China announced the Arctic Silk Road identifying the arctic circle as a target area for investment

[China's White Paper \(PDF Link\)](#)

[The Arctic Silk Road \(Video link 4M\)](#)



Discussion Topic #7 – Protection of Canada's Arctic Region

Russia released an Arctic Strategy 2020 – 2035

Russia has more than 50 ice-breakers in the arctic
3 are nuclear powered, 3 more nuclears are being built.

On the next slide, Canada shows 4 ice-breakers in the graphic. There is only one that is regularly used; mostly for northern community goods delivery.

Why is Canada so uninvested in the arctic region

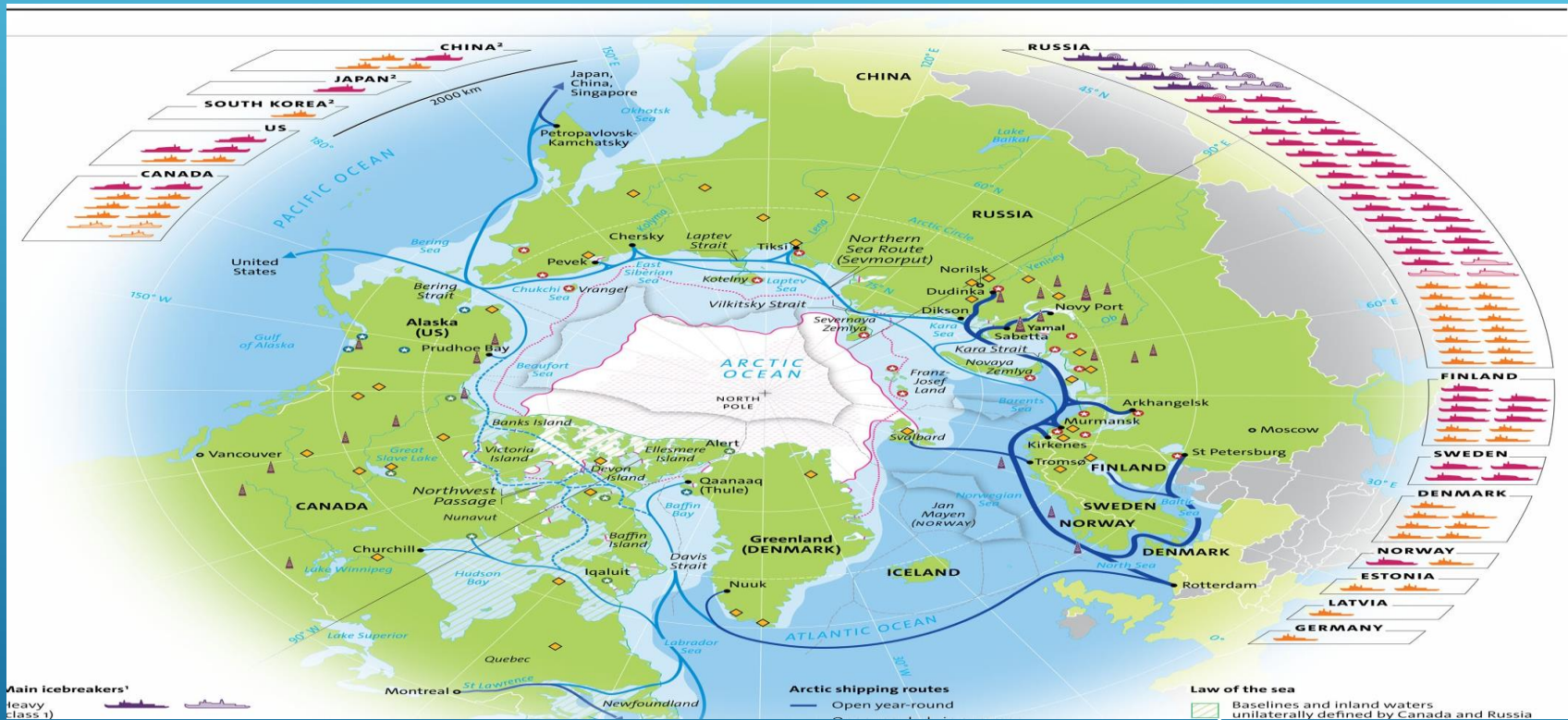
What does all the activity in the arctic circle imply ?





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[Ice Breakers in the Arctic \(Graphic Link\)](#)

[Russian Icebreakers Video Link 15M](#)





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Discussion Topic #7 – Protection of Canada's Arctic Region

**We can participate
in the development of the Arctic Region**

OR

**We can be pushed aside and let someone else
“ice-break” their way through OUR Arctic Region!**





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Discussion Topic #8 – Right to Repair & GPS Lockdown of Tractors

This topic impacts all consumers but most significantly to NTAB is the impact on farmers. The resources below show the capability to shut down tractors based upon corporate softwares, government policies and global priorities.

[John Deere Lockdowns Tractors - Video 20m](#)

[What is the Right to Repair – Video 15m](#)

[Government of Canada – Right to Repair Bill C-272](#)





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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THESE ISSUES

Become engaged

Become aware of how global IMPACTS local

Be a champion of your northern rural municipalities and counties in corridor development





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THANK-YOU

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