



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Wednesday February 19th, 2025

6:00PM to 9:00PM

Holiday Inn & Suites (See Map)
9816 107 St, Grande Prairie, AB

By Invitation Only – RSVP

Open Discussion
Reception and Dinner
What’s Happening in the Arctic Circle?

The Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau invites you to an evening of fabulous food, regional camaraderie, and sharing some of our inquiries on the geo-political activities in the Arctic Circle.

Background: Today, as Canadian politicians dream-speak of developing and securing the Arctic; Russia has already invested more than 100B into Arctic infrastructure, services, and residential housing. Leaving Canada; and the other six countries within the Arctic region many decades behind.

Russia covers 53% of the Arctic coastline; with Canada being the second largest at 40%. Russia has 2.5 million residents within their Arctic region; Canada has less than 100,000. Russia also has mega ports, oil&gas facilities; airports, railways, deep-sea fiber-optics; military bases, and numerous towns along its Arctic coastline.

Icebreakers are classified by the thickness of the ice they can plow through - heavy, medium, and light. Canada has 2 medium icebreakers and 6 light icebreakers. Russia has 4 heavy nuclear-powered icebreakers that can stay out on the ice for two years; 31 medium class icebreakers, and 16 light breakers. In 2021 Canada announced construction of 2 “Polar?” icebreakers; promising that at least one would be ready by 2030. By 2030 Russia will have launched 6 more icebreakers; 3 will be heavy nuclear-powered.

Why is Canada so disengaged from and under-invested in its Arctic & Northern regions? AND why has the United States reignited its interest in Canada’s Arctic region and Greenland?

Looking forward to seeing you,
Carolyn Kolebaba – NTAB Chair

RSVP

What’s Happening in the Arctic Circle

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Resources: [Why Russia is building an Arctic Silk Road](#) (Click Video 8M)
[Icebreakers in the Arctic](#) Infographic; (La Monde Diplomatique, 2020) – Attachment 1

NTAB Membership

- Big Lakes County – Richard Mifflin
- Birch Hills County – Deanne Wendland
- Clear Hills County – Amber Bean
- County of Grande Prairie – Leanne Beaupre
- County of Northern Lights #22 – Gary These
- MD of Fairview #136 – Dalen Richardson
- MD of Greenview #16 – Tom Burton
- MD of Smoky River #130 - Raoul Johnson
- MD of Spirit River #133 – Nick vanRootselaar
- MD of Opportunity #17 – Brendan Powell
- MD of Peace #135 – Theresa Johnson
- Northern Sunrise County – Carolyn Kolebaba
- Saddle Hills County – Gerry Richard
- Town of Peace River – Elaine Manzer
- Town of Sexsmith - Ken Hildebrand