



Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

Date: Friday July 22, 2022

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10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers

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AGENDA**10:00 AM Administration**

Call to Order: Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba- Northern Sunrise County

A) Approval of Agenda / NTAB Finances - YTD June 30th, 2022

B) [NTAB Website – Resources Uploaded](#) (Click to open)**Discussion Topics****1) The Arctic Northwest Passage?**

The Importance of the Northwest Passage to Canada, the Arctic Council, and debate over Canada's sovereign right to the passage.

Article: [Importance of Canada's Northwest Passage](#) Video: [Arctic Shipping Growth](#)

2) Municipal Airports

Municipal Airports are critical in serving health, forestry, fire, and local residents.

However, keeping up with the costs of operating and maintaining these airports is increasingly difficult for municipalities. Will Stewart, Manager at GP Airport & Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association will present an overview of the challenges faced by smaller airports and the advocacy the AAMA is doing to ensure we do not lose these critical resources in our smaller communities. **(RESCHEDULED to NEXT Meeting)**

12:00 PM Lunch - What's happening with NTAB related in the Region?**3) Agricultural Equipment – Remote Control & GPS**

There are 100's of thousands of pieces of agricultural equipment across the globe. With each passing year the operations of these machines are increasingly computer / software dependent / and GPS monitored.

The largest agricultural equipment providers in world have been incorporating this technology for more than a decade. What are the capabilities of remotely controlling agricultural equipment and the positive and negative potential impacts on farming in the future?

Video: [John Deere Disables Stolen Tractors](#) (May 2022) Article: [Related](#) Video: [Right to Repair](#)

Website: [Canada MPs – Right to Repair Bill C-272](#)

4) Arctic Russia

Large urban centers, coal mines, ports, airports, and military stations. As the Arctic gains increasing global attention Russia's historical activity and investments in arctic development may be the deciding factor that extends its claims beyond its coastline toward the center of the arctic ocean.

Google Earth – [Arctic Ocean Overview](#) Videos: [Arctic Borders](#) (13m); [The Svalbard Treaty](#) (6m); [Russia Arctic Military Presence](#) (11m) Website: [Arctic Russia - Promotional](#)

2:00 PM Next Meeting / Adjournment**Thank-you to our Meeting Sponsor****NTAB Membership**

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