The roads promised to the western shore of Hudson Bay Studied in 2007, priced in 2010, scheduled for 2013 to 2027, 0 km built

To: Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications

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SUMMARY

1. Nunavut has no public road between 2 of its communities and no road to the rest of Canada.

2. The Business Case Study of 26 February 2010 priced the Nunavut-Manitoba all-weather road at $1,215.3 million for 1,100 km and gave the schedule: Rankin Inlet to Arviat from 2013 to 2017, Arviat to Churchill from 2018 to 2027, completion in 2027.

3. 2027 is next year. Kilometres built: 0.

4. The brief asks the Committee to take the road into a study under its general order and to obtain from the Government of Canada the date of its decision.

1. THE RECORD

2005. The Kivalliq Inuit Association and the Governments of Nunavut and Manitoba commission the Route Selection Study.

November 2007. The study is complete. The preferred route runs 1,100 km from Rankin Inlet to Manitoba Provincial Road 290 at Sundance, with links to Whale Cove, Arviat and Churchill.

26 February 2010. Nishi-Khon/SNC-Lavalin delivers the Business Case Study to the Nunavut Department of Economic Development and Transportation and to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. Construction, engineering and property: $1,215.3 million in 2009 dollars. The schedule in the study: "Year 1 is 2013", "Rankin Inlet to Arviat: Year 2013 to 2017", "Arviat to

Churchill: Year 2018-2027". The study counts the benefits of the road "linking Nunavut to the National Highway System" from 2027.

21 November 2012. The presentation of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Nunavut and Manitoba on the route states: "No new work is underway".

2017. The application of the Kivalliq Inuit Association to the National Trade Corridors Fund is refused.

13 August 2019. Transport Canada announces $4.5 million for a study of the road between the communities of the Kivalliq region.

25 July 2025. Nunami Stantec Limited delivers the Kivalliq Inter-Community Road Study, Summary Report: 704 km from Arviat to Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake, $3,017,198,000 in 2024 dollars. The report calls the road "the first public highway in Nunavut". It is tabled in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on 17 September 2025.

11 September 2025. The Government of Canada refers Port of Churchill Plus to the Major Projects Office. The page of the Office lists "an all-weather road, an upgraded rail line, a new energy corridor, and marine ice-breaking capacity". The section from Churchill to Arviat is not named.

30 September 2026. Kilometres built under either study: 0.

2. WHAT THE STUDY OF 2010 MEASURED

The study finds that the road lowers the cost of living in Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove and Arviat by 24 per cent and raises the average income of a resident by $4,636 a year. It puts the saving on freight for the Kivalliq region at $33.9 million a year in 2009 dollars from 2027. It names

"national interests including northern sovereignty and security" among the grounds for the route.

3. THE GOVERNMENT BUILDS WHEN IT DECIDES

The Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway opened on 15 November 2017: close to 140 km for $299 million, of which $200 million came from the Government of Canada and $99 million from the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Government of Canada called it "the first highway in Canada to connect to the Arctic Ocean".

The road to the western shore of Hudson Bay has the studies, the route, the price and the schedule. It has no decision.

4. WHAT THE COMMITTEE DOES

Examine, under the general order of reference, the Nunavut-Manitoba all-weather road and the Kivalliq Inter-Community Road.

Obtain from Transport Canada the record of every application for federal funding that names either road, with the decision on each and its date.

Put one question to the Minister of Transport: whether the section from Churchill to Arviat is part of Port of Churchill Plus, and on which date the Government of Canada decides on the funding of the road.

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