



**Havre, Montana – Medicine Hat, Alberta**



## Wild Horse Border Committee

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## Wild Horse Border Committee

### Who is the Wild Horse Border Committee?

- Started in June 2004 when Havre Mayor Bob Rice and a delegation from the Havre Chamber of Commerce met with Medicine Hat Mayor Garth Vallely.
- Grown since then to include governmental officials from municipal, provincial, state and federal levels and representatives of economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce.



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**Joint Port of Wild Horse was organized in June of 2006**

**\*Port of Wild Horse is located:**

**145 km – 90 miles south of Medicine Hat**

**115 km – 71 miles south of the TransCanada Highway #1**

**72 km – 45 miles north of Havre, Montana & Highway #2**



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## What is our Mission?

- Ultimate goal is to have Wild Horse Point of Entry designated as a 24 Hour 7 day/week Commercial Port of Entry.
- Immediate goal is to have United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) implement a 2 year 16 Hr 7 day/week Pilot Project.



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## What is our Mission?

- The pilot project would provide certainty for shippers and the transportation logistics sector to route commercial traffic through Wild Horse Port of Entry.
- The pilot project is necessary in order to have sufficient time to demonstrate increased utilization / traffic #'s to Canadian and U.S. agencies leading to a permanent 16 or 24 Hr / Commercial Port Designation.



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### Why is Wild Horse Port of Entry Important?

- The Wild Horse Port of Entry is the closest and most direct route to the oil-sands – is widely used by agricultural communities in Eastern Alberta, western Saskatchewan and Montana.
- Create a new and more efficient route for commercial traffic between Alberta and Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and U.S. mid-west states.





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### Why is Wild Horse Port of Entry Important?

- Support and create new economic and business opportunities for communities in the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor and Eastern Montana. This could include modulation for oil-sands plant construction.
- Based on current oil-sands projects on the books, it is estimated that an additional \$4 billion of machinery and equipment will need to be imported every year by truck, mainly from Texas and the U.S. mid-west, for the next 10 years.



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### Why is Wild Horse Port of Entry Important?

- This represents approximately 40,000 truckloads per year above current volumes and the normal forecast growth of 30% over the next 10 years.
- In 10 years this translates to approximately 200,000 truckloads inbound to Alberta from the U.S. per year.
- Given current patterns, 170,000 of these would come in through Coutts.
- For Coutts and the Highway 2 corridor, this means an inbound truck every 3 minutes – 24/7 365 days/year.



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### The Business Case for Wild Horse Border?

- Alberta could face a serious capacity problem – and possibly also a safety problem – as development, construction and operations in the oil-sands continue, largely based on truck movements for inputs.
- Development of a second north-south corridor – the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor – is the obvious solution.
- All of the infrastructure for the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor is currently in place, except for one critical component:

24-HOUR FULLY COMMERCIAL PORT AT WILD HORSE



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### **A 24/7 Commercial Port of Entry at Wild Horse will Aid to Generate New Economic Activity**

- Potential to attract distribution centres consistent with current trends.
- New Industry Attraction, Economic Opportunities and Development in the Eastern Corridor Region.
- New cross-border tourism opportunities, revenues and traffic increased tourism travel into Alberta eastern Montana economic zone.
- New Customs Brokerage and Transportation Services in Southeastern Alberta Region.
- Roadside Facilities.





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### Benefits of a 24/7 Commercial Port of Entry at Wild Horse ?

- Redistribution of heavy trucks to under-utilized Highway 36 - Veterans Memorial Highway and Highway 41.
- Off-loading of heavy trucks from Hwy 4, Hwy 2, and Calgary's Deerfoot Trail.
- Increased safety on Highway 4, Highway 2 and Calgary's Deerfoot Trail.
- Decreased wear and tear and maintenance on Highway 4 , Highway 2, and Calgary's Deerfoot Trail.



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## Conclusions

- At present, Alberta is **a one-legged economic giant** balancing on Coutts and the Highway 2 corridor alone for its vital Alberta-US trade.
- There is a demonstrable need to create balance and a firm footing in the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor, of which a 24/7 commercial port of entry at Wild Horse is the **only missing, necessary, and critical** component.
- Visionary action today will facilitate and ensure our economic future. A 24/7 commercial port of entry at Wild Horse **is an economic enabler** to the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor and Montana economic zone.



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## How - Next Steps

- The WHBC needs to engage businesses and in particular the transportation sector in both the United States and Canada to become involved in this initiative.
- We need the Ports to Plains Alliance to become an active participant in the Wild Horse Border Committee.



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## How - Next Steps

- Need to engage federal, state, provincial departments and agencies in both the United States and Canada in a dialogue to make this project a reality, most notably:
  - Department of Homeland Security
  - United States Customs and Border Services
  - Canadian Border Services Agency
  - Government of Alberta
  - Government of Montana



# Coutts / Sweetgrass Port of Entry

