



June 7, 2022

Dear Association Voting Members,

For more than 80 years, the Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) has served as the voice, the standard, and the go-to resource for commercial transportation in the province. With the collaboration of valued members like you, we have advanced our industry through safety programs, progressive policy, and partnerships with government and other stakeholders. We wouldn't be where we are today without you, so on behalf of AMTA, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude.

It's no secret that the past two years haven't been easy for the commercial transportation industry. We have faced large-scale natural disasters like the floods in BC, an unprecedented and growing driver shortage, and a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. Throughout these historically trying conditions, the province's dedicated, hardworking commercial drivers worked around the clock to keep our supply chains moving, supplying Albertans with everything from food to fuel and consumer goods to supporting the movement of the people of our province and beyond. As our industry always does when faced with roadblocks, we kept on rolling.

It speaks to the valued role played by commercial transportation that the Government of Alberta has worked with AMTA and other organizations to help secure the province's supply chain. Over the past year, AMTA has met with Transportation Minister Sawhney and Ministers Madu, Schweitzer, Toews, Copping and Premier Kenney personally, to name a few. Each has been very complimentary of the work done by our members and the Association and have reiterated their openness to our ideas on how to strengthen the commercial transportation industry in Alberta.

Our conversations have been positive and productive, but it's not just talking – we see the results. In February, the provincial government announced it is planning to build up to 18 new commercial rest stops enabling better access to safe places to pull over, rest, and have a meal. Late last month, Minister Sawhney announced \$30 million in funding over three years for commercial driver education grants to ensure more people can get the training they need to enter the industry and operate safely on Alberta's roads and highways. And after numerous years of advocacy and attempts on this front, we are excited to be seeing progress in developing a new accreditation to recognize the professionalism of the drivers of our industry and create an external training standard enabling transferable credentials that our professional drivers would hold.

While we're undoubtedly making some good headway, there is still a long road ahead. Like so much else in the world, the commercial transportation industry is evolving, with innovations like autonomous vehicles, platooning, and hydrogen – to name a few. AMTA believes now is the time to pivot so we're prepared for the digitization, innovation, and the





environmental, social, and governance measures (more commonly known as ESG) that will continue to transform commercial transportation and the business communities we operate within.

As an industry, we have three options – we can have change dictated to us, keep up with change, or we can help drive it. In true Alberta spirit, our vision is to continue being leaders.

I also would like to thank all those who registered and attended AMTA’s Special Meeting on April 22. An informational session in advance of the April 22 Special Meeting was held on April 7 to which our voting membership was invited to attend. Unfortunately, attendance was low and did not provide for robust discussion. With a number of inquiries received leading up to this meeting and additional information to consider, the AMTA Board decided against moving forward with business at the Special Meeting on April 22. The Board’s decision to reschedule has created greater opportunity for membership outreach and education.

I sincerely hope that you will invest your valuable time to attend the AMTA Special Meeting of its voting members, scheduled on Tuesday, June 28 at 11:00 AM MT at which time AMTA leadership will present revised bylaws as ratified by the Board of Directors for consideration by you, our membership. We hope you can join us.

No one knows our industry better than we do collectively; let’s stay at the forefront together.

Sincerely,

J. Jude Groves
Chair, AMTA Board of Directors

