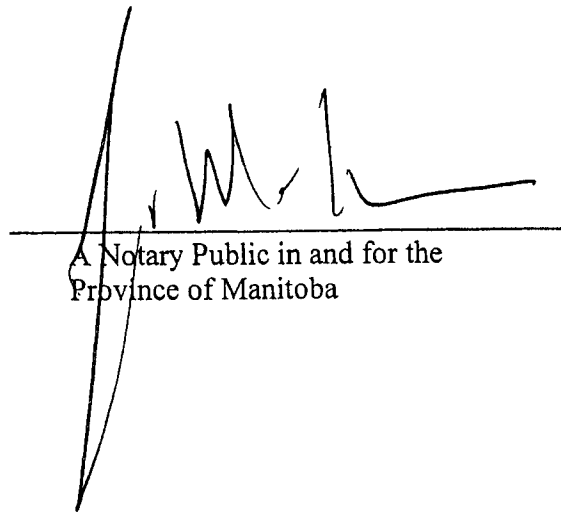


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The Canadian Wheat Board
La Commission canadienne du blé

March 26, 2007

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.
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TRANSMITTED VIA FAX: (613) 944-9272

Dear Minister Strahl:

The board of directors of the CWB took part in a planning session in February 2007 during which the predominant issue discussed was the potential loss of the single desk for barley. Specifically, the board discussed and analyzed the conditions necessary for your government's stated vision of "a strong and viable CWB participating in an open barley market."

The outcome of that session was a strong consensus that the obstacles associated with continuing to participate in the barley market would be significant and might well be insurmountable. This was considered the case particularly in light of board consensus that the test for continuing be the achievement of a materially higher net benefit for farmers who would deal with the CWB relative to competing entities.

In particular, the significant obstacles identified resulted from the CWB's lack of asset ownership in the supply chain. The obstacles are:

- Competitive access to an adequate network of facilities in the country and at port with handling rates that would result in the CWB being competitive with other entities on a daily basis;
- Competitive access to the handling and transportation system, particularly during times of capacity constraints;
- Ensuring the quality of CWB-delivered grain was preserved through the handling and transportation system;
- Sustainability, over the long-term, of any commercial arrangement.

The board of directors considered additional information and analysis at its March 2007 meeting and concluded that retention of the single desk on barley with a continued focus on providing flexible pricing, payment and delivery options is the option that best fulfills the board's value proposition test of providing a materially higher net benefit for farmers. No other option identified and explored would come close to achieving the value provided to farmers through the single desk. Therefore, the board resolved to

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make you aware of this conclusion and to highlight that if the single desk on barley is removed, a plan to transition the CWB out of barley may be required. In addition, we have firmly agreed that we will continue to work to secure the single desk for farmers.

We would welcome any opportunity to discuss the analysis and conclusions in more detail.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Ritter".

Ken Ritter
Chair, CWB board of directors

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Dear Mr. Ritter:

I am writing in response to your letter of March 26, 2007, regarding the Canadian Wheat Board's (CWB) participation in the marketing of barley. I appreciate being made aware of your thoughts on this matter.

The decision with respect to the marketing environment in which the CWB must operate is a political one for the Government of Canada to make. As you know, the Government decided to consult barley producers as to their preferences, and those producers have now told us in no uncertain terms that they want the option of marketing their barley to the CWB or to any other domestic or foreign buyer. The Government has decided to give barley producers that option and has announced its intentions to implement that decision effective August 1, 2007.

I welcome the news that the Board of Directors has been looking at options for operating in an environment of marketing choice. The Government expects the CWB to carry out its responsibilities under the *Canadian Wheat Board Act* and to develop a business plan that would provide barley producers with the option of delivering to the CWB in competition with other buyers.

I look forward to hearing the results of your deliberations in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Strahl".

Chuck Strahl

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