



PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA
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March 23, 2009

Mr. Cameron Dueck

Dear Mr. Dueck:

On behalf of the Government of Manitoba, I would like to wish you best of luck as you embark on the exciting adventure of sailing through the Northwest Passage this summer.

The Northwest Passage is not only a majestic and beautiful part of our nation's landscape, it also holds a powerful place in Canada's history. It evokes the splendor of our geography, the legacy of exploration and the unrelenting human desire to overcome the challenges of a landscape that has seen so many cultures and peoples pass through it for millennia.

Now, the passage, and the North are coming to represent something different: a place to observe our changing environment at its most dramatic, and as a wake-up call for us all to adapt to climate change and to protect our abundant natural resources.

I hope that as you come through Churchill and the surrounding region, you will be struck by its sheer beauty and met with a warm welcome by all the communities you encounter. I also look forward to the documentary that will result from this voyage.

Once again, best wishes on your upcoming challenge!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Doer".

Gary Doer