

### Limited Edition - 2020 WPCC Five Pin Club Set - 1<sup>st</sup> Train to Churchill

On May 23, 2017, Churchill became isolated from the rest of the world for a period of 18 months when the railway line leading to the town was flooded and washed out due to the Spring snow melt. Eventually with financial support from the Federal & Provincial governments, the town of Churchill, Manitoba 1<sup>st</sup> Nation Reserve Communities and a large Corporation from Saskatchewan, the rail line and shipping port were eventually purchased by a consortium of all of these groups. On October 31, 2018, the rail line repairs were finally completed at a cost of many millions of dollars. This meant that essential supplies and tourists could again go to Churchill by rail. The town is famous for its polar bears, beluga whales and Northern Lights tours. Large numbers of the citizens from the town came out to greet the first freight train when it finally arrived in Churchill from Winnipeg during the evening of October 31, 2018.

The Winnipeg Pin Collectors Club is very fortunate to have Bob McLeod, a very gifted artist, as one of its members. He is the one who drew the original artwork for our 2020 club pin. Instead of having townspeople greet this first freight train, Bob thought of the novel idea of having a polar bear greet the freight train's engineer while holding a "[Welcome to Churchill](#)" sign in its two front paws. Incorporated in this design is the celebration of Manitoba's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Province. Manitoba became part of Canada in 1870.

**Special Note:** In 2018, the very popular tourist travel website named "Lonely Planet" selected Manitoba as one of the top ten destinations to visit in the entire world for world adventure travellers. This was mainly due to the popularity of the town of Churchill. Other top sites to visit in Manitoba include our famous Human Rights Museum and our world class zoo which provides underwater viewing of polar bears and seals while walking through a glass tunnel. The polar bear exhibit cost over \$5,000,000 to build. The museum and the zoo are two of Winnipeg's main attractions.

Only 100 pins were made of each color for the limited edition 2020 WPCC [set of five pins](#).

The [set of five WPCC 2020 pins](#) includes:

- Medium blue background (Blue sky)
- Black background (Nighttime)
- Pale Yellow background (Sunrise)
- Orange background (Sunset)
- Purple background (One of the colors of the Northern Lights)

Regular 2020 membership will cost \$20.00  
Choice of one pin color out of five colors)

Or

- \$40.00 (Receive a complete set of five pins)  
- Club members wishing to renew their pin club memberships for 2020 can make their payments either by cheque or using PayPal. Cheques should be made payable to:



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### **Photo of the 1st train to Churchill**

