

MEDIA RELEASE

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Extraordinary Adjustment of Maximum Prices of Certain Regulated Petroleum Products

Due to recent commodity market developments the Public Utilities Board will intervene and adjust maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products, except propane, outside of its regular pricing schedule. In the last few days there has been a significant downward shift in the benchmarks used by the Board to set maximum prices for regulated petroleum products. The Board has determined that an adjustment of maximum prices for certain regulated petroleum products is warranted at this time.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2022, the Board set maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products, with the exception of propane heating fuel, in all areas of the province except where maximum price adjustments have been suspended. The changes to maximum fuel prices are as follows:

- all types of gasoline motor fuel will decrease by up to 10.1 cents per litre (cpl);
- diesel motor fuel on the Island will decrease by up to 41.3 cpl;
- diesel motor fuel in Labrador will decrease by 59.5 cpl;
- furnace oil heating fuel will decrease by 35.86 cpl;
- stove oil heating fuel on the Island will decrease by 35.86 cpl; and,
- stove oil heating fuel in Labrador will decrease by 69.05 cpl.

The downward shift in benchmark prices since Monday of this week has been extraordinary. For example, the daily benchmark price for ULSD, which is used to determine the maximum price for diesel motor fuel and furnace oil and stove oil heating fuels on the Island, decreased by over 20 cpl on Monday, over 7.5 cpl on Tuesday, and over 14 cpl on Wednesday. The daily benchmark price for ULSK, which is used to determine maximum prices for stove oil in Labrador, decreased by over 36.5 cpl on Monday, 4.5 cpl on Tuesday and 26.5 cpl on Wednesday. While some of this downward shift was captured in the average benchmarks used in the calculation of the maximum prices set on May 19, 2022, a further decrease in the benchmark is warranted to ensure the maximum prices reflect current market prices.

The breakdown of the maximum price for regulated unleaded, self-serve gasoline in Zone 1 – Avalon Peninsula is provided below. This information is updated weekly for both gasoline and diesel motor fuels on the Board’s website and can be found at the following link: http://www.pub.nl.ca/gas_and_diesel.htm

MAXIMUM PRICES - May 20, 2022

Zone 1 Avalon Peninsula (Base Zone)

Regular Unleaded Gasoline Self Serve Cents per Litre	
Pump Price (rounded to one decimal place)	218.4
Total Tax	64.03
HST @ 15%	28.48
Carbon Tax	11.05
Provincial Gasoline Tax	14.50
Federal Excise tax	10.00
Pump Price (Ex-Tax)	154.35
Zone Differential	0.00
Pump Price Ex-Taxes (Base Price)	154.35
Total Allowed Mark-up	25.93
Average New York Harbour Benchmark Price for period	128.42

While the Board's next regularly scheduled price adjustment is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022 the Board continues to monitor the daily benchmark prices for motor fuels and heating fuels using the prescribed sources set out in the Petroleum Products Regulations and will adjust maximum prices outside the scheduled adjustment if circumstances warrant.

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