

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

MEDIA RELEASE

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**Extraordinary Adjustment of Maximum Prices of Regulated Petroleum Products
and
Maximum Price Adjustments in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14**

Extraordinary Adjustment of Maximum Prices

Due to recent commodity market developments, the Public Utilities Board will intervene and adjust maximum prices outside its regular pricing schedule for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil and stove oil heating fuels in all areas of the province except as described below for Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, the maximum prices for regulated petroleum products in all areas of the province, except Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14, will change as follows:

- all types of gasoline motor fuel will decrease by up to 7.8 cents per litre (cpl);
- diesel motor fuel will decrease by up to 13.4 cpl;
- furnace oil heating fuel will decrease by 12.19 cpl;
- stove oil heating fuel on the Island will decrease by 12.37 cpl; and,
- stove oil heating fuel in Zones 13 and 13a will decrease by 11.38 cpl.

These maximum prices reflect the change in the average benchmark price of the products over the current pricing period. More information about how maximum prices are set, including a full breakdown by pricing zone, can be found on the Board's website [here](#).

Maximum Price Adjustments for Labrador Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14

The seasonal suspension of maximum price adjustments in Zone 10 (Labrador – The Straits to Red Bay), Zone 11 (Labrador South-Lodge Bay/Cartwright), Zone 11a (Coastal Labrador South – Tanker Supplied), Zone 11b (Coastal Labrador South –Drum Delivery), Zone 12 (Central Labrador) and Zone 14 (Coastal Labrador North) is being lifted to allow for adjustment of maximum prices to reflect the winter resupply of product.

The winter resupply of product to Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 has commenced and is expected to be completed by mid-December. Based on the information provided to the Board with respect to delivery dates, product cost, inventory levels and inventory turnover rates the Board has determined that it is appropriate to adjust maximum prices in these zones at this time. As a result, effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, the suspension of maximum price adjustments is lifted in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 and maximum prices will be adjusted using benchmark prices which better reflect the current cost of the product being supplied. The Board has also implemented a temporary increase in the retail mark-up for gasoline motor fuel in these zones to provide for inventory turnover of remaining product and allow retailers the opportunity to recover their costs for this higher priced product. The Board continues to gather information from suppliers on costs, deliveries and volumes and further adjustments are expected before maximum price adjustments are suspended for the winter season.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, the maximum prices for regulated petroleum products in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 will change as set out below:

Changes¹ to Maximum Prices – Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14					
Effective December 9, 2022					
Zone	Product	August 25, 2022 Benchmark Price	December 9, 2022 Benchmark Price	Interim Retail Mark-Up Adjustment - Gasoline	Change in Retail Maximum Price (with HST, where applicable)
Zone 10	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.4
	Stove Oil	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.19
Zone 11	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.4
	Stove Oil	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.19
Zone 11a	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	27.1
	Stove Oil	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	23.58
Zone 11b	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.4
	Stove Oil	156.0261	154.8386	n/a	-1.19
Zone 12	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	27.1
	Stove Oil	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	23.58
Zone 14	Gasoline	131.3192	97.1212	+17.1	-19.7
	Diesel	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	27.1
	Stove Oil	131.2555	154.8386	n/a	23.58

¹ Changes may vary by +/- 0.1 cents per litre due to rounding.

The Board's next regularly scheduled price adjustment is on Thursday, December 15, 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. The Board also continues to gather information with respect to the ongoing resupply in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 and further adjustments are expected before implementing the suspension of maximum price adjustments for the winter season.

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