



Kativik Regional Government and Makivvik announce extension of cost-of-living subsidy to stabilize price of gasoline for Nunavik consumers

Kuujuuaq, Québec, August 31, 2024 — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) and Makivvik announce today the extension of a significant measure to help Nunavimmiut deal with the high cost of living (COL) in Nunavik.

Nunavik's fuel distributors have announced that the price of gasoline is set to rise on September 1st from \$2.585 per litre to \$2.62 per litre in all Nunavik communities. In response, the KRG and Makivvik, through their joint Gasoline Subsidy Program, are providing a direct subsidy of 78 cents (\$0.78) per litre, which will stabilize the price of gasoline at \$1.84 per litre for beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement.

The high price of gasoline in Nunavik is due to higher costs for transporting fuel from South, and the trend in recent years for overall increases in the price of fuel.

The gasoline subsidy is one of six cost-of-living reduction measures that have been in place since 2007. Other COL measures provide price supports that make it more affordable for Nunavimmiut to purchase food and other essentials, receive airfare price discounts, receive country food community support, access Elder assistance, purchase household appliances, and to buy harvesting equipment.

Over the years, COL reduction measures have grown in popularity among Nunavimmiut. For more information on KRG-Makivvik COL measures, visit [Nunavik Cost-of-Living Reduction Measures](#) .

Quotes:

“The gasoline subsidy is an important tool to ease some of the burdens that our businesses and residents face. We know that Nunavimmiut deal with unique and difficult challenges in making a living and providing for their families in their day to day lives. The KRG is proud to be collaborate with our regional partner, Makivvik, to provide this support to our people.”

– Hilda Snowball, Chairperson, Kativik Regional Government

“The Gasoline Subsidy Program is essential to the daily lives of Nunavimmiut, directly supporting the subsistence lifestyle that is at the heart of our culture. Many Nunavik Inuit rely on gas-powered vehicles and equipment for crucial activities that sustain our way of life and ensure food security. This subsidy is not just financial assistance; it's a lifeline that increases access to our traditions and ensures continued access to the land for more Inuit.”

– Pita Aatami, President, Makivvik

The **Kativik Regional Government** delivers comprehensive public services to Nunavimmiut under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (1978). KRG is governed by a 17-member Council of elected municipal representatives from 14 northern communities in Nunavik, an elected Chair and Vice-Chair, and the chief of the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach.

Makivvik is the land claims organization mandated to manage the heritage funds of the Inuit of Nunavik provided for under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. Makivvik's role includes the administration and investment of these funds and the promotion of economic growth by providing assistance for the creation of Inuit-operated businesses in Nunavik. Makivvik promotes the preservation of Inuit culture and language as well as the health, welfare, relief of poverty, and education of Inuit in the communities.

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