



## **Kativik Regional Government and Makivvik announce extension of cost-of-living subsidy to maintain lower price of gasoline for Nunavik consumers**

**Kuujuuaq, Québec, September 5, 2025** — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) and Makivvik announce today an extension of a significant measure to help Nunavik Inuit deal with the high cost of living (COL) in Nunavik.

Nunavik’s fuel distributors confirm that the price of gasoline declined on September 1<sup>st</sup> from \$2.62 to \$2.465 per litre in all Nunavik communities, a drop of 15.5 cents (\$0.155). In response, the KRG and Makivvik will maintain a direct subsidy of 78 cents (\$0.78) per litre, which will stabilize the price of gasoline for Inuit beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, beneficiaries are paying \$1.69 per litre of gasoline (versus the previous \$1.84, a decrease of 8%).

Following negotiations initiated by the KRG and Makivvik, the Government of Québec has committed slightly more than \$115 million over six years to help mitigate the high cost of living in Nunavik. The gasoline subsidy is one of six COL 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 buy harvesting equipment.

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

Quotes:

“The gasoline subsidy is an important tool to ease the extremely high costs that our communities face. Nunavimmiut deal with major challenges daily in coping with the high cost of essential goods, and providing for their families. The KRG is proud to be collaborate with Makivvik, our regional partner, to provide this support.”

– Mary Arnaq, Vice Chairperson, Kativik Regional Government

“In the modern world, for Inuit, gasoline is not simply about filling a tank - it is about sustaining our way of life. Affordable gasoline means to access our land, to provide for our families, and to support our communities. This program is a concrete example of how Makivvik, by working through successful partnerships with the KRG and the Government of Québec, can strengthen the resilience of Inuit.”

– Pita Aatami, President, Makivvik

The **Kativik Regional Government** delivers comprehensive public services to Nunavimmiut under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (1975). The 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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