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## **Rise in the Cost of Gasoline**

**Kuujuuaq, Québec, September 6, 2018** – The price of gasoline set by Nunavik's fuel distributors has risen on September 1<sup>st</sup>, from \$1.79 per litre to \$2.03 per litre in all Nunavik communities. The contribution of the Kativik Regional Government and Makivik Corporation, through the Gasoline Subsidy Program, remains at 40¢ per litre, reducing the price to \$1.63 per litre for beneficiaries of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* (JBNQA).

The high price of gasoline in Nunavik is due, in part, to additional costs incurred for the transportation of fuel from the south to Nunavik communities and, in part, to additional costs incurred for the financing of annual fuel stocks. Federal and provincial taxes are applied after transportation and financing costs have been added to the price paid for the gasoline by local distributors.

The Gasoline Program is one of six regional cost-of-living measures implemented since 2007. The other measures are the Food and Other Essentials Program, the Airfare Reduction Program, the Household Appliance and Harvesting Equipment Program, the Country Food Community Support Program, and the Elders Assistance Program. The criteria applicable to all the measures are subject to modification or cancellation at any time. Over the years, all the measures have grown in popularity among Nunavimmiut.

For more information on the Gasoline Program or the other cost-of-living measures, visit <http://www.krg.ca/quick-links/nunavik-cost-of-living-reduction-measures>.

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*The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.*

*Makivik is the development corporation mandated to manage the heritage funds of the Inuit of Nunavik provided for under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. Makivik'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. Makivik promotes the preservation of Inuit culture and language as well as the health, welfare, relief of poverty, and education of Inuit in the communities.*