



Propane Industry Sees Opportunity in Ontario Budget

OTTAWA, April 28, 2017 – The Canadian Propane Association (CPA) welcomes the government’s commitment in the 2017 Ontario Budget to energy affordability. The CPA calls on the government to work with the propane industry to harness low-emission propane as an affordable energy solution in Ontario.

“Propane is a versatile, Canadian fuel that has an extensive and competitive distribution network throughout Ontario,” says Nathalie St-Pierre, CPA President and CEO. “Expanded propane use provides a perfect opportunity to reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, both in the built environment and in the transportation sector.”

The propane industry is already helping homeowners reduce energy costs through the Ontario Home Energy Conservation Incentive Program. The CPA calls on the Ontario Government to further expand this program for rural, northern, and remote energy customers, ensuring that all Ontarians can easily access upgrades to high-efficiency, cost-effective heating appliances.

The funding of an Electric Vehicle Incentive Program is proposed in the budget. Propane remains Canada’s most popular alternative vehicle fuel and already has an existing and extensive fuelling network. Producing up to 26 per cent fewer GHGs than gasoline and costing over 40 per cent less per litre, propane is an off-the-shelf solution for quickly reducing the carbon impact of fleets across the province. The CPA has requested a rebate for fleet operators utilizing propane, and will push for this as an appropriate project for Climate Change Action Plan funding.

The CPA continues to express its disappointment that \$100 million in tax-payer infrastructure funding is being used to create an uneven playing field in the energy sector with the government subsidizing expansion projects for multi-national natural gas utilities. St-Pierre says that, “in the propane industry’s opinion, any such funding should be energy neutral, allowing consumers and municipalities to choose the energy solution that best suits their needs.”

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About the Canadian Propane Association

With over 400 members, the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) is the national association for a growing, multibillion dollar industry that impacts the livelihood of tens of thousands of Canadians. The CPA develops and produces industry training materials, offers an emergency response assistance plan to its members and provides advocacy services for the propane industry.

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