



## Low-emission propane school buses could be on PEI roads by next year

**MORELL, PEI, June 17, 2019** – Propane-powered school buses could be providing a cleaner passenger experience in Prince Edward Island as early as 2020.

In an address to the Atlantic Committee of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) in Morell on June 13, **PEI Premier Dennis King** indicated the province’s intention to put propane buses into service as early as next year, and said that in order to address the issue of climate change, governments have to be innovative in their approach.

“There is a lot of work being done by our government to address climate change and its impacts to our province, including identifying new ways of doing things to reduce our impact on the environment,” said Premier King. “We need to be bold as we tackle the challenge of reducing greenhouse gases. Shifting to lower emission fuels, like propane, is a sensible step in that direction. As an example, in our school system, we are looking at adding propane-powered buses to our school bus fleet, as early as the fall of 2020.”

**CPA President Nathalie St-Pierre** welcomed the news from Premier King and noted that the Province of New Brunswick will be accepting delivery of 16 propane-powered school buses this summer. They will be transporting students beginning in the fall.

“More and more, low-emission propane buses are being used to transport students to and from schools across Canada,” said St-Pierre. “Propane school buses are lower in GHGs than gas or diesel buses and they emit 98 per cent fewer harmful emissions than the diesel buses that many students travel in today.”

St-Pierre said CPA members were very impressed with the new premier’s commitment to work with stakeholders such as the propane industry on climate change issues.

“It’s been an important part of our approach because we believe that the expanded use of low-emission propane is critical to Canada’s energy portfolio at a time when searching for cleaner energy options is a high priority for governments and the private sector alike,” said St-Pierre.

“So, when we hear Premier King say he believes there is tremendous opportunity to address climate change by approaching it differently, collaboratively and that his government is open to good ideas, we think that is the best strategy.”

The CPA looks forward to further discussions with the PEI government regarding the expanded use of low-emission propane in areas such as residential, commercial and institutional energy, agriculture, fisheries, manufacturing, fleet transportation and construction.

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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, multi-billion-dollar industry that impacts the livelihood of tens of thousands of Canadians. Our mission is to promote a safe and thriving propane industry that plays a vital role in Canada’s energy sector. To achieve this, we champion propane and the propane industry in Canada and facilitate best practices, safety and a favourable business environment through advocacy, training and emergency response.

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