



Plenty of propane for Canadian users

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The Canadian Propane Association read with interest a recent story: “Restaurants, bars scramble for propane amid pandemic winter.”

The article points to issues and regulations in the U.S., but not in Canada.

There is no propane shortage in Victoria or in Canada. Our members in Victoria have been able to service all their customers — including restaurants and homeowners — with a sufficient supply of propane. The same goes for our industry across the country, as propane is abundant and produced in Canada.

The article also states that propane tanks carry a date-of-manufacture stamp. In Canada, cylinders must be inspected and requalified every 10 years, not 12 as is done in the U.S.

Lastly, in Canada, we typically use the term “20-lb. cylinders” and not “five-gallon containers,” as they are referred to in the U.S.

The safe operation of propane is a high priority for Canada’s propane industry. This includes the proper training on the safe operation of outdoor propane heaters.

The Canadian Propane Association collaborated with regulators across Canada, including Technical Safety B.C., to develop patio heater safety guidelines. These guidelines are an excellent source for businesses and residents to refer to when operating patio heaters.

Homeowners and businesses alike can be assured that safe, low-emission and affordable propane will continue to be available for their energy needs.

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