



Canadian Association
Propane canadienne
Association du propane

Propane powers B.C.

Propane is a cleaner-burning, lower-emission and domestically produced energy source that supports, farms, fleets and businesses throughout B.C.

Rising energy costs around the world are making access to affordable and reliable energy more important than ever for British Columbians. As a made-in-Canada solution, propane helps strengthen energy security while supporting local jobs and economic growth across the province.



B.C. is Canada's
largest propane
exporter

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Estimated
government
revenue

\$391M



Jobs supported
by the propane
industry

2,587



Households using
propane as their
main energy source

25,560

Propane strengthens energy security

- **Growing** domestic propane production from B.C.
- **Essential** for hospitals, farms, fleets, and rural, remote, and Indigenous communities where grid options are limited
- **Supports resilient energy systems** during emergencies and extreme weather
- Delivered nationwide through a **reliable supply chain**, with **114 fuelling stations in B.C.**

Propane protects energy affordability

- Significantly **more cost-effective than diesel**
- Propane furnaces with **up to 97% efficiency rating**
- **Lower maintenance costs** than oil heating systems
- No soil contamination risk, **reducing environmental liability costs**

Propane delivers *lower emissions*

- **Lower emissions** than heating oil, diesel and gasoline
- Recognized globally as a **lower-carbon alternative** to higher-emitting fuels
- **Compatible with hybrid power systems** and renewable electricity
- Canadian-made **renewable propane is a drop-in fuel** that lowers lifecycle emissions using existing propane infrastructure.

Our advocacy for British Columbians

We want to work together to drive real benefits for local businesses, workers, and everyday families to help secure B.C.'s energy future.

1 Eliminate the motor fuel tax applied to propane

Costing more to administer than the revenue it generates, eliminating the 2.7¢/L motor fuel tax on propane would support lower-emission fuels while advancing the government's affordability and climate goals. The current tax disproportionately impacts rural and remote residents and businesses and relies on a complex exemption system.

B.C. already has one of Western Canada's strongest auto propane networks, with 114 fueling stations enabling the expansion of school bus and commercial fleets without major new investment. Following the lead of Ontario and Quebec's zero-tax approach would reduce costs for British Columbians while supporting these flexible, lower-emission transportation options, including propane as an alternative to gasoline and diesel.

2 Introduce a tax credit to drive renewable propane production

B.C. can strengthen its leadership in renewable fuels by supporting the growth of renewable propane production. Building on its position as a national biofuel leader, increased focus on renewable propane would further expand this advantage.

A targeted provincial tax incentive could attract investment, create good-paying jobs, and reduce emissions – while leveraging existing infrastructure and supply chains, including facilities like Parkland's Burnaby Refinery.

Supporting renewable propane will help advance B.C.'s climate goals and expand the supply of cleaner fuels, with communities such as Chilliwack already demonstrating leadership in adoption of renewable propane.

3 Streamline permitting and regulatory processes

Building on efforts to establish clear, predictable permitting timelines, B.C. can reinforce its role as a reliable gateway for energy exports.

A stable and transparent policy environment is essential to support natural gas and propane infrastructure, enabling projects to move forward efficiently through effective coordination with Indigenous partners and port authorities.

Streamlining permitting and supporting long-term planning will boost investor confidence, drive economic growth, and ensure propane remains a valuable and accessible export for the province.

4 Supporting energy choice for all British Columbians

Ensuring all communities have access to cleaner, affordable energy is essential - especially in rural, remote and Indigenous communities with limited hydro and natural gas infrastructure. B.C. can support an "all-of-the-above" approach to emissions reduction by ensuring provincial programs, funding streams and regulations remain technology-neutral and recognize propane's role in reducing diesel use for heating, transportation and off-grid power generation where electrification is not yet feasible or affordable.

By preserving energy choice and supporting cleaner fuels that can be deployed immediately without major new infrastructure investments, B.C. can advance climate goals while strengthening energy security, affordability and resilience for underserved communities.

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We are the national association representing the Canadian propane industry, including approximately 75 member companies from all corners of B.C., ranging from producers, wholesalers, retailers, transporters, and manufacturers.



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