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This update serves as a recap and reference point for our members regarding the latest policy impacts on the energy market as well as industry trends. We will continue to monitor and communicate any policy changes directly to members as they happen.

NATIONAL POLICY & RESEARCH UPDATES

PetroChem Canada conference is just one month away

PetroChem Canada brings together petrochemical, chemical, emerging biochemical manufacturers, along with their supply chain, academia, R&D and multiple levels of government to discuss the challenges of developing Canada's downstream sector and explore the unique opportunities in front of us. On June 21, they will host a two-day business conference with industry leaders from across Canada and the USA, a technical

conference, exhibition, golf day, driving facilities tour, and lots of great networking opportunities. For more information on how to join hundreds of delegates and 60 exhibiting companies from across Canada and the United States on June 21-22 in Sarnia for PetroChem Canada 2022, visit their website [here](#).

Minister Wilkinson launches request for project proposals for the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program

In May, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, officially launched a request for proposals (RFP) for the **Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program** (ZEVIP). This program will result in an expansion of zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure and hydrogen refuelling stations in public places, on-street, multi-unit residential buildings, workplaces and vehicle fleets. Natural Resources Canada will provide funding through conditionally repayable contribution agreements of up to 50 percent of the total eligible project costs, with a maximum funding per type of infrastructure, up to a maximum of \$5 million, per project. This RFP will close on August 11, 2022.

Countering cyber attacks in the Canadian energy sector

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, **recently announced** a \$156,514 investment in a Canadian engineering company's playbook that provides instructions and guidelines which energy sector organizations can leverage to counter and recover

quickly from cyber attacks. The government stated that the need to strengthen the reliability and resiliency of Canada's energy systems from cyber attacks has never been greater as cyber threats grow more frequent, complex, and costly. Protecting the energy sector remains critical for the economy, the environment, and national security, and is essential for ensuring the secure adoption of the technologies contributing to Canada's commitment to reach net zero by 2050.

Dual fuel for sustainable transportation

The National Research Council of Canada is **developing a dual fuel strategy** as a near-term solution to move Canada closer to sustainable transportation. A dual fuel technology presents a unique ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90 per cent by replacing a significant amount of diesel commonly used in heavy duty vehicles. Since heavy duty freight transportation vehicles are responsible for 10 per cent of Canada's carbon dioxide emissions annually, dual fuels promise to be a low-cost, effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from freight transportation over the next 30 years.

Hydrogen-based aviation fuels in Canada get a kickstart under a new partnership

Hy2gen Canada and SAF+ Consortium said May 30 **they will partner** to contribute to the development of the hydrogen sector, including green aviation fuels, starting in Québec, Canada. The partnership between the two companies will see the construction of numerous installations to produce synthetic, green hydrogen-based fuels for land, sea, aviation, and industry, using \$215m of capital raised by Hy2gen AG earlier this year (2022). SAF+ Consortium hopes to utilise its well-known partners, including Airbus, to test the clean fuel, and ADM Montréal Airport to support transportation of the fuels to YUL Aéroport international Montréal-Treudeau, and Aéro-Montréal, Québec's Aerospace Cluster. The announcement comes just days after the Québec government release its Green Hydrogen and Bioenergy Strategy to accelerate the production, distribution and use of green hydrogen and bioenergy.

Oil & gas compensation claims threaten energy transition, study warns

A **research study from US and Canadian universities** has warned of the huge costs faced by governments in legal actions brought by oil and gas companies following restrictions on hydrocarbon exploration and extraction. The study supports findings from the

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that the expense of settling compensation claims could lead to states refraining from measures to phase out fossil fuels. Read the full report [here](#).

PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL POLICY TRENDS

WESTERN REGION

B.C. overhauls oil and gas royalty system by changing 'broken system' of subsidies

After a review of B.C.'s 30-year-old oil and gas royalty system, **the province says** it plans to phase out its current fossil fuel subsidies and introduce a new system for royalty payments. Since the current system was implemented in the 90s, natural gas production, market conditions and climate change concerns have changed dramatically, the province says. The new royalty system will apply to all new wells and will be phased in starting September 1.

Collaboration on planned world-scale blue ammonia and blue methanol facilities showcase Alberta's leadership in cleantech and emissions reduction

Alberta continues to lead Canada's energy transition as Inter Pipeline Ltd., ITOCHU Corporation, and PETRONAS Energy Canada Ltd. **sign a Memorandum of Understanding** with Invest Alberta to assist the companies in exploring the development of world-scale integrated blue ammonia and blue methanol production facilities in Alberta's industrial heartland. The proposed facilities would help reduce global emissions and further Alberta's energy sector decarbonization efforts through the production of thousands of metric tonnes per day of blue ammonia and blue methanol.

B.C. funds renewable diesel project

Parkland Corp. is one big step closer to creating a large new market for Canadian canola oil. The Calgary energy company has **received a commitment from the British Columbia government** to cover more than 40 per cent of the cost of its proposed \$600 million renewable fuels investment at its Burnaby Refinery. The money is coming from the province's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard compliance credits.

British Columbians can access more in EV charger rebates

B.C. residents, businesses and municipalities **can now receive higher rebates** for EV charging stations through the CleanBC Go Electric EV Charger Rebate and Fleets programs. For a limited time, funding will cover as much as 75 per cent of eligible purchase and installation costs for EV charging stations, which is an increase from the previous 50 per cent coverage. Workplaces, condominiums and apartments can get a rebate for a Level 2 charging station for as much as 75 per cent of purchase and installation costs to a maximum of \$5,000. As many as 360 EV chargers will be installed through the program.

PRAIRIE REGION

Sask. government ramps up development on potential hydrogen hub

The Saskatchewan government **has begun work on a foundation report study** ramping up development on a potential hydrogen hub in the Regina-Moose Jaw region. The Ministry of Energy and Resources, Whitecap Resources and Federated Co-operatives Limited will support the study, developed by the Transition Accelerator and the Saskatchewan Research Council. The report will provide investors with an analysis of commercial-scale hydrogen opportunities and synergies with carbon capture utilization and storage infrastructure in the province.

ONTARIO/QUEBEC REGION

Soaring gas prices front and centre on Ontario campaign trail

With the price of gasoline continuing to rise, relief at the pumps has emerged as **a key theme on the Ontario election campaign trail**. The Progressive Conservatives and Liberals support a temporary cut to the Ontario gas tax, while the New Democratic Party says it would regulate prices. The OEB commissioned a 2017 report that found regulation doesn't necessarily benefit consumers and in some provinces has resulted in higher prices.

ATLANTIC CANADA

Cenovus restarting West White Rose oil project, stalled under COVID-19 pandemic

Cenovus Energy and its partners are **moving ahead**

with the West White Rose oil project, a \$3.2-billion expansion of the White Rose oilfield in offshore Newfoundland, and the deal includes changes to how much royalty money the companies will have to pay to the provincial government. Cenovus and Suncor — another partner in the project — said May 31 the finalized agreement with the province includes an amended royalty structure that “safeguards to the project’s economics in periods of low commodity prices.”

Topsoe technology to support Cresta’s renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel production in Canada

Cresta Funds Management (Cresta) has chosen Topsoe’s HydroFlex™ solution for revamping the Braya Renewable Fuels refinery (Braya) in Newfoundland, Canada. The refinery will produce up to 18,000 barrels per day of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel initially, and the capacity will increase further in various stages of expansion. The startup of the site for production of renewable fuels is expected in second half of 2022. The Braya refinery is strategically located, with world-class logistics assets, to source global feedstocks and to sell the produced renewable fuels into the United States, Canada and Europe. The refinery will be world scale — one of the top 5 largest in the world at startup. The refinery’s hydrocracker and diesel hydrotreater will be revamped to produce renewable diesel and SAF from various renewable feedstocks. Read more **here**.

NORTHERN REGION

Research funding supports green power initiatives in Yukon and Northwest Territories

Yukon University has received \$500,000 to support the successful inclusion of clean power initiatives into the electrical power systems of both Yukon and Northwest Territories (NWT). The **Electric vehicles and smart heating research project** will explore the potential effects that electric vehicles and smart heating units may have on the electrical distribution networks in these territories and offer novel solutions to address these challenges. Read more **here**.

1st Canadian rare earth mine starts shipping minerals critical to greener economy

Canada has begun supplying the world with minerals critical to a greener economy with the country’s **first rare earth mine delivering concentrated ore**. Almost

60 per cent of the world's supply of vital materials such as ytterbium, lanthanum and gadolinium, which are crucial to computers, LED displays, electric cars and more, are produced in China and much of the rest has been owned by Chinese companies. Until now. Nechalacho Mine southwest of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories is the first of Canada's 13 active rare earth projects to enter production.

GLOBAL RESEARCH TRENDS

Clean Fuels releases new study demonstrating lower consumer costs at the pump

Earlier this month, Clean Fuels Alliance America **released a new study**, "The Offsetting Impact of Expanded Biomass Based Diesel Production on Diesel Prices," prepared by World Agricultural Economic and Environmental Services. The study shows that U.S. production of biodiesel and renewable diesel consistently reduces distillate fuel prices by increasing the supply. As the production and availability of cleaner, better fuels grew over the last decade, the price impact increased to a 4 per cent benefit in 2020 and 2021. Read the full report [here](#).

New study on air quality benefits of biodiesel shows opportunity to address health inequities

What's good for the earth is often good for its human occupants, too. That's the message from Clean Fuels Alliance America as it releases the results of Phase 2 of a ground-breaking study on the **air quality benefits of biodiesel**. The latest study from Trinity Consultants, conducted on 15 high-risk air quality communities coast to coast, reinforces that switching to biodiesel results in substantial health benefits. Specifically, the benefits include decreased cancer risk, fewer premature deaths, reduced asthma attacks and fewer lost workdays. Read the study [here](#).

IRENA lends voice to enabling hydrogen trade beyond borders

The fifth meeting of the Collaborative Framework on Green Hydrogen last week marked the launch of the International Renewable Energy Agency's **"Global Hydrogen Trade to Meet the 1.5°C Climate Goal: Green Hydrogen Cost and Potential"** report, which explores

the global cost evolution of green hydrogen towards 2030 and 2050 based on a geospatial analysis. In his address, the IRENA Director-General said the transition towards a more sustainable system based on renewables can be accelerated only by making green hydrogen a global trade commodity. Read the full report [here](#).

More than half of US commercial trucks are powered by near-zero emissions advanced diesel technology

Research shows that for the first time, more than half of all diesel commercial vehicles on the road in the US are advanced diesel technology models. A study commissioned by the Diesel Technology Forum determined that 53 per cent of diesel trucks operating today are model year 2010 or newer, which is up 4.2 per cent over the previous year. These trucks are equipped with advanced diesel technology that enables them to achieve near-zero emissions.

Renewable power is set to break another global record in 2022 despite headwinds from higher costs and supply chain bottlenecks

New capacity for generating electricity from solar, wind and other renewables increased to a record level worldwide in 2021 and will grow further this year as governments increasingly seek to take advantage of renewables' energy security and climate benefits, **according to the International Energy Agency**. The world added a record 295 gigawatts of new renewable power capacity in 2021, overcoming supply chain challenges, construction delays and high raw material prices, according to the IEA's latest **Renewable Energy Market Update**. Global capacity additions are expected to rise this year to 320 gigawatts – equivalent to an amount that would come close to meeting the entire electricity demand of Germany or matching the European Union's total electricity generation from natural gas. The report features **a section on transport biofuels**.

Energy security concerns are fueling a renewable boom

So far in 2022, fossil fuel stocks have seen significant gains while renewable energy stocks have suffered as investors shun growth stocks in favor of value companies. Despite this trend, the **renewable energy sector is enjoying robust growth**

and will be given a boost by governments looking to ensure energy security. The International Energy Agency says that renewables growth this year in China, the European Union, and Latin America, has compensated for slower-than-anticipated growth in the United States.

Patenting booms for clean hydrogen fuel cell technologies for transport: WIPO

Innovation in transport-related hydrogen fuel cell technology has boomed since 2016, with China, Japan and Germany the top sources of patent applications for the technology that can power vehicles without creating emissions that contribute to global climate change, **a new World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)** report shows. The global transportation sector accounts for about one quarter of all direct carbon dioxide, but the rapid recent uptake of electric vehicles and other indicators illustrate that consumers are primed to accept technological advancements that fight climate change, the report shows. A major area of growth in green tech innovation is the report's topic: Fuel cells that convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity to power vehicles, emitting only water and warmth.

New technology reduces heavy-duty diesel emissions to meet stringent CARB 2027 NOx requirements

Engineers at the Southwest Research Institute **have demonstrated** the effectiveness of new technology called CAT-DEF to cut diesel emissions. The advancement, which involves a catalyst- and surfactant-modified diesel exhaust fluid solution, successfully reduced heavy-duty diesel engine nitrogen oxide emissions to meet the California Air Resources Board 2027 standards. The novel technology decreases nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide emissions for diesel engines by significantly reducing undesirable deposit formation in exhaust systems.

U.K. government must 'step up and back' energy industry transition as oil and gas demand grows – report

North Sea energy companies taking part in a survey said **they are on track to diversify away from oil gas production** but they face a "test" on how firmly they "keep the pedal pressed to the floor on the journey to net-zero." According to the

report by Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, the oil and gas industry has enjoyed a confidence boost on the back of high commodity prices which has raised a question over whether the industry can maintain its "resolve to maintain focus on the energy transition."

Respondents confirm nearly half of their work is on track to be in areas outside of oil and gas, such as offshore wind, in just eight years. But the number of companies who expect to be involved in CCS storage activities has fallen from 45 per cent to 23 per cent, according to the survey.



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Energy Showdowns

In what might have been construed as a perfectly timed decision for embattled Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, the Alberta Court of Appeal released on May 11 a non-binding opinion in a reference case brought to the Court by the Province of Alberta on the constitutionality of the Impact Assessment Act.

At the heart of what the Justices called an "existential threat" to the division of powers guaranteed by the Constitution, the Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69) is a federal Bill tabled by the Trudeau Liberals in 2018 that delivered on a signature Liberal campaign promise to reform a broken system and "restore public trust in how decisions about major projects are made."

Bill C-69 – along with a tanker ban in northwestern BC and a federal carbon tax – gave the federal government the power to consider the effect of resource projects on environmental and social issues including climate change, spurring significant opposition among Conservatives and giving rise to *the Resistance*, a group of Conservative Leaders and Premiers who opposed Liberal climate and environmental policies.

Kenney – the lone reminder of the bygone Resistance, who was about to face a vote of UPC Members on his leadership – was quick to call the ruling a "historic victory" for the Province of Alberta and a "huge win for the people of Canada" in the face of a "clear and present danger" to Canada's constitutional order.

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe and his Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Bronwyn Eyre, were similarly quick to jump on the "hopeful... strong decision" of the Alberta Court of Appeal. An intervenor in favour of Alberta in the reference case, Saskatchewan has signalled that they will continue to support Alberta should the province carry the case forward.

But despite the 'win' for the governments of Alberta and

Saskatchewan, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government have been bullish in their response to the news, committing fully to appealing the opinion to the Supreme Court of Canada.

What's Next

While this court decision was three years in the making, it was arguably three years too late for Kenney who, despite the welcome news coming just before the review of his leadership, was unable to parlay that into sufficient support to cling to his premiership. Following a razor-thin victory of just 51.4 per cent on a question of confidence in his leadership, Kenney has promised to step down as UCP leader and Alberta premier as soon as a new party leader is chosen.

Now, with Kenney on his way out and Ontario Premier Doug Ford being less confrontational, it would appear the era of The Resistance is all but over. However, with a federal Conservative leadership race being defined in part by how supportive candidates were of the Freedom Convoy, it appears a new era, defined by populism, may be on the horizon for Canadian conservatives.

Regardless, a legal showdown is pending on the constitutionality of the Impact Assessment Act. If Jason Kenney was correct, it will see a majority of Canadian provinces stand up “for the confederation, for the constitution, for jobs and the economy” in defending the opinion. But the Liberals are confident that, based on extensive consultations with industry, Indigenous groups and legal experts, they’ll be successful in their appeal to the Supreme Court.

Fuel Forgiveness

While not capturing the headlines of Ontario’s election or Jason Kenney’s imminent departure, an interesting development has emerged in the debate over fuel forgiveness and pain at the pumps. Specifically, in the Atlantic the New Brunswick Liberals and PEI Greens are asking for a temporary reprieve from provincial gas taxes and carbon levies, respectively.

While their position on fuel taxes and carbon levies has been shocking to many, this is just further proof that Liberals and Greens are well attuned to the fact that affordability is the top issue for Canadians, and they don’t intend to lose the debate before it starts.

On the federal scene, Conservative leadership frontrunner Pierre Poilievre has gotten in on the discontent over higher prices on everything too, calling on Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland to scrap each of the carbon tax, gas tax, and GST on fuel from June 1 through August 31. Poilievre has maintained a promise throughout the leadership campaign that if he formed government, he

would scrap the carbon tax.

Closing Thoughts (and Parliament)

As the parliamentary session winds down, we’re seeing in real-time a shift in the political landscape. In one case, we’re seeing the federal Liberals and NDP learn to live in an imperfect partnership that’s held together only by its convenience and expediency. On the other hand, we’re witnessing what may be a reckoning for moderate conservative politicians and a push toward a rhetoric and discourse that not long ago was disavowed by most voters.

While only time will tell how any of this plays out, the result may very well be a more fractured – and volatile – governing system that sheds any semblance of the predictability that business and industry tends to favour.



NEWS UPDATES

The following section is a summary of the top media headlines and coverage of key policy and issues impacting the transportation fuel marketing space. Please note that all orange text in the following section is hyperlinked. If viewing electronically, you can click to read full articles directly from the publication source.

GLOBAL

[G7 URGES OPEC TO BOOST OUTPUT TO COOL OIL MARKET](#)

G7 energy ministers have called on the OPEC group of oil-producing countries to pump more oil as Russia's war in Ukraine pushes crude prices to their highest levels in a decade, stoking a surge in inflation. The call was contained in the final communique of a meeting of G7 energy and environment ministers in Germany May 27.

[MORE HARDSHIP IN THE CARDS FOR RUSSIAN OIL, SAYS IEA](#)

Thanks to international pressure on Russia, the already tight supply of crude could get tighter, the International Energy Agency said in its latest monthly report on global energy markets. Impending sanctions could force Russia to leave as much as three million barrels per day of oil in the ground over the second half of the year.

[REPOWEREU: A PLAN TO RAPIDLY REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON RUSSIAN FOSSIL FUELS AND FAST FORWARD THE GREEN TRANSITION](#)

The European Commission May 18 presented the **REPowerEU Plan**, its roadmap for transforming Europe's energy system. There is a double urgency to do so: ending the EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels and tackling the climate crisis.

ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINES APPROVED TO RUN ON BIOFUELS

Rolls-Royce has taken a significant step towards meeting its net-zero goals with the approval by Power Systems of its Series 4000 and Series 1600 diesel engines for use with a range of EN15940-certified synthetic diesel fuels, including biomass-to-liquid, hydrotreated vegetable oil and power-to-liquid fuels such as e-diesel.

CHILE SIGNS AGREEMENTS FOR GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

Chile state development office Corfo signed agreements with three companies on May 26 to fund industrial green hydrogen production, which it says could double current production worldwide. The move will boost economic development and help with energy transition and meeting the challenge of decarbonization.

AFTER TOYOTA'S MIRAI, THE JAPANESE AUTO GIANT ZEROES IN ON HYDROGEN BUSES AND HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS

Toyota Motor Europe, CaetanoBus and Air Liquide have signed an agreement related to the development of hydrogen-based transport options, as the race to develop low and zero-emission vehicles heats up. The deal aims for "closer cooperation in developing opportunities for hydrogen mobility projects in several European countries."

UNITED STATES

BIDEN COULD TAP DIESEL RESERVE IN A BID TO EASE FUEL CRUNCH

The U.S. administration may release diesel from a rarely used emergency stockpile as an attempt to tame soaring fuel prices amid low inventory levels. However, the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve contains just 1 million barrels of diesel, which will not be enough to solve the tightness in the diesel market, according to analysts.

THE US CANNOT MAKE ENOUGH FUEL

America's runaway energy market is disquieting both US travelers and the wider economy. But the chief driver isn't high crude prices or even the rebound in demand: it's simply too few refineries turning oil into usable fuels. And with no plans to bring new US plants online, even though refiners are reaping record profits, the supply squeeze is only going to get worse.

U.S. TO ALLOW TALKS WITH VENEZUELA'S STATE OIL PRODUCER

Crude fell below US\$113 a barrel May 17 on news that the U.S. government is moving to allow Chevron Corp. to negotiate its oil licence with Venezuela's national producer. The Biden administration is going to calibrate its sanctions policy in a bid to promote dialogue with Venezuela, a U.S. official told reporters.

ARBOR TO BUILD GREEN GASOLINE PLANT

Arbor Renewable Gas has hired Modular Plant Solutions to build the first-of-its-kind modularized green gasoline plant near Beaumont, Texas. The plant will convert woody biomass in the form of pre-commercial thinnings and forest residue to produce syngas, which will be processed into methanol and then high-quality, environmentally responsible, renewable gasoline.

WASHINGTON WANTS TO PLUG IN TO THE NEXT THING IN FUEL: HYDROGEN

The Washington state government is seeking \$1 billion to \$2 billion from the federal government to become a regional hub for the production and distribution of hydrogen as a fuel. Washington's is one of at least 80 proposals that have been sent to the U.S. Department of Energy to secure a piece of its \$8-billion fund to create regional hydrogen hubs.

SPIKING GASOLINE AND FOOD COSTS WEIGH ON BIDEN BIOFUEL PLANS

Surging gasoline and food costs are weighing on the Biden administration as it prepares to set mandates for the use of renewable fuels. Even under normal circumstances, the annual biofuel quota-setting exercise is fraught. This year, the challenge is intensified by climbing inflation, war-strained supplies of vegetable oils used to make green diesel and record-high gasoline prices that threaten the US economic recovery.

RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP ENTERS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH CFN AND PACIFIC PRIDE TO EXPAND DISTRIBUTION OF CLEANER FUELS

Renewable Energy Group, Inc., a global producer and supplier of bio-based diesel, has entered into strategic collaboration agreements with CFN and Pacific Pride, two of North America's largest cardlock fueling networks, to provide cleaner fuels through their branded cardlock networks. This will allow the companies to play a critical role in furthering the use of cleaner fuels by fleets across North America.

CANADA

CANADIANS LOVE THEIR CARS SO MUCH THAT HIGH FUEL PRICES WON'T MAKE MOST OF US CHANGE OUR WAYS

Some motorists insist that \$2-a-litre gasoline means they'll drive a lot less, but researchers say this isn't the case. Except for those on the tightest of budgets and with the most convenient alternatives, gas and diesel prices must be not just much higher but predicted to stay high in order to convince most motorists to change their ways.

CANADA'S REGULATORY HURDLES ON MAJOR PROJECTS 'CAUSING PROBLEMS' FOR INVESTORS: ENBRIDGE CEO

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has put a premium on the energy exports of reliable producers such as Canada for first time in decades, but Canadian regulatory hurdles for major projects are "causing problems" when it comes to attracting investment, Enbridge Inc. CEO Al Monaco said in a speech May 18.

ALBERTA PREMIER SAYS CANADA COULD BOOST OIL EXPORT CAPACITY TO U.S. BY UP TO 900,000 BPD

Canada could add up to 900,000 barrels per day of oil export capacity to the United States through technical improvements to existing pipelines and increased crude by rail shipments, Alberta premier Jason Kenney told a U.S. Senate committee on May 17. Alberta has been studying ways to enhance pipeline utilization to boost crude exports.

ALBERTA PREMIER KENNEY TOUTS ENERGY SECURITY, PITCHES NEW PIPELINE IN U.S. SENATE HEARINGS

Embattled Alberta Premier Jason Kenney called on American policy-makers to consider allowing construction of a new pipeline that would ship heavy oil from the province to the United States, as North America grapples with tight energy supplies in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Kenney made the plea on May 17 in Washington.

POILIEVRE CALLS ON FREELAND TO SLASH GAS TAXES AHEAD OF SUMMER DRIVING SEASON

Conservative leadership candidate Pierre Poilievre is calling on the federal Liberal government to scrap taxes on gasoline temporarily as Canadians grapple with eye-popping fuel prices ahead of the busy summer driving season. With the price of almost everything spiking due to a 30-year high in inflation, the cost of living has become the top political issue in Canada.

WESTERN REGION

JASON KENNEY'S RESIGNATION CREATES MORE UNCERTAINTY FOR ALBERTA'S OILPATCH

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney's bombshell announcement that he will resign as leader of the United Conservative Party added a layer of uncertainty for investors in Canada's oilpatch who are looking to the provincial government to clarify its plans to incentivize and regulate the creation of carbon capture and storage projects.

OILPATCH SPENDING GROWS ON BACK OF \$100 CRUDE, BUT LABOUR SHORTAGES PREVENT RAPID GROWTH

It's taken a while to get here, but Canadian conventional oil and gas producers are spending more money as commodity prices climb. However, challenges stand in the way of more capital expenditures and activity in the field: a lack of equipment — and staff — in the oilfield services industry to make it happen easily.

GREEN IMPACT PARTNERS PROPOSES WHEAT-TO-BIOFUELS FACILITY IN CALGARY

Green Impact Partners Inc. is moving forward with the development of the Future Energy Park – an innovative clean energy project connecting Alberta’s agriculture and energy sectors. Located within the City of Calgary, the park is a proposed net CO₂-negative biofuels facility using non-food grade wheat to produce renewable natural gas and ethanol.

PRAIRIE REGION

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO ALLOW LARGER INCREASES TO PROVINCIAL MINIMUM WAGE

Under current regulations of the Employment Standards Code, Manitoba’s minimum hourly wage is set to increase by 40 cents to \$12.35 on Oct. 1. The Manitoba government is introducing legislation that would allow cabinet to authorize a larger increase. Any increases authorized would continue to come into effect on or after Oct. 1.

ONTARIO / QUÉBEC REGION

THE AVERAGE GAS PRICE IN CANADA TOPS \$2 A LITRE; GTA DRIVERS FLOCK TO TAX-EXEMPT FIRST NATIONS RESERVES TO FILL UP

As prices at the pumps surge to historic levels, drivers in the GTA are steering to First Nations reserves to fill up with cheaper tax-exempt fuel. Dozens of gas stations on reserves have opened or expanded over the past two years to meet the demand. Small First Nations communities with just a few hundred residents often have several gas stations with numerous pumps to serve a seemingly endless line of drivers detouring for cheap gas.

ALIMENTATION COUCHE-TARD DEPLOYS ITS FIRST NORTH AMERICAN EV FAST CHARGER

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. says it has deployed the first of hundreds of electric vehicle fast chargers that will be available at 200 locations across North America over the next two years. The Quebec-based company will use the prototype in South Carolina to better understand customer needs, track driver usage and evaluate impacts on in-store traffic.

ATLANTIC REGION

FUEL PRICES DROP SHARPLY IN N.L. WITH ANOTHER UNSCHEDULED CHANGE

The maximum prices of all fuels, except for propane, took a steep dive across Newfoundland and Labrador on May 20 as the Public Utilities Board made yet another unscheduled change. The change was due to what the provincial regulator called a “significant downward shift in the benchmarks.” This was that week’s second unscheduled change.

WIND-TO-HYDROGEN PROJECT PITCHED FOR STEPHENVILLE AREA

A Nova Scotia businessman is eyeing the potential of converting wind on Newfoundland’s west coast into environmentally friendly hydrogen. John Risley, chairman and chief executive officer of CFFI Ventures, says he has entered into an agreement with First Nations partners to acquire the Port of Stephenville, which would be used to ship hydrogen created in the province around the world.



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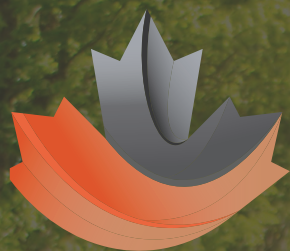
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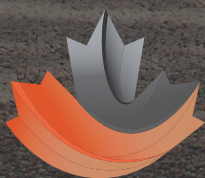
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