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Public Utilities Board  
St. John's, NL

On behalf of the Town of Fogo Island, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to address the Board on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regarding the Petroleum Pricing Review.

Our concerns relate to the proposed changes to the fuel and furnace oil surcharges, particularly the zone differential, that will affect Fogo Island. We hope you will consider our socio-economic concerns when finalizing your price adjustments now and in the future.

As demonstrated in our presentation, we recommend that Fogo Island either be included in the Central Newfoundland Zone or reconsider the increase rate of these differentials as they're supposed to be increased by 49% and we're set to increase by 71% for fuel and 67% for oil.

Please find attached a copy of our written submission to accompany our presentation, which gives further details on our considerations of impacts regarding petroleum pricing.

If you have any further questions, we can be reached by phone at (709) 266 – 1320 or by email at [edo@townoffogoisland.ca](mailto:edo@townoffogoisland.ca). Thank you for allowing the Town of Fogo Island to bring forward our concerns and we hope you'll consider them in your decision-making process.

Regards,

Town of Fogo Island Council



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## About Town of Fogo Island

Nestled off the northeast coast of Newfoundland, with a population of 2,117 people and made up of eleven separate communities amalgamated under one municipality, the Town of Fogo Island is a vibrant and resilient community known for its stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and strong sense of identity. As a place where tradition meets innovation, Fogo Island is home to hospitable residents with a commitment to preserving the island's unique way of life.

Our community values sustainability, creativity, and collaboration, working together to support economic development and enhance the quality of life for all who call Fogo Island home. From our picturesque fishing villages to the internationally renowned Fogo Island Inn, we offer a truly distinctive experience that celebrates the beauty and history of our island. The Town of Fogo Island is dedicated to serving its residents and visitors alike, fostering a strong community spirit and a deep connection to our natural environment.

Our Vision for the Town of Fogo Island is to create a united, vibrant, and inclusive island that is a great place to raise a family and is economically diversified and focused on maintaining its unique heritage, while providing activities and programs for all ages. The Mandate for the Town of Fogo Island is to provide citizens, businesses, and visitors with effective, efficient, and financially responsible programs and services while focusing on maintaining traditional ways in a modern world.

Our vision and mandate become significantly challenged as the cost of living rises and mobility decreases, so it's our priority to mitigate these pressures the best we can. The Town of Fogo Island is committed to economic growth and ensuring our island does not become more economically disadvantaged compared to our neighbors. We strive for a better quality of life for our residents and a unique experience for our visitors, and this hinges on our ability to mitigate unnecessary financial inflations on essential services such as fuel, heat, water, and groceries.

### Current Members of Council:

- Mayor Andrew Shea
- Deputy Mayor Alexander Crawford
- Councilor Mark Budden
- Councilor Lary Roebbotham
- Councilor Adam Young
- Councilor David McKenna
- Councilor Damian Roebbotham

### Current Town Staff:

- Chief Administrative Officer Pauline Payne
- Economic Development Officer Cheryl Gardner
- Town Clerk Daphne Coles