

October 6, 2025

The Honourable **Patrick Weiler, M.P.**
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cc: MLA Jeremy Valeriote, Sea to Sky
District of Squamish, Mayor & Council
Squamish Chief

*sent via email

Dear Mr. Weiler,

I am writing on behalf of the Squamish Joint Engagement Committee to bring to your attention a growing concern regarding fuel pricing in our community. This committee is a collective of board directors and the Executive Directors of The Squamish Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Squamish, and the Downtown Squamish BIA, and as such represent not only the interests of our 750+ collective members, but also the interests of the business community at large. Local businesses who are deeply affected by the substantial and often mysterious fluctuations in gas prices that we are experiencing in Squamish.

It is well-known that fuel prices in the Lower Mainland are subject to the TransLink surcharge, which is intended to support public transportation services within the region. However, Squamish, while located in close proximity to Vancouver, is not serviced by TransLink. This means that fuel prices in our community should logically be lower, as we do not carry the additional tax burden imposed by this surcharge. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

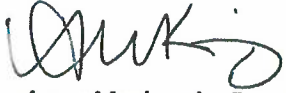
Despite the absence of the TransLink surcharge in Squamish, we have repeatedly seen gas prices that are either on par with, or in some cases higher than, those found in Vancouver and other TransLink-serviced areas. This pricing pattern seems inconsistent with the rationale behind regional fuel pricing, and it raises significant questions about the mechanisms governing fuel price determination in our area.

We understand that fuel prices are influenced by a variety of factors, including transportation costs and regional demand. However, Squamish's unique position on the Sea to Sky Highway—an important corridor between Vancouver and Whistler—appears to be creating an environment of demand-based pricing, which is seemingly detached from the actual costs of supply and infrastructure. This has resulted in price discrepancies that are creating undue economic pressure on both residents and local businesses, many of whom rely on fuel to operate and serve our community.

As the local business community continues to struggle with the high cost of fuel, we believe it is imperative that there be greater transparency in how fuel prices are determined in Squamish. In light of the factors I've outlined, we respectfully request that you initiate a federal investigation into the pricing practices of fuel suppliers in our region. We seek clarity on the methods used to calculate fuel prices in Squamish, as well as the role demand-based pricing may be playing in artificially inflating those prices.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We are confident that, with your support, we can work towards a more equitable and transparent approach to fuel pricing in our community.

Sincerely,



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