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Mr. John Pecman
Commissioner
Competition Bureau
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0C9

Dear Mr. Pecman:

Re: Gasoline Prices

Through a unanimous vote North Bay City Council passed Resolution No. 2015-384, copy attached, requesting that the Competition Bureau undertake an investigation into the high gasoline prices experienced with the City of North Bay.

Our municipality regularly experiences higher gasoline prices than either the provincial or national averages. Gas is routinely lower in the small community of Sturgeon Falls, just 20 minutes down the highway. The constant higher prices in North Bay does not appear to be consistent with the price of oil or transportation costs, consequently City Council is looking for your assistance in investigating the reason why our community experiences higher gas prices.

In support of City Council's concern, our local MP, Jay Aspin wrote to you on July 31, 2015, requesting that your organization undertake an investigation. Additionally the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce is also passing a resolution supporting City Council.

A look at prices as of August 4th will give you a sample of what we are facing....it is bad for our residents, a business deterrent, and has an overall negative impact on the local economy.

North Bay is seeing an average of \$122.9 for regular gasoline; Sturgeon Falls is in the 116 range; Barrie averages 105.9; Peterborough falls around the 108 range; Orillia ranges from 106 to 108 this same day; Sarnia was primarily under a dollar at 99 cents for regular; Huntsville was hitting 115.9; and Renfrew averaged around 108.9

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Jerry D. Knox
Chief Administrative Officer
City of North Bay

Att.

Copy: Jay Aspin, MP
North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce