



**COCHRANE LAKE
GAS CO-OP LTD.**

APRIL 2023

**Bill Payments Must Be
Received By:
April 25, 2023**

March 2023 Gas Rate: **\$4.55**

April 2023 Gas Rate: **\$5.17**

Plus **\$29.50 Fixed Rate/Month**

PROPERTY ACCESS

Property access has been an increasing issue for our staff. In order for us to inspect and maintain our infrastructure, we ask your assistance in providing us with gate codes, combinations, or keys. Alternatively, we can provide you with a CLGC lock to add to your gates. Please contact our office at 403-932-2707.

NEW OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE



The Board of Directors has accepted a request for proposal from Scott Builders Inc. for the design and building of a new operations and administration building in our service area. The Board hosted two Open House sessions on March 28 & 29 to receive feedback from the membership. The effect on members will be an anticipated increase of ten dollars per month for each contract. In addition, the board is working on a financing plan that will minimize this impact on existing members, with the anticipation to obtain additional revenues that will be directed to the project through the growth of our area.

The Board is in the final stages of approval, and is still accepting feedback from members. For a copy of the material from the open house, or to provide feedback, please email us at admin@clgas.ca or call the office at 403-932-2707. We look forward to your questions and comments.

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 51st Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the Madden Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. If you would like a copy of the booklet, please contact our office at 403-932-2707 or at admin@clgas.ca.

FEDERAL FUEL CHARGE INCREASE

Effective April 2023, the Federal Fuel Charge is increasing from \$2.629 per GJ to \$3.327. For questions regarding the Federal Fuel Charge, please visit:

www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/excise-taxes-duties-levies/fuel-charge.html



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 403-932-2707

If your call is between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, it will be answered at our main office. If you are calling after hours, or on weekends and stat holidays, our message centre will direct you to dial "1", which will connect you to the on-call Gas Utility Operator.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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ALBERTA NATURAL GAS REBATE PROGRAM

The Alberta government has extended the rebate program beyond March for the foreseeable future. To date, the rebate has not kicked in due to the regulated wholesale rates not exceeding the trigger rate of \$6.50 per GJ.

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

In November 2022, the Canadian Common Ground Alliance reported that in 2021 there were 11,403 reported damages from digging. That is down from previous years but still represents an estimated \$1 billion in damage every year from digging. Of those reported figures, 27% did not have a locate performed prior to digging, and 37% were due to insufficient excavation.

Every April, time is taken to educate the public on the importance of getting locates done before any kind of digging. It's important to do this in the spring just as companies and people are starting yardwork or construction season.



ANNUAL METER CHANGES/RECERTIFICATIONS

Our staff are currently working on routine meter change outs. Any meter with a seal expiry date of 2023 will be changed out for recertification or removal of service. We will be working with you to schedule these appointments to allow us to relight any appliances as necessary. To eliminate the need for homeowner presence for appliance relights, we are installing meter bypass valves for future meter changes.

METER SITE INSPECTIONS

Our staff is also busy with meter site inspections and regulator maintenance in a number of locations throughout the franchise.

As always, your cooperation in allowing unobstructed access to the meter and related infrastructure is essential in our operators' safety, as well as your safety.

LAUGHING GAS

Woman: Can you multitask? Man: Yes, I can listen, ignore and forget all at once.