

Gasoline Report

a weekly summary



FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

- o **Higher North American wholesale prices helped push up the Ontario retail price of regular unleaded gasoline by 1.1 cents to 135.8 cents a litre, the highest since July 2014.** Prices rose by 3.9 cents in Windsor (to a 46-month high), 2.7 cents in Thunder Bay and Timmins (both to a 44-month high), 1.6 cents in Ottawa (to a 46-month high), 1.2 cents in Toronto (to a 46-month high), and 1.0 cents in London (to a 46-month high). Prices fell by 6.7 cents in Sudbury (from a 43-month high), 2.3 cents in North Bay, and 1.0 cents in Sault Ste. Marie (from a 43-month high). North Bay had the lowest average price for the second straight week. The Northern Ontario price was lower than the Southern price for the sixth week in seven weeks. The Ontario average retail diesel price increased by 1.5 cents to 125.2 cents, the highest since September 2014. **The Canadian average retail regular unleaded gasoline price increased by 0.5 cents to 138.7 cents, the highest since July 2014.** Prices rose by 4.6 cents in Charlottetown (to a 43-month high), 3.6 cents in Vancouver (to a record high), 2.8 cents in Halifax (to a 43-month high), 2.0 cents in St. John's (to a 12-month high), 1.9 cents in Saint John (to a 43-month high), 1.6 cents in Winnipeg (to a 46-month high), and less than a cent in Edmonton (to a 59-month high) and Toronto (to a 46-month high). Prices fell by 1.7 cents in Montreal (from a 46-month high) and less than a cent in Calgary (from a 59-month high) and Quebec City. The Canadian average retail diesel price increased by 1.9 cents to 128.5 cents, the highest since December 2014.
- o **Growth in electric vehicles and improving efficiency of conventional vehicles will likely lead to liquid fuel use in the world's light-duty vehicle (LDV) fleet peaking by 2030, says ExxonMobil's Outlook for Energy: A View to 2040.** However, even if every LDV in the world was fully electric by 2040, world oil demand could still be similar to that in 2013, because of growing demand from commercial transportation and the chemical industry. Transportation energy demand will grow by nearly 30% by 2040 as LDV miles travelled increase by 60% to 14 trillion, while at the same time new LDV fuel economy worldwide improves from about 30 miles per gallon to nearly 50 mpg. Growth in transportation energy demand will account for about 60% of the growth in liquid fuel demand. Full hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and battery electric vehicles will see their share of world LDV sales rise from 3% in 2016 to nearly 40% in 2040. If current trends in consumer preferences in favour of larger, heavier vehicles persist, this could increase liquid fuel demand by more than 2 million barrels a day by 2040. Oil will remain the world's leading energy source, and oil and natural gas will account for 55% of world energy demand in 2040. To limit global warming to 2°C above preindustrial levels by 2100, world energy demand grows by 0.5%, oil demand declines by 0.4%, natural gas demand rises by 0.9%, coal demand falls by 2.4%, and renewable demand increases by 4.5%, annually. World oil demand will decline to 78 million b/d and natural gas demand will increase to 445 billion cubic feet per day by 2040 (<http://cdn.exxonmobil.com/~media/global/files/energy-and-environment/2018-energy-and-carbon-summary.pdf>, http://corporate.exxonmobil.com/en/energy/energy-outlook?utm_campaign=eo2017&utm_source=print&utm_medium=offline, Green Car Congress).
- o **Trillium CNG, a leading supplier of compressed natural gas vehicle fuelling infrastructure, plans to expand into hydrogen fuelling, reflecting the diversification of customer needs, products and services within the transportation industry.** Trillium's first project will be to design, build and maintain a hydrogen fuelling station for the Orange County Transportation Agency's (OCTA) facility in Santa Ana, California. The station will refuel 10 fuel cell electric buses with about 35 kilograms of hydrogen per bus in 6-10 minutes; the station has been designed to eventually accommodate 50 fuel cell buses. Air Products and Chemicals will provide the hydrogen. Trillium also plans to branch out into electric vehicle charging, among other things (Green Car Congress).
- o **The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) has ordered up to 50 sixty-foot New Flyer Xcelsior compressed natural gas heavy-duty transit buses to replace older buses over the next five years.** Seventeen of the articulated buses will be used in a new bus rapid transit service that will commence later this year. MTS already has 220 forty-foot CNG New Flyer buses and 70 sixty-foot CNG articulated New Flyer buses in service. Also, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in Texas has ordered up to 46 sixty-foot Xcelsior CNG buses. New Flyer is a Winnipeg, Manitoba-based bus manufacturer (Green Car Congress).

Retail Prices**Regular Unleaded Gasoline**
(Canadian Cents/Litre)

Ontario	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Apr 30</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Ottawa	133.5	135.1	1.6
Toronto West	136.0	137.1	1.1
Toronto East	135.4	136.7	1.3
Windsor	129.1	133.0	3.9
London	133.7	134.7	1.0
Sudbury	133.6	126.9	-6.7
Sault Ste. Marie	134.4	133.4	-1.0
Thunder Bay	138.5	141.2	2.7
North Bay	126.6	124.3	-2.3
Timmins	<u>137.2</u>	<u>139.9</u>	<u>2.7</u>
<i>Ontario Average</i>	<i>134.7</i>	<i>135.8</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Canada	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>May 1</u>	<u>+/-</u>
St. John's, Nfld	131.6	133.6	2.0
Charlottetown	125.4	130.0	4.6
Halifax	125.0	127.8	2.8
Saint John, N.B.	123.9	125.8	1.9
Quebec City	134.7	134.3	-0.4
Montreal	144.9	143.2	-1.7
Toronto	136.5	136.9	0.4
Winnipeg	125.9	127.5	1.6
Regina	120.9	120.9	0.0
Edmonton	125.4	126.2	0.8
Calgary	129.2	128.3	-0.9
Vancouver	<u>157.5</u>	<u>161.1</u>	<u>3.6</u>
<i>Canada Average</i>	<i>138.2</i>	<i>138.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>

Source: Ministry of Energy; Kent Group Ltd.

Rack & Spot Prices**Regular Unleaded Gasoline**
(Canadian Cents/Litre, Ex-Tax)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Toronto Rack</u>	<u>New York Spot Barge</u>	<u>Differential</u>	<u>Exchange (U.S.¢)</u>
Apr 20	83.75	69.08	14.67	78.57
Apr 27	85.35	70.52	14.83	77.78

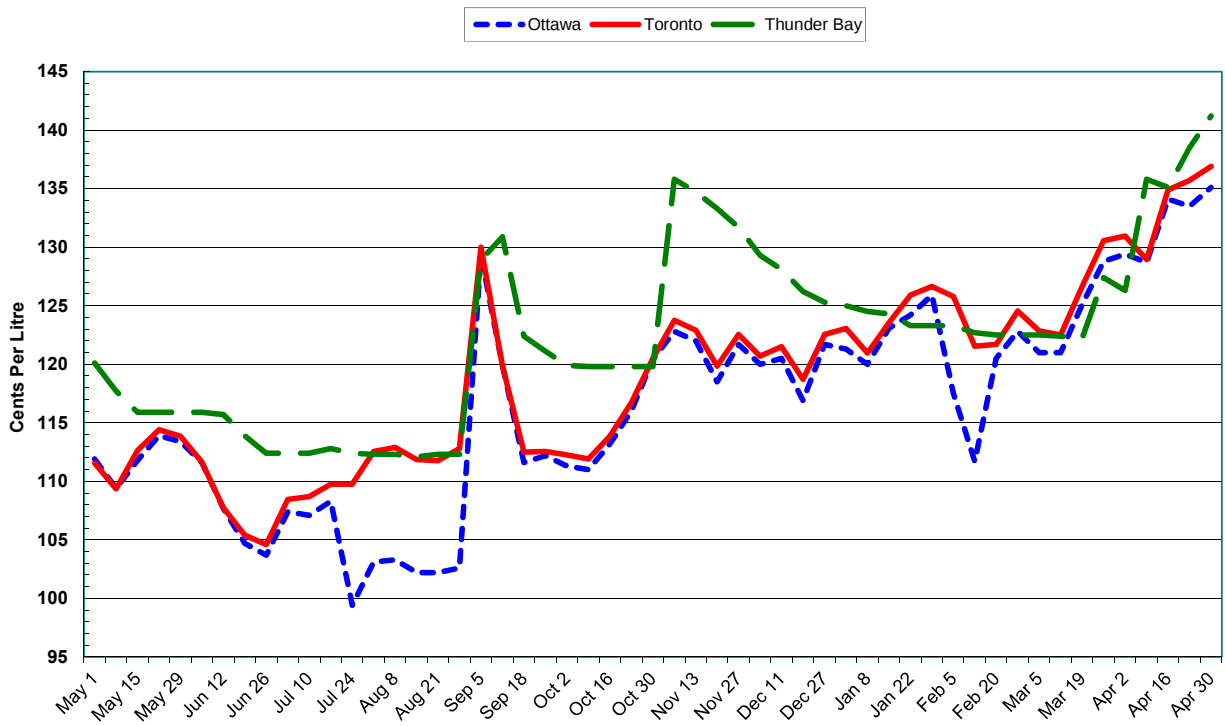
Source: Bloomberg Oil Buyer's Guide; Oil Price Information Service; Bank of Canada

Futures Prices**Petroleum Futures Prices**

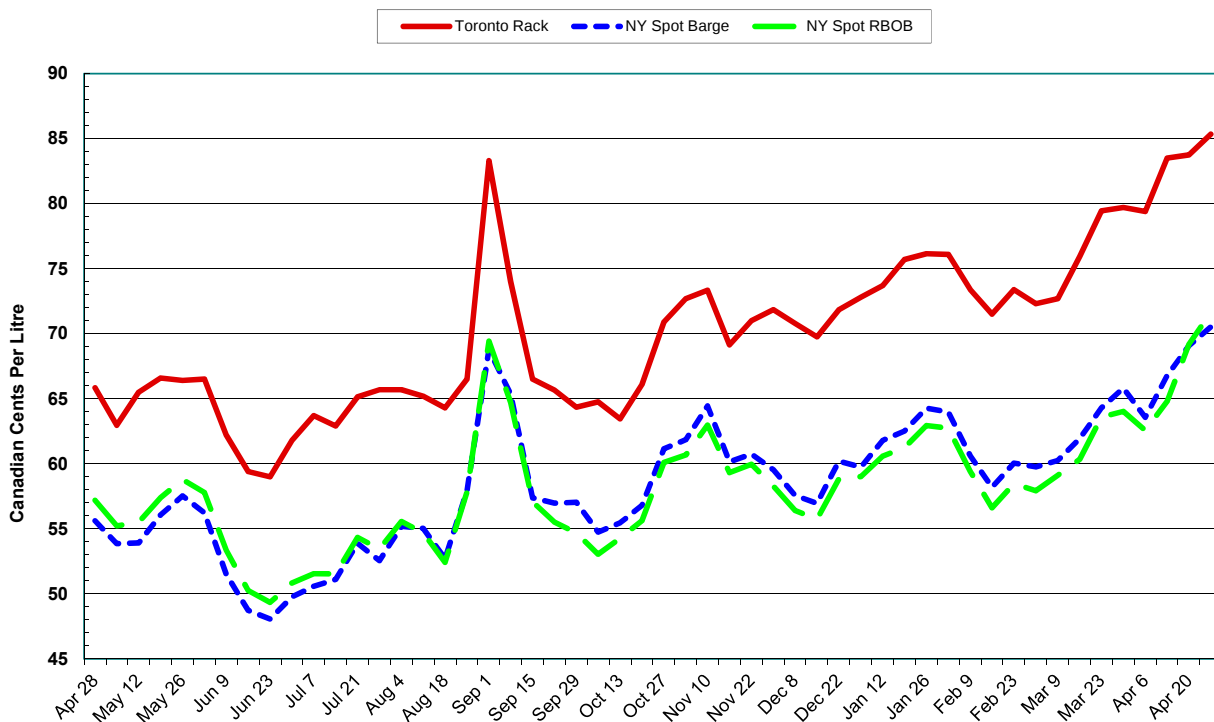
<u>Date</u>	<u>WTI Crude (NY) (US\$/bbl)</u>	<u>Reg.Unleaded RBOB (NY) (US¢/USgal)</u>	<u>Crack Spread (US\$/bbl)</u>
Apr 20	68.38	209.59	19.65
Apr 27	68.10	212.69	21.23

Source: CME Group (NYMEX)

Retail Gasoline Prices (2017-2018)
Regular Unleaded



Toronto Rack/NY Spot Barge/NY Spot RBOB (2017-2018)
Regular Unleaded



Petroleum Futures Prices (2017-2018)

