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### Couple wins Encore prize

Harold and Arlene Kmet of Thunder Bay are celebrating after winning \$100,000 with Encore as part of the June 12 Lotto Max draw. They matched six of the seven winning numbers on their Encore selection. The ticket was purchased at Safeway on Arthur Street in Thunder Bay, says the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation in a news release this week.

## Western Canada feeling pump pains

BY IAN BICKIS  
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CALGARY — Western Canada is being hit with the twin pains of the lowest prices for heavy crude in years alongside a significant spike in gasoline prices following a shutdown at a major U.S. refinery.

Much of Canada west of Ontario saw gasoline prices jump 15 cents a litre this week for one of the biggest increases on record, says Dan McTeague, a senior petroleum analyst at GasBuddy.com.

“The price jump was historical,” said McTeague. “The last time we saw a jump of that magnitude was 12 cents around September 2008.”

The spike in prices is being caused by the shutdown of a distilling unit at BP’s refinery in Whiting, Ind. The shutdown has taken out 240,000 barrels a day of production of the refinery’s total capacity of more than 410,000 barrels.

Higher-than-usual demand for gas

in the U.S. is also contributing, while the lower Canadian dollar is playing a part in high prices at the pump across Canada, says McTeague, because gasoline is traded in U.S. dollars.

He adds Canadian motorists are losing an average of 11 cents a litre from the lower loonie.

That drop in dollar has been caused in part by Western Canada’s other migraine — lower crude oil prices. The price of crude oil hit its lowest level in more than six years on Friday amid concerns about China’s sputtering economy and strong global production.

The price of Canada’s heavy crude output closed at US\$22.83 a barrel Thursday after the discount to the main U.S. WTI oil price widened this week.

McTeague says the BP refinery shutdown is also partially to blame for the drop in Canada’s heavy crude prices because it’s a major processor of the product.

“The BP plant was the darling of Canadian heavy oil,” says McTeague.

BP says it shut down the unit at the Whiting Refinery a week ago for unscheduled repair work. The company has not said when the refinery will be back up and running.

Until then, says Roger McKnight, chief petroleum analyst at En-Pro International, producers and consumers are struggling.

“Not only are the consumers being hit pretty hard at the pump, but producers are starting to scratch their heads too because the price of crude they’re trying to get out of the ground is getting near the bottom of the barrel financially.”

McKnight said the BP refinery also processes crude from the key storage point of Cushing, Okla.

“The problem that we have now is that with crude supply outstripping demand, you’re going to run out of storage space for the crude,” said McKnight.

# Duffy’s lawyer takes aim at Wright’s image

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OTTAWA — Mike Duffy’s defence lawyer ripped into Nigel Wright’s choir-boy image Friday as he used his cross-examination of Stephen Harper’s former chief of staff to slowly pick apart the bribery charge against his client.

Donald Bayne pulled no punches during his inquisition, trying to discredit Wright by suggesting he and others in the Prime Minister’s Office had strong-armed Duffy into a expense-repayment scheme the senator did not support.

Bayne suggested Wright was “pissed off” at Duffy’s resistance to go along with the plan.

“Why did you use the language, ‘We had to force him to do this,’ rather than saying, ‘I was persistent?’” Bayne asked, referencing statements Wright gave to police about the effort to get Duffy to repay his disallowed expense claims.

“Because I had to apply a lot of pressure,” Wright replied. “I had to be persistent.”

“You said, ‘We basically had to force him,’” Bayne said.

“I’m telling you the connotation I was intending to convey with those words,” Wright replied.

To which Bayne said, “You know what, sir, you are a great champion — when it suits you — of common-sense rationale.”

Bayne also raised an email in which Wright, describing the need to contain the escalating Duffy scandal, called it “Chinese water torture,” and asked him what he meant.

“What I call Chinese water torture is the dribbling out of new facts,” Wright replied.

Sen. Duffy faces 31 charges including fraud, bribery and breach of trust, including three which relate to Wright’s famous \$90,000 payment to Duffy to cover the cost of repaying his disallowed expenses.

Bribery is one of the most serious

offences in the Criminal Code, as it carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison. The Crown needs to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Duffy accepted the payment with corrupt intent.

Duffy, meanwhile, has long insisted he’s a victim of the scheme, not a co-conspirator; someone who was forced against his will to take part in a PMO ploy — the “monstrous scheme,” he once called it — to mitigate the political damage and make him take the fall.

Email evidence introduced at trial indicates the scheme was known to a number of senior staff members inside the Prime Minister’s Office — a direct contradiction of what Stephen Harper told the House of Commons in June 2013.

“Those were his decisions,” Harper said of the Wright payment at the time. “They were not communicated to me or to members of my office.”

In fact, they were — including Ray Novak, who was working for Wright in February 2013 and replaced him when Wright left the PMO as the payment scheme began to be exposed later that year.

“These are the actions of Mr. Duffy and Mr. Wright,” Harper said Friday when asked about it during a campaign stop in Hay River, N.W.T.

“You hold people responsible for their own actions; you certainly don’t hold subordinates responsible for the actions of their superiors. These are the two people who are responsible and they are being held accountable.”

Bayne is arguing that his client was coerced by the most powerful political figures in the country to go along with the plan, which originally involved the subsidized Conservative party fund footing the bill when it was believed closer to \$32,000.

At one point Friday, his frustration was palpable.

“Listen to the question,” Bayne he told Wright.

“You go secretly to the chair of the Conservative fund, you use public funds and taxpayer-donor funds, secretly to arrange to have the fund pay it without telling Canadians, and you think that was principled and ethical to do?”

“The reason that was OK is, the appropriate thing to do with those expenses was to repay them,” Wright said.

“But not with the Conservative fund,” Bayne shot back.



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- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

**Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.**

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

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You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

**LEARN MORE**

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.


**ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

**PRIVACY**

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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## Drake breaks silence on nightclub shooting

TORONTO — Canadian rapper Drake has broken his silence on a deadly shooting at an official after-party for his music festival OVO Fest 10 days ago.

In a statement posted to his website, October's Very Own, he said he has been in a “moral bind” because his advisers and lawyers worried that anything he said could be misinterpreted, but he is “choosing to follow (his) heart.”

Two people were killed and three others were injured after shots were fired Aug. 4 at the crowded Muzik nightclub in downtown Toronto.

Drake writes that his “deepest condolences” go out to the families of Ariela Navarro-Fenoy, 26, and Duvel Hibbert, 23, who were killed in the shooting.

“The last few days I have been in a moral bind,” he begins in his blog post.

“I am used to the fact that my life and the things I say to my fans are closely watched.”

He laments the “violence that continues to escalate” in his hometown of Toronto and says it is Torontonians’ “public responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of one another.”

At a news conference earlier in the week, Toronto police chief Mark Saunders was repeatedly asked about Drake (whose real name is Aubrey Graham), who declined to single out any one person who wasn’t helping with the investigation.

He said investigators have received very little information from the thousands of people who were at the club that night who may have seen something.

Saunders said he wanted people to “do the right thing” and talk to police.

“I know that when people talk, people are less likely to pull out guns because they know that if people talk they are going to go to jail.”

It remains unclear whether Drake was in the club when the shooting began around 3 a.m., where Hibbert was gunned down inside Muzik in a targeted attack.



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