



About the PGAC

National Voice of the Propane Industry

PROPANE GAS
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
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DU GAZ PROPANE



PGAC Vision

With proactive member participation, the Propane Gas Association of Canada will be an effective voice for the Canadian propane industry and offer premier services that add value for members.

PGAC Mission

The mission of the Propane Gas Association of Canada is to support its members in the growth and development of a safe, environmentally responsible Canadian propane industry, for the benefit of all Canadians.

PGAC Goals

Our goals are to encourage increased propane usage in Canada, support the pursuit of an environmentally responsible and safe industry, and maximize stakeholder responsibility in ensuring an effective propane industry.

PGAC Offices

Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, the PGAC offices also house:

- Liquefied Petroleum Gas Emergency Response Corporation (LPGERC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the PGAC.
- Propane Training Institute, a division of the PGAC.

The PGAC also maintains a Government Relations office in Ottawa, Ontario.

WHAT IS THE PGAC?

The Propane Gas Association of Canada (PGAC) is a national member driven organization established to support its members in matters affecting them individually and Canada's propane industry generally.

As a means to ensuring a safe, responsible and thriving propane industry, the PGAC provides to its 300+ members a forum for:

- The provision of relevant training and emergency response;
- Government advocacy;
- Industry communications.

Services Provided For the Benefit of All

Training – The PGAC offers education and training to the industry through the Propane Training Institute (P•T•I), with members receiving preferred rates. See page 2 for more about P•T•I.

Emergency Response – The PGAC offers emergency preparedness and response capability for its members via the LPG Emergency Response Corporation (LPGERC). See page 2 for more about the LPGERC.

Advocacy – Advocacy is integral to how we support our members individually and the industry overall. The PGAC regularly speaks up for the interests of members, educating key decision-makers about the many benefits of propane, and making representations to government regarding the establishment of sound policies, laws and regulations.

Regulatory Collaboration – The storage, transportation, handling and use of propane are regulated by a variety of Acts and Regulations within Federal, Provincial, and Territorial jurisdictions.

The PGAC is represented on more than two dozen standards and code committees, all working to ensure Canada maintains a state-of-the-art industry that operates safely and responsibly. The PGAC offers a free technical assistance service to members.

Networking and Professional Development Events – Every year, the PGAC hosts a national conference and supports the efforts of its regional committees to organize provincial seminars or other industry events.

These events bring members together with industry stakeholders from near and far, providing networking and professional development opportunities, and a forum to address issues of importance to the industry.

National Propane Awards of Distinction – Every year, the PGAC honours organizations and individuals who have earned distinction through demonstration of exceptional accomplishment in the propane industry.



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Education and Training

The PGAC offers education and training to the industry through the Propane Training Institute (P•T•I), a division of PGAC:

- Over 30 standard propane handling courses, awareness courses and recertification exams.
- 20,000 courses and recertification exams annually.
- Nearly 1000 active trainers and examiners all across the country, with a minimum of three years experience.

Emergency Response

The LPG Emergency Response Corporation (LPGERC) is a subsidiary of the PGAC offering exclusive emergency preparedness and response capability for members.

LPGERC provides the emergency response capability necessary to handle incidents involving liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) contained in rail cars, tank trucks or stationary storage tanks (420lb/191kg or greater).

All response personnel are extensively trained in the handling, storage and/or transportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) products and containers.

Corporate Governance

The PGAC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Currently, the Board includes the following industry members:

- **Don Bietz**, Westcan Bulk Transport Ltd., Calgary, Alberta (Transporter)
- **David Dick**, Port Alice Gas Inc., Gibsons, British Columbia (Retailer)
- **Maurice Gratton**, NGL Supply Co. Ltd., Calgary, Alberta (Wholesaler)
- **Andrew (Andy) Gruszecki**, Provident Energy Ltd., Calgary, Alberta (Producer)
- **Ann Marie Hann**, PGAC, Calgary, Alberta (Secretary)
- **Gary Highfield**, Wilson Fuel Co. Limited, Truro, NS (Retailer)
- **Gerry Jones**, Metro Propane Inc., Winnipeg, Manitoba (Retailer)
- **Sharon Lemke**, Blindman Valley Propane Co-op Association Limited, Eckville, Alberta (Retailer)
- **Dan McPhee** (Chairperson), Shell Canada Limited, Calgary, Alberta (Producer)
- **William (Bill) Rawlusyk**, BP Canada Energy Company, Calgary, Alberta (Producer)
- **Ninderpal (Paul) Shoker**, Spectra Energy Empress L.P., Calgary, Alberta (Producer)
- **Peter Thorpe**, Diversco Supply Inc., Cambridge, Ontario (MACE/Service)

Note: The LPG Emergency Response Corporation is governed by a separate volunteer Board of Directors and an Operating Committee.

Membership

The PGAC has over 300 members including:

- Propane producers (35%)
- Propane retailers (33%)
- Manufacturers of appliances, cylinders and equipment (14%)
- Associates (5%)
- Propane wholesalers (8%)
- Propane transporters (5%)

Propane and the Economy

Propane is a widely available, cost-competitive, clean burning and portable fuel that has a significant impact on Canada's economy.

- \$9.9 billion economic impact in Canada.
- \$911 million average annual contribution in taxes and royalties.
- Supports the livelihood of 20,000+ Canadians.
- Produced in all regions of Canada.
- Available to end users from approximately 2500 retail outlets across the country - a distribution network that surpasses the reach of any other alternative fuel.