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Lower gas tax: Opposition **LATEST NEWS**

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Roland Butler wants the government to help out with the high cost of fuel.

The Liberal Opposition member for the District of Port de Grave says the province needs to come up with a plan to counter the impact of high fuel prices on individuals and businesses in this province.

A good place to start, he says, would be lowering gas taxes, as the province has one of the highest tax rates in the country.

The province should also conduct a study on the long term effects of high gas prices, and if they already have, release the study to the public, Butler says.

"These fuel increases have far-reaching impacts on both individuals and the economy of this province. Only a few weeks ago, we had an example of the impacts such fuel price increases can create with the jump in the price of milk," Butler said, in a statement today.

Gas prices in this province rose another 2.4 cents per litre today, bringing the price of gas to \$1.49 per litre in St. John's, \$1.51 per litre in central Newfoundland and \$1.50 on the west coast of the island.

