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**Oral Question 718-18(3) : Nutrition North and Cost of Living in Nunakput**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on May 24, 2019 regarding Nutrition North and the Cost of Living in Nunakput, specifically the effect of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway on the prices of food in Tuktoyaktuk.

The NWT Bureau of Statistics conducts price surveys in Tuktoyaktuk on a quarterly basis. I have included information from this survey which shows the average price for select food and non-food items from 2015 – 2018.

The Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk highway opened in November 2017. When comparing 2017 and 2018, just over half of the items selected decreased in price. Please note that the decrease in price may not be directly related to the new highway, as food prices in northern communities are affected by many factors and can be volatile.

The NWT Bureau of Statistics will continue to carry out our quarterly price surveys in Tuktoyaktuk.

Thank you.

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Attachment

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**Prices for Selected Items in Tuktoyaktuk  
2015 to 2018**

		2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>Meat</i>					
Bacon	375 g	\$9.22	\$10.72	\$9.33	\$9.47
Ground Beef	454 g	\$7.35	\$8.14	\$6.95	\$7.22
Chicken Drumsticks	Per kg	\$11.99	\$11.41	\$11.64	\$10.43
<i>Dairy and Eggs</i>					
Milk	2 L	\$6.37	\$6.77	\$6.94	\$8.14
Yogurt	650 g	\$6.42	\$6.45	\$6.37	\$6.72
Butter	454 g	\$5.78	\$6.12	\$6.66	\$6.87
Eggs	1 dozen	\$4.47	\$4.29	\$4.49	\$4.99
Process Cheese Slices	450 g	\$9.44	\$9.47	\$9.64	\$9.36
<i>Bakery &amp; Cereal</i>					
Instant Rice	700 g	\$7.18	\$7.30	\$7.83	\$7.83
Oatmeal	1 kg	\$7.18	\$7.08	\$7.25	\$6.79
Flour	10 kg	\$31.82	\$34.19	\$32.25	\$30.40
Rice Krispies	640 g	\$11.25	\$11.14	\$11.40	\$11.39
Soda Crackers	900 g	\$9.26	\$10.05	\$10.82	\$11.04
Spaghetti	900 g	\$7.18	\$8.32	\$8.28	\$7.73
White Bread	570 g	\$4.68	\$4.75	\$4.57	\$4.87
<i>Fruits</i>					
Bananas	Per kg	\$4.57	\$5.00	\$5.05	\$4.95
Pears	Per kg	\$5.79	\$7.13	\$8.53	\$7.66
Strawberries	454 g	\$6.39	\$8.35	\$9.19	\$8.77
Canned Peaches	398 ml	\$3.94	\$4.02	\$5.01	\$4.25
Apple Juice	1 L	\$5.33	\$4.29	\$5.07	\$4.99
<i>Vegetables</i>					
Cucumbers	1 piece	\$3.17	\$3.84	\$4.09	\$4.22
Mushrooms	200 g	\$3.71	\$3.74	\$4.93	\$4.57
Potatoes	4.54 kg	\$15.38	\$15.64	\$18.30	\$19.21
Frozen Mixed Vegetables	750 g	\$4.38	\$4.24	\$3.83	\$4.38
Canned Tomatoes	796 ml	\$5.13	\$5.24	\$4.83	\$4.67
Canned Corn	341 ml	\$3.04	\$3.17	\$3.53	\$3.08

		2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>Other Foods and Beverages</i>					
Canned Tomato Soup	284 ml	\$2.22	\$2.50	\$2.57	\$2.49
Soft Drinks	12 cans	\$16.48	\$16.12	\$16.35	\$15.96
Canned Bake Beans	398 ml	\$4.52	\$4.28	\$4.59	\$3.79
Cooking Oil	1.42 L	\$11.43	\$11.49	\$12.05	\$11.29
Peanut Butter	500 g	\$7.08	\$7.18	\$7.37	\$7.53
Shortening	454 g	\$4.75	\$5.01	\$5.14	\$5.58
Sugar	4 kg	\$14.54	\$13.65	\$14.93	\$14.47
<i>Household &amp; Personal Items</i>					
Anti Perspirant	45 g	\$5.97	\$5.99	\$6.43	\$6.45
Cotton Swabs	400 pieces	\$7.89	\$8.04	\$7.89	\$8.00
Shaving Cream	311 g	\$5.54	\$5.64	\$5.80	\$5.88
Toothpaste	130 ml	\$4.78	\$5.38	\$5.08	\$5.52
Bleach	1.89 L	\$9.37	\$10.39	\$11.45	\$11.37

Notes:

1. Source: NWT Bureau of Statistics, NWT Quarterly Food Price Survey
2. Prices shown are based on brands that were consistently collected between 2015 and 2018.