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SOBEYS WELCOMES CO-OP STORES TO ITS FAMILY IN ATLANTIC CANADA

STELLARTON, NS – Following the completion of the purchase and sale transaction with Co-op Atlantic, Sobeys is proud to welcome 10 former corporately owned Co-op Atlantic food stores and fuel sites to its family of more than 1,500 stores across the country. In addition to the purchase of these corporate assets, Sobeys is now supplying food to all but two of 48 member-owned Co-op locations and is substantially complete in finalizing long-term supply or franchise agreements with them.

“Co-op Atlantic has a long-standing history in the Atlantic region and like Sobeys, was built on the foundation of strong support for local suppliers and the local community,” announced Marc Poulin, President & CEO, Sobeys Inc. “This partnership allows the co-operative movement to continue to prosper and to serve customers and members here in Atlantic Canada.”

Customers will note that their member-owned Co-op store will continue to operate as a co-operative and they will receive the same great service they have come to expect from their local store. Over time, customers will see improvements in product selection and programs as stores transition to the new supply agreement.

“It is an important transition period for co-operative stores in Atlantic Canada. Collaborating with and supporting these member-owned stores through the transition is a priority for our Sobeys Atlantic and Quebec teams. We want to see them continue to succeed and serve their communities, while also keeping the co-operative business model thriving,” added Poulin.

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Sobeys Atlantic Food Sites:

Former Corporate Co-op Location

Quispamsis, NB
Sackville, NB
Milford, NS
Walker Drive, Charlottetown, PEI
North Rustico, PEI

Converting to:

Foodland
Foodland
Foodland
Foodland
Clover Farm

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Sobeys Atlantic Fuel Sites:

Former Corporate Co-op Location	Converting to:
Quispamsis, NB	Fast Fuel
Walker Drive, Charlottetown, PEI	Shell
Glance Bay, NS	Shell
Wilbur Street, Moncton, NB	Shell
Corner Brook, NL	Shell

About Sobeys Inc.

Proudly Canadian, with headquarters in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Sobeys has been serving the food shopping needs of Canadians for 108 years. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Empire Company Limited (TSX:EMP.A), Sobeys owns or franchises more than 1,500 stores in all 10 provinces under retail banners that include Sobeys, Safeway, IGA, Foodland, FreshCo, Thrifty Foods, and Lawton's Drug Stores as well as more than 330 retail fuel locations. Sobeys and its franchise affiliates employ more than 125,000 people. The company's purpose is to help Canadians Eat Better, Feel Better and Do Better. More information on Sobeys Inc. can be found at www.sobeyscorporate.com.

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