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Change for the Better— Canada's New Polymer Notes

If you haven't already heard, Canada's money is on the verge of some major changes. Beginning this November, a new series of polymer bank notes will make its debut. Why, you ask? In a nutshell—polymer offers different security feature options, is more durable and has a reduced impact on the environment.

So what exactly is polymer? It's a smooth, durable film designed for bank notes and used in a number of countries worldwide.

Security Driven

When designing a new series of bank notes, security is the first consideration for the Bank of Canada. And that is certainly the case with the new *Polymer* series. The combination of polymer material and leading-edge security features makes these new notes not only hard to counterfeit and easy to verify, but also among the most secure in the world.

Cost Effective

Though the primary motivation for the switch to polymer is to ensure our money is secure, this new series will also be more economical. Since polymer notes are much more durable, they will circulate at least 2.5 times longer than paper notes. The bottom line is that they won't wear and need replacement as often.

Better for the Environment

Another benefit of enhanced durability is the reduced environmental impact of polymer notes. With fewer notes being printed, the energy and resource demands associated with manufacturing and transporting your money will be lower. The result is a reduced impact on the environment. The Bank will also recycle these notes when they wear out, and is looking at a number of Canadian-based recycling options.

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New Series Roll-out

Issue dates:

\$100—November 2011

\$50—March 2012

\$20, \$10 and \$5—by end of 2013

Stay Tuned

The design of the new \$100 and \$50 notes will be unveiled soon. This spring you'll get to see the new notes and familiarize yourself with their appearance and security features. The Bank wants Canadians to be prepared and know their notes before they hit the street later this year.

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