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**Congratulations to all our Olympic athletes, coaches, and volunteers!**

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**Canada Summer Jobs** is a Government of Canada initiative that provides funding to help employers create summer job opportunities for students. It is focused on encouraging not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to create jobs that not only meet their needs, but also benefit students looking to gain work experiences.

The application period for Canada Summer Jobs 2010 will be from February 1 to February 26, 2010. [Details here.](#)

**Manufacturing and Processing Investment Credit.** The Manufacturing and Processing Credit (MPIC) was created to strengthen the competitiveness of Nova Scotia businesses by improving their ability to modernize and make productivity improvements. Details on the program [here.](#)

**Minimum wage increase.** The minimum wage in Nova Scotia will increase to \$9.20 an hour on 1 April 2010. The minimum wage for inexperienced workers, with less than three months' experience in the work for which they were hired, will rise to \$8.70 an hour from \$8.10 an hour. [Labour and Worforce Development.](#)

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

**Employers urged to use immigrants to fill jobs.** With at least 425,000 jobs opening up in Canada this year due to baby-boomer retirements, employment analysts are looking to immigrants to fill the gap. [CTV Ottawa 2 Feb 2010.](#)

**Immigrant talent adds to brewer's bottom line.** Half of Steam Whistle's managers are new Canadians, who have brought a strong work ethic and broad experience at a lower cost. [Globe and Mail 10 Feb 2010](#).

**The Incredible Shrinking Continent.** Europe is on track to lose 52 million workers between now and 2050—unless it begins embracing immigrants. [Newsweek 19 Feb 2010](#).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS:**

**Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse** organise un forum sur l'immigration économique: *Intégration des immigrants sur le marché du travail* le 3 et 4 mars au Halifax Marriott Harbourfront. Ce forum est en français. [Détails ici](#).

**Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse** organise un forum économique : *Récession ou relance* le 5 mars au Halifax Marriott Harbourfront. Ce forum est en français. [Détails ici](#).

The **Canadian Association of Family Enterprise Nova Scotia** will hold its annual Peter Wilson Dinner on 7 May at the Cunard Center. John Bragg will be the keynote speaker. [Details here](#).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission**, in collaboration with external partners, is developing an Employment Equity Partnership Program to address barriers to equality in the workplace.

To this end, you are invited to participate in the Human Rights Commission's Employment Equity Partnership Survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey is on line at: [Human Rights Survey](#)

### **Junior Achievement**

Do you want to share your knowledge and experience with students from across the province. Do you want to inspire and prepare young Nova Scotians to succeed in a global economy. Don't wait and become a volunteer with Junior Achievement! Junior Achievement is currently looking for volunteers who would give only 4 hours of their time to deliver programs to grade six or grade nine students. It is a great experience! See [Junior Achievement Nova Scotia](#) for details.

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