



BOTTOM LINE:

The minimum wage in Nova Scotia increased to \$9.20/hour on 1 April and will increase on 1 October 2010 to \$9.65/hour. In PEI, increases are planned for 1 June 2010 to \$8.70/hour and 1 October 2010 to \$9.00/hour. In New Brunswick, the minimum wage increased to \$9.00/ hour on 1 April 2010. Further increases of \$0.50/hour are planned for 1 September 2010, 1 April 2011, and 1 September 2011.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Scents and Sensibility - The Fragrant Workplace. Detroit city planner Susan McBride was awarded \$100,000 after filing a lawsuit complaining that a co-worker's perfume made it challenging for her to breathe and do her job. [Globe and Mail 9 April 2010.](#)

Five safety charges laid in death of worker at N.S. drug factory. The Department of Labour has charged Sepracor with failing to ensure adequate personal protection equipment was in place in the work area, as required under the province's Occupational Health and Safety Act. [Chronicle Herald 14 April 2010.](#)

Engaged employees can help drive revenues. Managers should invite staff to learn how they can influence the bottom line. [Globe and Mail 22 April 2010.](#)

Foreman fined \$2,000 in 2006 guardrail death. A judge has ordered a foreman at a Halifax masonry company who failed to install a guardrail that might have prevented the death of one of his employees to donate \$2,000 to a trust fund set up to promote safety education. [Chronicle Herald 27 April 2010.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS:

National Day of Mourning - 28 April. Each year this day has been set aside to honour those workers across Canada whose lives have been lost, injured, disabled or who suffer from occupational diseases because of hazards or incidents in the workplace. See details [here.](#)

The **Progress Club** will hold its Big Spring Auction on 1 May at the Cunard Center. [Details here.](#)

The **North American Occupational Safety and Health** week will be **2-8 May.** This is an excellent opportunity to focus, reinforce and strengthen commitment to occupational safety and health. Several events are organised to mark this event. Submit an event and become eligible to win a prize. [Details here.](#)

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.](#)

Job Descriptions, Recruiting and Hiring workshop. HR pros will facilitate a workshop for business owners who need to hire employees but do not have in-house human resources management expertise. This workshop will be held at the Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development from 12:30 to 16:00 on 18 May. Registration information on the [CEED website.](#)

The 2010 **Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame** induction ceremonies will be at the World Trade and Convention Center on 10 June. [Details here.](#)

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