



You might notice a different look and feel to our regular newsletter. We have moved our email services to SimplyCast and are getting used to its capabilities. SimplyCast is a Nova Scotia company which recently moved to the Burnside Industrial Park in Dartmouth.

BOTTOM LINE:

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](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Human Resources Manager - Halifax Construction company. - [Details here](#).

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Money Mart loses harassment case. A payday loan company has been ordered to pay one of its former employees \$30,000 for failing to take her complaints about sexual harassment seriously. [CBC 24 Feb](#).

Study: Projections of the diversity of the Canadian population. By 2031, between 25% and 28% of the population could be foreign-born. This would surpass the proportion of 22% observed between 1911 and 1931, the highest during the twentieth century. About 55% of this population would be born in Asia. [The Daily 9 March](#).

Canada's Population Estimates. Canada's population was estimated at 33,930,800 as of January 1, 2010, an increase of 57,500 or 0.17% from the level at October 1, 2009. [The Daily 25 March.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS:

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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