



## THE BOTTOM LINE

The minimum wage in Nova Scotia will increase to \$10.15 on 1 April 2012. For more information, consult the Press Release from the Department of Labour and Advanced Education of [25 January 2012](#). In New Brunswick, also on 1 April 2012, the minimum wage will increase by \$0.50 to \$10.00 per hour.

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**Business leaders cite skilled-labour shortage as a priority.** One of the most pressing issues facing executives across the country is an acute shortage of skilled labour. [Globe and Mail 5 March 2012](#).

**Labour issues at the door as NL House opens.** Labour shortage included in NL government throne speech. [Daily Business Buzz 14 March 2012](#).

**BC Facing Construction Boom, Huge Labour Shortage.** 80,000 employees needed in the next 4 to 5 years. [The Epoch Times 18 March 2012](#).

**Data: NS faces stagnant population.** Stagnant numbers raise a concern in a province facing a shortage of skilled workers. [Chronicle Herald 21 March 2012](#).

**Canadian IT sector facing 'alarming' labour shortage.** Report released by the Information and Communications Technology Council warns of a widening gap between labour supply and demand. [Financial Post 29 March 2012](#).

Is your recruitment strategy effective? Would you like a second opinion? If you require assistance, contact [Tanya](#) or [Sylvain](#) today.

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR pros will be at the [Halifax Entrepreneurship Expo](#) on 18 April at the Cunard Centre.

Sylvain Allaire, VP Sales and Marketing, will participate in a panel discussion at the [Connect Atlantic Branché](#) conference in Dieppe on 19 April.

Tanya Sieliakus, VP Consulting Services, will facilitate a one-day Human Resources Development Seminar for the Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter of [International Association of Administrative Professionals](#) on Friday, 27 April.

**Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia** will hold its annual Pink Spring Celebration on Saturday 28 April at the Westin Hotel. For ticket information visit the [Pink Spring](#) web site.

The **Progress Club of Halifax** will hold its annual [Big Spring Auction](#) in support of the [Progress Centre for Early Intervention](#) on 5 May at the Cunard Centre.

**Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia** will hold its annual Business Hall of Fame dinner on Thursday 24 May at the WTCC. This year`s Laureates are:

- Armour (Ben) McCrea
- Chief Terrance Paul
- Posthumously, C.J. and W.O (Bill) Morrow

For ticket information, see the [Junior Achievement](#) web site.

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