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Minimum Wage Increase : Good News

“The announcement by the provincial government of minimum wage increase of \$0.35 an hour in April 2016 is good news for the thousands of workers at minimum wage in our province”, says Pauline Richard, Co-Chair of the Common Front for Social Justice.

Right now, at \$10.30 an hour, New Brunswick has the lowest minimum wage of all provinces.

Nova Scotia’s minimum wage is presently at \$10.60 an hour but it increases each April with the Cost of Living. PEI is at \$10.50 but has announced it will increase its minimum wage twice next year; \$10.75 in June 2016 and at \$11.00 in October 2016. Newfoundland and Labrador is at \$10.50.

“We ask the province to tell us, as has done PEI, what will be the future minimum wage increases , but more importantly, it should plan, as quickly as possible, for a minimum wage of \$15.00 an hour “ , continues Ms.. Richard.

“ We are pleased that the government ,in its news release, says that minimum wages increases strengthen and stimulate the economy and is beneficial for small businesses”, concludes Ms.. Richard.

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The Common Front for Social Justice is one of the largest democratic and popular organizations in New Brunswick, with close to 75,000 group and individual members. The Common Front brings together individuals as well as local, regional and provincial organizations to work towards the eradication of poverty.