



Reminder Minimum Wage jumps \$1.30 Today

Langley, June 1, 2018 People earning the lowest wages in B.C are getting a raise this weekend. The minimum wage is going up by \$1.30 per hour. The general minimum wage will be \$12.65, while the minimum for people who serve liquor will rise to \$11.40 per hour.

The increase is based on recommendations from the [Fair Wages Commission](#). The Province will eliminate the lower wage for alcohol servers completely by 2021. "As we reiterated in our presentation to the fair wage commission, we are NOT opposed to the minimum wage going up – but we have concerns around it going up too quickly, said Colleen Clark, Executive Director of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce. "Small business owners are facing their share of challenges and take huge risks to enable them to grow their business. They require certainty and predictability when it comes to labour costs."

Commerce supported a resolution to ask the provincial government to tie increases in the minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index for B.C., as of 2021, to ensure predictable, affordable changes.

"Business needs time to adjust to the higher labour costs that come from increasing minimum wage", said Chamber President, Jack Nicholson. "Large rapid increases will impact small businesses, which will end up impacting the employees they hire."

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