



HAPPY NATAL DAY!

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Is **Natal Day** a statutory Holiday? It depends where you live. Please read the answer [here](#).

On 10 May, the government announced that the minimum wage in Nova Scotia will be increasing to \$10.00 per hour on 1 October 2011. The press release is [here](#). See previous article about the [minimum wage](#).

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Company leaders not prepared for future demand. The need for developing and retaining talent. [Globe and Mail 1 July 2011](#).

Strategies for success: Measuring employee engagement. Studies indicate that keeping employees engaged requires effective performance management, a clearly defined career progression plan, strong leadership, effective communication, and a complete reward and recognition program. [Financial Post 7 July 2011](#).

Make it simple for seasonal employees. Offers tips on how to motivate seasonal employees. [Winnipeg Free Press 9 July 2011](#).

Boosting the performance of performance reviews. A new twist on the performance review process. [Globe and Mail 14 July 2011](#).

The care and feeding of the office pet. Favoritism in the workplace. [Globe and Mail 22 July 2011](#).

Fired for having grey hair. Texas woman claims she was fired because she refused to dye her hair or wear younger clothes. [Canadian Employment Law Today 11 July 2011](#).

If you need more information about performance management and employee policies, please consult a [Human Resources professional](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halifax Natal Days. See the list of activities [here](#).

Business Alliance for Local Living Economies. Monthly networking at Obladee Wine Bar 1730-1930 3 August 2011. Details [here](#).

Halifax Seaport BeerFest. Pier 21 5-6 August. Details [here](#).

Festival Acadien de Clare 30 July-15 August. For more information visit the Festival's [website](#).

Fêter c'est "treize" Acadien. Celebrations organised by the [Conseil Communautaire du Grand-](#)

[Havre](#) de Halifax 13 August.

Yarmouth 250. Several activities will be taken place all summer long to mark the 250th anniversary of Yarmouth. For ticket information see the [Yarmouth 250 website](#).

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