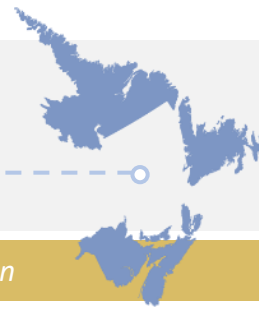


In the News

Atlantic Region



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A monthly summary of labour market news for the Atlantic Region

Highlights

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- Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, and the federal government have reached a new agreement to develop Churchill Falls, Gull Island, transmission infrastructure, and a 2,000 MW Labrador wind project. Valued at nearly \$70 billion, the initiative is expected to create about 23,000 jobs.
- Nova Scotia and ACOA are investing \$1.2 million in the Verschuren Centre's bioprocessing scale-up facility in Sydney.
- A private company plans to build an explosives manufacturing facility near Belledune after the province identified a 1,500-acre Crown land site close to road, rail and port infrastructure. The plant would produce TNT and propellants for defence, mining and construction markets, with operations targeted for 2030.
- Prince Edward Island has announced a new 60-bed long-term care facility in Summerside, expected to open in 2029.

Newfoundland and Labrador

The Government of Canada has awarded a \$121.6M contract to Pomerleau Inc, for construction of a new federal building to accommodate Canada Revenue Agency employees in St. John's.

The Exploits Port Corporation has received approval to proceed with a \$100 million upgrade of its main wharf in Botwood, Newfoundland and Labrador.

NL Health Services reported a 13.9% vacancy rate in the province's 24-hour emergency departments, reflecting ongoing recruitment and retention challenges.

Prince Edward Island

The new \$30 million Summerside Community Health Centre has opened, bringing primary care, mental health and addictions services, and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation under one roof.

Old Dutch Foods has opened a new 8,400-square-foot warehouse and accounting office facility in Slemon Park, Summerside.

The federal government is investing more than \$620,000 in the Johnston subdivision infrastructure expansion project in Kinkora. The project will expand wastewater and stormwater services, enabling the development of 29 new housing lots and up to 78

residential units, including single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, seniors housing and apartment buildings.

Nova Scotia

The federal and Nova Scotia governments are investing \$10 million to upgrade transit services in the Annapolis Valley and western Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Power has received provincial approval to expropriate about 460 hectares of land for the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick intertie project.

Nova Scotia has approved the expansion of the Sturk Quarry in Morristown, Kings County. The project, scheduled to begin in fall 2026, will expand the quarry from four to 53 hectares over 40 years.

New Brunswick

Saint John is moving ahead with a new multipurpose recreational facility on the city's east side, supported by up to \$29.8 million in federal funding and \$20 million from the municipality.

New Brunswick is investing more than \$6 million in three projects to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the province.

Federal, provincial and municipal governments are investing more than \$23.5 million in water, wastewater

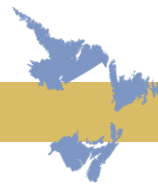
Industry Updates



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and stormwater infrastructure for a new Fredericton neighbourhood.

Job Creation

Newfoundland and Labrador

Federal, provincial and private partners are investing \$10 million to advance NordSpace's Atlantic Spaceport Complex in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland and Labrador. NordSpace aims to create 30 jobs by 2028, with potential for more than 200 jobs by 2035.

Prince Edward Island

A new 25,000-square-foot cold-storage facility is being built at the Port of Summerside to support Prince Edward Island's food sector.

Innovation PEI is supporting five Prince Edward Island startups through its seed-capital program. The companies are developing technology and AI-based solutions across multiple industries, helping commercialize new products and strengthen the province's innovation ecosystem.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada announced Phase 2 of a multi-year modernization project at Red Head Harbour in Morell, P.E.I. The project includes reconstruction of the western wharf, replacement of storm-damaged infrastructure, raising of deck heights to improve climate resilience, and installation of new floating docks.

Nova Scotia

Adeline Hall, a new Shannex-operated long-term care home in Bedford, has

opened with 144 single resident rooms.

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality has approved the hiring of eight additional garbage collection workers to address ongoing service disruptions and mounting resident complaints following the transition to in-house waste collection.

The federal government is investing \$1.26 million in the revitalization of the Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club in Dartmouth.

New Brunswick

Saint John Airport and Neqotkuk First Nation announced progress on a commercial development project on airport lands. Site activity is expected to begin in the coming weeks, with additional future development opportunities still under evaluation.

The federal government is investing more than \$5.2 million to develop a nearly 35-kilometre paved multi-use trail connecting Grand Falls, Southern Victoria and Vallée-des-Rivières.

Eastern Charlotte has awarded a \$2.39 million construction contract to Avant Garde Construction for a new multi-use childcare facility. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with opening planned for late spring 2027.

Layoffs

Nova Scotia

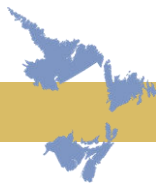
Nova Scotia forestry companies have begun layoffs after new U.S. tariffs of up to 50% were imposed on Canadian pine products.

The NS government will begin referring about 1,100 income assistance recipients who are ready to work to the NS Works employment network, replacing a department-specific service. The change is expected to affect 75 to 85 full-time positions and has already led to voluntary departure offers and some layoffs. The province says the move will streamline services and improve access across communities.

New Brunswick

The Nutrien Civic Centre in Sussex is closing temporarily after failing to receive its expected operating funding from the Kings Regional Service Commission. The facility, which includes pools, fitness facilities and community programming, was unable to meet payroll obligations and has suspended most services while seeking a sustainable funding solution.





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