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## MEDIA ALERT

### Labour Calls for Comprehensive Approach to Poverty

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The Alberta government has announced its intent to increase the minimum wage to \$15.00 from the current minimum wage of \$10.20.

“I laud the government for its commitment to increasing the minimum wage,” said Alexander Shevalier, President of the Calgary and District Labour Council.

“If we’re going to tackle poverty there are a number of other factors that the government needs to address as well, namely affordable housing and childcare spaces,” he continued.

“The government should also look at improving the pay for live in care-givers and removing the exemption for farmworkers,” he said.

“The government should also keep the inflation adjustment mechanism in place so workers won’t fall behind inflation rates,” he stated.

“We have a rare opportunity to take a comprehensive approach to tackling poverty, and an increase to minimum wage is a great start,” he concluded.

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