

Affordability Index Rises 3.8%

The [Quality of Life CHALLENGE](#)'s Affordability Index for 2009 shows that the wage required to maintain a modest quality of life in BC's Capital Region is \$17.02 per hour, a 3.8% increase from 2008. This calculation assumes two adults working 35 per week each while providing a home for two children.

"When we look behind the numbers," says Maureen Young of Coast Capital Savings Credit Union, a member of the *Quality of Life CHALLENGE*, "we can begin to see opportunities to take action as consumers, as employers and as policy makers."

Information on the calculation and the costs that influence the index are available [here](#).

