



# City of Revelstoke Media Release

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## Revelstoke's Living Wage Rises to \$25.50 per hour

**Revelstoke, BC** — Revelstoke's living wage climbed to \$25.50 per hour in 2024, marking an increase of 3.6% from last year to accommodate the cost of essentials which continues to balloon across Canada, particularly for housing and food.

The Living Wage is the hourly rate that each of two parents working full-time must earn to support a family of four based on the actual costs of living in a particular community. It is calculated by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, BC Office and Living Wage for Families BC, in conjunction with the City of Revelstoke & CSRD Area B Economic Development. While the calculation is based on a family unit, it is also meant to support all workers including young adults, single parents and those working post-retirement.

Living wages in neighbouring communities are also on the rise, residents can see a slightly higher wage calculated in resort municipalities such as Revelstoke and the Town of Golden. Golden increased to \$26.96, while larger municipalities, like Kelowna increased to \$25.77, the Kamloops to \$23.69 and Penticton to \$23.93.

“Rent has been the most expensive item in the living wage family budget since the calculation was first produced, and this year is no exception,” says Iglia Ivanova, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, BC Office senior economist and the report's lead author. Based on an online community survey this autumn, shelter costs for Revelstoke living wage families increased 10% this year - an additional \$290 per month, to \$2,959 for a three-bedroom rental unit, which was the 5th highest in all of B.C.

Acting Mayor, Austin Luciw, proudly states, “With over 450 certified living wage employers across the province, many local employers have stepped up to pay both direct and contract employees wages sufficient to support families.”

For more information on the Living Wage calculation and how corporate and community leadership can reduce low-wage poverty, please see [www.livingwage.ca](http://www.livingwage.ca).

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