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Re: February Holiday.

While it may be true that "everyone loves a holiday", as a small business we are opposed to the February holiday for Nova Scotia currently being considered.

Small businesses operate, on average, with smaller margins than average and to have to carry the expenses associated with another holiday is going to be really felt and affect our ability to keep 20 people employed through the winter.

Should there be a snowstorm on that day, as a snow removal contractor, we will be forced to pay overtime - another expense.

Our employees will likely need to work on the day to maintain winter snow/ice removal commitments and for those with children the holiday will mean another day they must pay for child care.

We only see cost far outweighing any advantage to small business in this holiday.

What is the benefit small business?

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