

CLR INFO

CLR Members,

Prepare yourselves for an unforgettable event! CLR's 55th Annual General Meeting & Conference is set to take place at the beautiful Westin Resort & Spa in Whistler, BC, from September 19-21. [Be sure to secure your spot—registration is officially open!](#) This year's focus, "Transforming the Culture in Construction," will feature a remarkable lineup of speakers. Plus, you won't want to miss the thrilling activities we have lined up for Saturday!

Industry News



Shipping Containers Adapted for Undercover Workspaces

With increasing inclement weather, shipping containers are being adapted to provide undercover workspaces, including offices, storage, and large equipment housing. Hoop tents, wood trusses, and metal roofs are fitted to modified containers to ensure structural integrity and withstand environmental stresses.

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Labour and Economy



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Prime Minister Announces Ministerial Changes

Steven MacKinnon is the New Minister of Labour and Seniors, bringing extensive experience in consensus-building and legislation, with achievements in healthcare, affordable housing, labour, and climate action.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Nearly 90% of B.C. Communities Adopt Multi-Unit Housing Legislation

Provincial legislation aimed at increasing small-scale multi-unit housing has been adopted by nearly 90% of B.C. communities. This legislation, which targets outdated zoning rules, allows for the creation of row homes, triplexes, and townhouses, offering more housing options for middle-income residents and addressing the housing crisis.

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BC Builds Begins Whistler Housing Project

BC Builds has started constructing 104 new rental homes in Whistler, B.C., to provide affordable housing for local residents. This project is a collaboration between BC Housing, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, and the Whistler Housing Authority.

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\$2.88B Surrey Hospital Project on Track

The \$2.88 billion Surrey hospital and B.C. Cancer Centre project is progressing on schedule and within budget. Set to be a fully electric facility, the new 168-bed hospital will integrate advanced digital health technologies and sustainability



measures, with completion expected in 2029 and opening in early 2030.

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Health and Safety

WORK SAFE BC

WorkSafeBC Keeps 2025 Premium Rates Flat

WorkSafeBC has announced that the preliminary average base premium rate for 2025 will remain at 1.55% of employers' assessable payroll for the eighth consecutive year. Despite rising claim costs, the strong financial position of WorkSafeBC has allowed the average base rate to stay below the cost of claims, using surplus funds to cover the difference.

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New Mental-Health Crisis Team Launched in Prince George

Prince George is launching a new Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) on July 28, 2024, to provide immediate, compassionate support for individuals experiencing mental-health or substance-use crises. Operated by the Prince George Native Friendship Centre with support from the Canadian Mental Health Association, the team will initially serve select organizations and expand to all residents by September, enhancing mental-health care and reducing police intervention in non-criminal crises.

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Support and Funding



For a list of current funding resources and supports for employers and apprentices visit the [CLR website](#).

[Explore Resources](#)



More People to Benefit from Expanded Training Grants

The StrongerBC future skills grant will cover up to \$3,500 in tuition for short-term skills training at public post-secondary institutions, benefiting individuals pursuing in-demand careers. Available to B.C. residents aged 19 and older, the grant aims to address the growing need for trained professionals in fields such as healthcare, firefighting, cybersecurity, and construction. This initiative is part of a \$480-million investment to enhance access to education and training, supporting B.C.'s economic growth and job market needs.

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