

CLR INFO

CLR Members,

We want to hear from you before **March 31!** Our [Annual Membership Survey](#) is closing soon, and your feedback helps shape CLR's future. Plus, you could be entered into our **draw for a chance to win a \$500 Amazon Gift.**

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Labour and Economy



B.C. to End Provincial Carbon Tax Following Federal Repeal

Premier David Eby confirms B.C. will eliminate its consumer carbon tax after PM Mark Carney scrapped the federal version.

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B.C. Caps Hydro Rate Increases at 3.75% for 2 Years to Support Affordability and Clean Energy

In response to trade uncertainty, the Province is capping rate increases to ensure affordability, fund renewable energy projects, and support economic

growth, while also expanding energy efficiency programs and financial assistance for low-income households.

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**Government
of Canada**

Canada Invests \$52M in 16 Projects to Streamline Foreign Credential Recognition in Construction and Healthcare

This funding tackles labour shortages by streamlining credential recognition and workforce integration.

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The Government of Canada is investing over \$20 million in 67 projects to support BC's forest sector

Funding supports sustainable wood construction, forestry innovation, Indigenous-led initiatives, and global trade.

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New Provincial Legislation to Respond to U.S. tariffs

The B.C. government has introduced the Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act to counter U.S. tariffs, strengthen interprovincial trade, support local businesses, and adjust procurement policies.

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Infrastructure



B.C. Shipyard Secures \$3.15B Contract to Build Polar Icebreaker

Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards won a \$3.15B federal contract to build a polar icebreaker for the Canadian Coast Guard, enhancing Arctic security, Indigenous engagement, and scientific research as part of Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy.

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Abbotsford Invests \$12.4M in Infrastructure Upgrades for 2025

The City of Abbotsford is advancing seven infrastructure projects enhancing public safety, transportation, and recreation for the community.

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February Housing Starts in Canada rose 1.1%, While Total Monthly Starts Fell 4%

Canada's February housing starts rose 1.1% to 239,382 units (6-month trend), but monthly starts fell 4% to 229,030, with major declines in Toronto (-68%) and Vancouver (-48%), while Montreal saw a 6% increase.

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Statistics
Canada

Canada's Building Construction Investment Rose 1.8% to \$22.1B in January

Canada's building construction investment rose 1.8% to \$22.1B in January, with residential up 2.3%, while non-residential grew 0.8%, including record-high institutional and industrial investments, with British Columbia among the top contributors.

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Support and Funding



Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation: 3 Scholarships and 2 Bursaries of \$1,500 Available!

The **Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation** offers scholarships and bursaries to B.C. residents aged 17-30 enrolled in construction-related programs. By spreading the word, you can help ensure deserving candidates apply. **Applications are open until May 31.**

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Youth Work in Trades Program Connects High School Students to Careers in Construction

The program helps students gain Red Seal Certified trades hours, earn up to 16 school credits, and secure early career opportunities, while [employers](#) benefit from sponsoring apprentices.

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

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