

CLR-INFO

We are thrilled to announce that CLR Info is back with our regular bi-weekly schedule!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Harpreet Atwal.

As we transition into our regular bi-weekly newsletter cadence, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and engagement. Your feedback and participation in our community means the world to us, and we are committed to bringing you valuable content, updates, and insights in each newsletter.

Provincial News



COVID-19 Cases Surge in British Columbia, Sparking Concerns Among Experts

COVID-19 cases are on the rise in British Columbia, causing concern. Despite the province relaxing many health measures, new figures from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) revealed an increase in confirmed cases and hospitalizations.

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Labour & Economy



BC Premier and Cabinet Ministers Seek Federal Support for Housing and Disaster Recovery

British Columbia's Premier visited Ottawa to seek increased federal support for multiple challenges facing the province, including natural disasters, and housing affordability.

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Container Shipments Decline at Port of Vancouver Amid Weakening Consumer Demand and Economic Softening

Container shipments at the Port of Vancouver have seen a 14% decrease in the first half of the year compared to the same period in 2022. Movement of construction materials and auto parts also decreased.

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



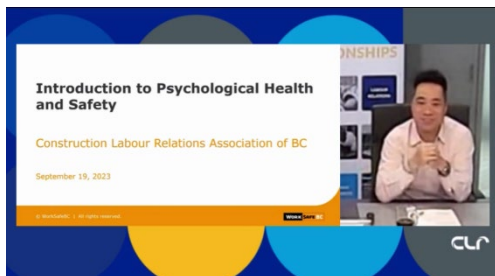
British Columbia Sees Record Numbers of Apprentices and Diversity in Skilled Trades

SkilledTradesBC reports record-breaking apprenticeships and diversity stats, including:

- 41,000 apprentices, an increase of 8%
- 37% increase in women entering skilled trades
- 14% increase in youth participating in skilled trades

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Health & Safety



CLR Speaker Series – Psychological Health in The Workplace Recording Available

Members can [click here](#) to watch the CLR Speaker Series – Psychological Health in The Workplace.

WorkSafeBC's Comprehensive Effort to Prioritize Workplace Psychological Health and Safety

In recognition of the growing importance of psychological health and safety in the workplace, WorkSafeBC has embarked on a comprehensive effort to consolidate and align initiatives in this crucial area.

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WorkSafeBC Fair Practices Office Name Change to the Issue Resolution Office

Allan Seckel was appointed as WorkSafeBC's inaugural Fair Practices Commissioner in May. Seckel will commence the receipt of complaints.

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Infrastructure & Transportation



Coastal GasLink Faces \$346,000 Fines for Environmental Compliance Issues

Coastal GasLink (CGL) incurred fines of \$346,000 for issues related to erosion and sediment control during the construction of its natural gas pipeline. Despite challenges the pipeline project remains on track for completion.

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Industry News

BCIT Secures \$33 Million in Funding for State-of-the-Art Trades and Technology Complex

BCIT (British Columbia Institute of Technology) raised \$33 million in private funding for its state-of-the-art Trades and Technology Complex. Industry leaders across various sectors, including development, electrical, engineering, mining, and forestry, have contributed to the project, which has a total budget of \$220 million. The Trades and Technology Complex aims to enhance access to trades and technology education and careers, aligning with the expected demand for approximately 85,000 new trades jobs in British Columbia over the next decade.

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Construction Begins on Royal BC Museum's State-of-the-Art Collections and Research Building in Colwood

Construction commenced on the Royal BC Museum's collections and research building (CRB) in Colwood, B.C. The 15,200-square-meter (164,000-square-foot) facility will be constructed using mass timber and will house the province's collections and BC Archives. The project is expected to cost approximately \$270 million, with Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. awarded a \$204.8-million contract for the design and construction of the CRB.

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