

## CLR-INFO

### Provincial & Federal News

#### Premier Eby takes action to keep people, communities safe



The Province is making changes to help keep British Columbians safe, launching a new Safer Communities Action Plan with immediate steps that will strengthen enforcement to keep those who commit repeat violent offenses off the streets and strengthen services to build safe, healthy communities for everyone.

The Safer Communities Action Plan lays out concrete steps at the provincial level to make communities safer under two tracks: enforcement, and intervention services. Each initiative is structured to improve coordination between law enforcement, community service organizations, justice system actors, health providers, and people who are recovering from addiction and mental health challenges in a collaborative, coordinated approach to address the issues people are seeing in their communities.

To read more about the Safer Communities Action Plan, [visit](#).

#### Government of Canada improves sickness benefits under the Employment Insurance system

The federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, will be in Vancouver to announce changes to Employment Insurance sickness benefits.

#### **Event details:**

**Date:** Friday, November 25, 2022

**Time:** 9:45 a.m. PST

**Place:** Canadian Cancer Society, Atrium, 565 10th Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.

## Industry News

### [Labour shortages lead discussions during CCA's annual Hill Day](#)



More than 70 experts from across Canada representing all sectors of the construction industry met with parliamentarians from all parties to discuss the labour crisis and the urgent need to Rebuild Canada's workforce NOW during CCA's annual Hill Day on November 15, 2022.

A Hill Day reception was held on November 14, where CCA (Canadian Construction Association), and partner association leaders joined several Members of Parliament, including the federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Helena Jackzek, and the federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada, Sean Fraser, to discuss the industry's critical needs. Minister Fraser gave a short speech focusing on recent changes to Canada's immigration targets to help address the acute workforce shortage facing the industry.

Discussion topics included modernizing Canada's immigration policies, working with the provinces and territories to ensure skills matching is well aligned between jurisdictions, and updating the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

## Health & Safety

### [A new interactive resource tool to help you fit health and safety into the workplace](#)

WorkSafeBC introduced a new interactive tool to help businesses find health and safety resources to suit their unique needs.

"My health and safety resources" is designed to determine what an organization needs to maintain a safe and healthy workplace.

Through a few simple questions, the system generates specific information about the workplace in a form of a customizable report that contains the following sections:

- **Health and safety requirements** – a list of links to topics like health and safety program planning, joint health and safety committees, and first aid requirements.
- **Selected health and safety topics** – links to information relevant to your industry. Some of the categories include tools, machinery & equipment, hazards & exposures, injuries & disease, and education, training & certification.
- **Links to regulatory requirements** – links to resources and/or specific sections of the *Workers Compensation Act* and Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

For more information, [Create & manage a healthy & safe workplace](#).

## Falls remain the most serious construction injury



The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety reports at least 60,000 workers deal with injury from slips, trips and falls each year. Not only is this saddening from a humanitarian perspective, but one incident can cost an average of \$3,500 in direct costs and thousands more in the indirect costs of downtime and legal expenses.

Given the potential for danger, professionals in the construction industry must implement procedures and strategies that minimize injuries and fatalities from falls. The article provides construction safety tips for operating at height.

## Transportation and Infrastructure

### New bridges, viaducts opening on Highway 1 in Kicking Horse Canyon



Drivers will return to Highway 1 through the Kicking Horse Canyon ahead of schedule at 6 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022.

The project's contractor, Kicking Horse Canyon Constructors, made progress during the recent fall closure, and the new alignment is opening ahead of schedule. When the highway opens, traffic will move onto much of the newly built infrastructure using the future eastbound lanes, while construction progresses on the new

westbound lanes.

More than \$600 million is being invested in the project, with the Government of Canada contributing \$215.19 million and the B.C. government providing the remaining \$385.58 million.

#### **Learn More:**

[www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca](http://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca)

<https://www.bcib.ca/>

<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca>

[DriveBC.ca](http://DriveBC.ca)

### Pattullo Bridge Update: Main tower foundation complete, major milestone on the horizon



Crews are nearly done putting the final piles in the Fraser River to finish the foundation for the new Pattullo bridge.

The \$1.3-billion project will see the original bridge replaced with a modern version, which will have a reduced hydraulic effect on down river infrastructure and is up to modern-seismic code.

With only two piers in the river instead of six, the new Pattullo bridge will have a lesser hydraulic impact on the Fraser than the

old bridge did. The old bridge will remain standing until the new one is open for public use but will then be removed, said Wendy Itagawa, executive director of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.

### [Mass timber a key component to Kelowna airport terminal expansion](#)



A large, multi-year expansion project planned for the terminal at Kelowna International Airport (YLW) in B.C. promises to transform the gateway to the Okanagan into a flexible, future-ready venue. The mass timber structure will feature a number of eco-friendly elements, including a geo-exchange heating and cooling system and LED lighting, among others.

Construction crews are now doing enabling work to bring in electricity, gas, sewer and water lines for the 8,000-square-metre Air Terminal Building (ATB) expansion project. It is set to get underway next year and is the first phase of approximately \$270 million in upgrades planned for the airport over the next 10 years. The anticipated completion date is 2026.



Stay safe,

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