



CLR INFO

CLR Members,

As we step into the provincial budget week, the CLR team is committed to monitoring relevant developments. Our goal is to ensure you are informed with the latest information in these important times. Stay tuned for updates.

Support and Funding



Sector Labour Market Partnerships Program

The program supports industry collaboration to address labour market changes and workforce challenges through strategic, sustainable solutions focused on sector-wide or regional benefits.

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B.C. Employer Training Grant

Funding may cover 80% of training costs up to \$10,000 per employee.

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Industry News



Canada Enhances Steel Import Transparency

Canada is set to bolster steel import transparency by mandating that all steel importers report the initial production location of their raw steel to the Canada Border Services Agency, starting November 5th, 2024. This move, aimed at increasing accountability and supporting fair trade, aligns Canada's practices with those of the United States and aids in prioritizing the use of cleaner steel.

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BC Builds: Paving the Way for Affordable Housing

British Columbia launches BC Builds, a groundbreaking initiative offering \$2 billion in financing and \$950 million in funding to expedite affordable housing. Targeting middle-income earners, including essential workers, this program focuses on utilizing underused land and streamlining construction processes to deliver cost-effective homes quickly.

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Labour and Economy



2024 Budget Prioritizes Economic Resilience

Ahead of the 2024 budget announcement, B.C. Finance Minister Katrine Conroy hinted at increased spending and a larger provincial deficit to support economic stability, without opting for cuts or higher taxes for ordinary citizens. Key focuses include addressing cost-of-living, housing affordability, and enhancing child care access, alongside hinted support for small businesses.

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Revitalizing Lytton: A New Dawn for Local Businesses

The Government of Canada, through Pacific Economic Development Canada, has initiated the Lytton Business Restart Program to aid the rejuvenation of Lytton, B.C.'s local economy. This \$7.2 million funding initiative is designed to assist eligible businesses in their efforts to restart or establish operations in Lytton, offering both non-repayable and repayable contributions to support the community's economic recovery and revitalization following the 2021 Lytton Creek Wildfire.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



\$7 Billion Leap Towards Clean Energy

British Columbia is making strides in clean energy with the development of the Tse'khene Energy Transition Hub. This \$7 billion project, located north of Prince George, aims to produce low-carbon energy, notably through hydrogen production and liquid ammonia conversion for easier shipping, supporting Canada's clean energy goals and economic growth.

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Enhancing Community Connectivity: Comox Valley's Transit Transformation

The Comox Valley in British Columbia is set to receive significant transit infrastructure upgrades, including five new and improved transit exchanges, with over \$8.8 million invested by federal, provincial governments, and the Comox Valley Regional District. These enhancements aim to boost transit access, safety, and support regional growth by accommodating increased service levels and promoting higher density living in response to housing shortages.

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Vienna House: Affordable and Sustainable Living in Vancouver

The Vienna House project, a seven-storey building with 123 units, has commenced construction in Vancouver. This collaborative effort aims to offer affordable, sustainable housing options for a diverse group of residents, including individuals, seniors, people with disabilities, and families. The project is notable for its environmental initiatives, including mass timber construction, achieving Passive House certification, and a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, embodying a commitment to innovative, sustainable living solutions.

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Health and Safety

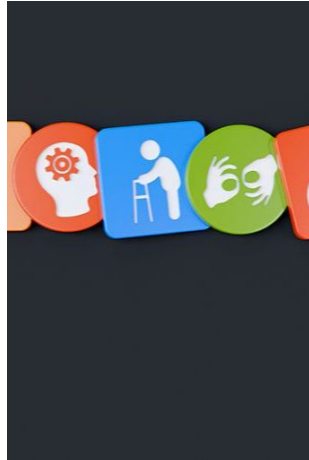


Will Cook Takes the Helm at BCCSA with a Vision for Safety

Will Cook has been appointed as the chair of the BC Construction Safety Alliance, bringing extensive experience from the restoration industry. His tenure focuses on enhancing health and safety measures in restoration and construction, emphasizing the unique challenges and emergency response aspects of the field. Cook's leadership is expected to strengthen safety protocols.

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Making Accessibility Affordable: Insights from RHF and HCMA Study

Recent research by the Rick Hansen Foundation and HCMA reveals that retrofitting existing buildings for accessibility, achieving RHF Accessibility Certified Gold status, incurs minimal costs—less than 0.5% for office towers and less than 1.5% for schools. The study suggests practical, low-cost strategies for enhancing accessibility, demonstrating that creating inclusive environments is both achievable and economically viable.

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Land Act Amendment Paused

The B.C. government has temporarily halted plans to amend the Land Act to include Indigenous communities in decision-making over Crown land, citing the need for more time and dialogue amid concerns and misinformation.

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