

CLR-INFO

CLR Members,

Please find the latest updates on the current situation in the province.

Provincial News

Premier's statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth II



Premier John Horgan issued the statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and head of the Commonwealth. The statement is available following the [link](#).

More support to help people with rising cost of living



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The government is also working with BC Hydro on an additional cost-of-living measure to help B.C. residents reduce expenses during this

period of high global inflation.

Learn More:

For information on new and existing support measures for B.C. residents, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/affordability/family-benefit>

[More communities benefit from active transportation infrastructure](#)



People in communities throughout B.C. will have more opportunities to choose walking, biking and other sustainable travel options as this year's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants program opens for applications.

In addition to building active transportation improvements into new provincial infrastructure, the Province is investing \$60 million in community-led active transportation infrastructure projects through the Active Transportation Grants Program during the next three years.

The application period for this year's program opened Sept. 6, 2022, and will remain open until Oct. 21, 2022.

Learn More:

B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/active-transportation-infrastructure-grants>

CleanBC: <https://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/>

[Third intake open for mass timber construction funding](#)



As Mass Timber Demonstration Program (MTDP) projects from Vancouver to Castlegar prepare to break ground, businesses, local governments and First Nations can apply to the program's third intake and choose to build with mass timber in B.C. communities.

The Government of B.C. is investing \$2 million into the third intake of the MTDP, building on \$5.4 million already invested to support 12 mass timber building projects and four research projects from the first two intakes.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Mass Timber Demonstration Program and to apply, visit: <http://www.masstimberbc.ca>

To read the Mass Timber Action Plan, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/business/construction-industry/bc_masstimber_action_plan_2022.pdf

[Fall booster doses, bivalent vaccine available soon](#)

The Province rolls out the new combination bivalent vaccine through its fall booster program.

This new vaccine will be available to all adults over the age of 18 and youth from 12 to 17 years who are at high risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. Invitations will go out over the coming days and weeks.

This vaccine offers enhanced protection against COVID-19 by targeting the original virus strain and is effective against Omicron subvariants, which continue to be the most common subvariants in B.C.

Learn More:

For information about the new COVID-19 vaccine, visit: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_briefings/COVID-19_Fall_Booster.pdf

Industry News

[B.C. invests in cleaner, more innovative industry](#)

The Province is investing in projects that will reduce climate pollution, create job opportunities for people in the clean economy, and support innovation in the industry.

The CleanBC Industry Fund is investing \$25 million in carbon tax revenue to support 26 new projects that will cut emissions, fast-track innovation and advance future emissions reductions. The projects are part of the third round of the program and will leverage close to \$12 million of additional funding from industry into the clean economy.

Learn More:

To learn more about CleanBC Industry Fund and to see the full list of projects, visit: www.cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/industryfund

To read the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, visit: www.cleanbc.ca

[UBC's Passive House residential building opens](#)

One of Canada's largest residential buildings targeting Passive House certification has opened at the UBC campus.

Construction of the six-storey, 103,000 sq ft building began in 2020. The new 110-unit faculty and staff rental building in UBC's Wesbrook Place neighbourhood will consume up to 90% less heating and cooling energy than conventional buildings.

The first of its kind on UBC's Vancouver campus, Evolve aims to be one of the most energy-efficient multi-family residential buildings in Canada. It will also provide an opportunity to study the benefits and trade-offs of Passive House construction, and share the learnings for the public good.

Evolve was designed by [ZGF Architecture](#) and built by [Peak Construction Group](#) for UBC Properties Trust.

COVID Update

[WHO: COVID end 'in sight,' deaths at lowest since March 2020](#)

The head of the World Health Organization said Wednesday that the number of coronavirus deaths worldwide last week was the lowest reported in the pandemic since March 2020, marking what could be a turning point in the global outbreak.

In its weekly report on the pandemic, the U.N. health agency said deaths fell by 22% in the past week, at just over 11,000 reported worldwide. There were 3.1 million new cases, a drop of 28%, continuing a weeks-long decline in the disease in every part of the world.

Still, the WHO warned that relaxed COVID testing and surveillance in many countries means that many cases are going unnoticed. The agency issued a set of policy briefs for governments to strengthen their efforts against the coronavirus ahead of the expected winter surge of COVID-19, warning that new variants could yet undo the progress made to date.



Stay safe,

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