

## CLR INFO

### CLR Members,

Please share your thoughts in our brief 5-minute survey. Your input shapes our initiatives and operations, and you'll have a chance to win a **\$500 Amazon Gift Card**. Submit your feedback by **March 28th** using [our survey link](#).

Also, don't miss our next Speaker Series event, where we'll explore British Columbia's economic landscape ahead of the upcoming provincial election. Join us on **March 27th** to hear from Ken Peacock, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at the Business Council of British Columbia. He'll provide expert analysis of BC's economy and forecast key trends and challenges in the construction industry for the next year. [Register here](#) to gain insightful perspectives.

## Support and Funding



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### Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit

Employers can receive a tax credit of 10% on salaries for eligible apprentices, up to \$2,000 annually per apprentice.

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For a list of current support and resources visit the CLR website.

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## Industry News



### Mass Timber Construction: Advancing with Fire Safety and Eco-Friendliness

Shawn Keyes from WoodWorks BC and Marc Alam from the Canadian Wood Council highlight the growing momentum of mass timber construction in Canada, emphasizing its environmental benefits and validated fire safety for taller buildings. Recent large-scale fire tests have further proven mass timber's reliability in worst-case scenarios, supporting calls for building code changes to allow for taller wood constructions.

[Read more](#)

## Labour and Economy



### Budget Lacks New Infrastructure Projects

British Columbia's latest budget has left construction industry stakeholders wanting, with a focus on individual benefits ahead of the October election but scant details on infrastructure investments or support for the construction sector. Critics argue the budget's lack of new infrastructure projects and the continuation of community benefit agreements restrict competitive bidding and do not adequately support the construction workforce or address the province's housing and infrastructure needs.

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## Infrastructure and Transportation



### Enhancing Road Safety: New Initiatives on Highway 5 North

The Province is set to enhance safety on Highway 5

North by constructing a \$2.2 million CVSE inspection pullout south of Barriere and launching an average-speed data-collection system to monitor vehicle speeds for safety improvements, with both projects beginning in spring 2024.

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## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



### A Call for Inclusion and Equality

The Canadian Association of Women in Construction (CAWIC) highlights new research during Women in Construction Week, showing a consensus on the need for a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce for the industry's growth. The research underscores the importance of increasing efforts to attract and retain women in construction, advocating for equal compensation and leadership roles to foster a thriving, inclusive industry environment.

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### Building a More Inclusive Future in Trades for Women

Karen Dearlove, executive director of the BC Centre for Women in the Trades, advocates for workplace changes to create more welcoming environments for women in trades, emphasizing the importance of the Be More Than A Bystander program for cultural and organizational shifts.

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