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Industry News



Canadian Rental Development Sentiment Varies by Region

The CMHC's 2024 Rental Housing Construction Survey reveals optimism among larger developers and in regions like Quebec, while high-cost areas such as Toronto and B.C. face challenges with financing and project feasibility despite improved market conditions and tax incentives.

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Labour and Economy



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Federal Government Introduces Tax Break and Rental Enforcement Fund

The government announced a two-month tax break on essentials and a \$50 million fund to enforce short-term rental regulations, supporting affordability and housing stability.

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Canada's Construction Sector Sees Job Losses in September but Remains Strong Year-Over-Year

Canada's construction sector shed 5,600 jobs in September, marking a 0.5% decline, yet payroll employment remained 0.3% higher compared to September 2023, with 1,171,900 workers on a seasonally adjusted basis. Labour productivity in Canadian businesses declined by 0.4% in Q3 2024, marking the third consecutive quarterly drop, as business output slowed and hours worked increased, while unit labour costs rose by 1.4% due to higher hourly compensation.

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Premier Eby Warns of Devastating Impact of U.S. Tariffs

Premier David Eby says proposed 25% U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods would severely harm B.C.'s forestry sector and calls for a unified national response.

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Halt on \$1B Battery Plant in B.C. Amid Market Shifts

A \$1-billion lithium-ion battery plant planned for Maple Ridge, B.C., was shelved due to global EV battery market uncertainty and the company's focus on Taiwanese production efficiency.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Final Public Input Opens for Surrey Langley SkyTrain Designs

Public input is now open for the final design of eight Surrey Langley SkyTrain stations, focusing on landscaping, accessibility, and plazas, with feedback accepted through open houses, a virtual session, or online.

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Art Gallery Scraps \$600M Design

The Vancouver Art Gallery has scrapped its \$600M building design by Herzog & de Meuron due to soaring costs and stakeholder feedback, opting for a new architectural direction to align with its artistic and financial goals.

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Health and Safety



BCCSA Accelerates Certification for BC Concrete Pump Operators

The BCCSA's Certified Concrete Pump Operator (CCPO) program is working overtime to process a surge of certification requests, ensuring compliance with WorkSafeBC regulations, as provisional certificates expired in November 2024, with full normalization expected by mid-2025.

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Diversity and Inclusion



Remote First Nations in B.C. Transition to Clean Energy with \$7.7M Support

Seven remote First Nations in B.C. are receiving \$7.7 million through the Community Energy Diesel Reduction (CEDR) program to develop renewable energy projects, including hydro, solar, biomass, and hydrogen systems, reducing diesel reliance and supporting cleaner, more sustainable communities.

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Support and Funding



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Employers Can Apply for Canada Summer Jobs 2025 Funding: Expand Your Workforce and Support Youth Employment

Employers in housing construction can apply for Canada Summer Jobs 2025 funding **until December 19, 2024**, to hire youth aged 15 to 30 with wage subsidies of up to 50% for private and public organizations, and 100% for non-profits, supporting workforce needs while investing in the next generation of workers.

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