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Industry News



Major Construction Projects Set to Transform Atlantic Canada and Central Provinces in 2024

The upcoming top ten construction projects in Atlantic Canada are set to make significant contributions in renewable energy and healthcare to major transportation and resource extraction. These strategic investments, currently in various stages of planning and design.

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Provincial News



Expanding Heat Pump Adoption in B.C.: Federal and Provincial Funding Enhance Sustainable Heating Initiatives

The government is investing in heat pump adoption, providing grants to help residents switch from oil, propane, or natural gas to more sustainable heating options. Supported by the CleanBC program and \$254.7 million in federal funds.

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Western Canada Wildfires Prompt Widespread Evacuations

Wildfires are causing widespread evacuations, particularly near Fort Nelson and Fort McMurray.

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Labour and Economy



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April 2024 Labour Force Survey Highlights: Stable Employment Growth and Continued Economic Resilience

In April 2024, Canada's employment increased by 90,000 jobs, maintaining a steady unemployment rate of 6.1% and an employment rate of 61.4%. The rise in employment was primarily in part-time positions. Other notable job gains were in professional, scientific, and technical services, and health care sectors.

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Reveals Misalignment in Canada's International Student Recruitment and Labour Market Needs

Recent data reveals a significant mismatch in Canada's international student recruitment, with a disproportionate focus on business programs that does not align with current labour market needs, particularly in health care and trades. This misalignment, highlighted by the stark growth in business program enrollments compared to other in-demand fields, raises concerns about the effectiveness of current educational policies in addressing the actual skills gaps in the Canadian workforce.

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CRCA and Talent Beyond Boundaries Partner to Boost Roofing Trade with Skilled Refugees

The Canadian Roofing Contractors Association (CRCA) has partnered with Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB) to recruit skilled refugees into Canada's roofing trade, leveraging the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) to address labour shortages.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



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Enhancing Flood Resilience: Richmond Receives Major Investment for Infrastructure Upgrades

Richmond is set to receive a significant upgrade in flood protection infrastructure with a \$13 million investment from federal, provincial, and municipal governments. The project includes the expansion of the No. 3 Road South Drainage Pump Station and the elevation of dikes, enhancing the area's resilience against climate-induced flooding.

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Extensive Highway Upgrades Set for Northern British Columbia This Summer

This summer, northern B.C. will undergo significant highway improvements with a \$53 million investment to pave and resurface 260 kilometres of highways and side roads, including major projects on Highway 16 and Highway 37S.

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Major Highway Upgrades Underway in Southern Interior to Enhance Road Safety and Infrastructure

The province has initiated extensive upgrades across 482 kilometers of highways and side roads in the southern interior, including a significant repaving of 33 kilometers of Highway 97.

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Health and Safety

WORK SAFE BC

New Bulletin on Managing Risks of Two-Post Automotive Lifts

A new bulletin has been released detailing the potential dangers of two-post automotive lifts, including the risk of lift failures and falling vehicles that can cause serious injuries. The bulletin provides guidance on identifying causes of failures and effective risk management strategies to ensure worker safety.

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Launching 'Stand Up for Safe Workplaces': A New Initiative for Psychological Safety in BC Construction

The BC Centre for Women in the Trades, in collaboration with the BC Federation of Labour Health & Safety Centre, announced the "Stand Up for Safe Workplaces" program, set to launch in spring 2025, which aims to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion with workplace safety training. This innovative initiative, focuses on creating psychologically safe and inclusive construction workplaces to address critical labour shortages and improve industry recruitment and retention.

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Strengthening Online and Community Safety: British Columbia's Landmark Collaboration with Major Tech Companies

Premier David Eby and representatives from Meta, Google, TikTok, Snap, and X have initiated a collaboration focused on enhancing online safety for youth. This partnership will also explore how tech companies can aid public safety during emergencies such as wildfires, with ongoing commitments to develop concrete safety measures.

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Diversity & Inclusion



Asian Heritage Month 2024 Embraces Past and Future Contributions

Asian Heritage Month, celebrated in May, is dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the rich history, culture, and contributions of Asian communities in Canada, with the 2024 theme "Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future: Amplifying Asian Canadian Legacy" focusing on both honoring the past and looking towards a hopeful future.

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Empowering Indigenous Youth: ACCESS's Bladerunners Program Fosters Careers in Construction

The Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS) is empowering urban Indigenous youth in the Metro Vancouver area through its Bladerunners program, which provides training and job placements in the construction industry. This initiative not only equips participants with essential skills and certifications but also offers ongoing support to ensure their transition from training to full-time employment is successful.

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Lyackson First Nation and Cowichan Tribes Celebrate Historic Land Return Agreement

Lyackson First Nation and Cowichan Tribes, alongside the Province, celebrated a significant reconciliation milestone by signing an Incremental Treaty Agreement (ITA) that returns culturally significant land in the Cowichan River valley to these Quw'utsun Nation communities.

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Support and Funding



For a list of current funding resources and supports for employers and apprentices visit the [CLR website](#).

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