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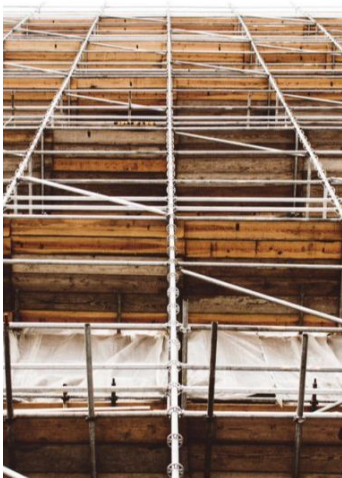
CLR Members,

Don't miss CLR's 55th AGM & Conference, where our expert speakers will explore the theme of "Changing the Culture in Construction." We're thrilled to announce that John Rustad, leader of the BC Conservative Party, will be speaking at our upcoming AGM in Whistler.

Registration is closing soon, so secure your spot today! Now, let's catch up on the latest news in your CLR INFO.

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Industry News



BC Building Code Update Expands Housing Options

The BC Building Code has been updated to allow single egress stairs in low and mid-rise buildings, removing the requirement for a second exit stairwell. This change aims to increase housing supply and design flexibility while maintaining safety through measures like sprinklers and wider stairwells.

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Labour and Economy



Youth Work in Trades Program Sees 11% Growth in Burnaby

Burnaby School District's Youth Work in Trades program, which allows high school students to gain hands-on training in trades has seen an 11% increase in enrollment. Despite challenges like limited classroom space, the program continues to expand, offering training in 25 trades and helping students start their careers early with paid work experience and educational grants.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



BC Hydro to Invest \$1 Billion in Fraser Valley Power Upgrades

BC Hydro is set to invest approximately \$1 billion over the next decade to expand electrical infrastructure in the Fraser Valley, including upgrades to substations, transmission lines, and dam safety improvements. This investment aims to support the region's growing energy needs, create jobs, and enhance clean and reliable power for homes and businesses.

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First Tsunami Evacuation Tower in Canada Built at Haida Gwaii School

Canada's first-ever tsunami evacuation tower is being built at a school in Haida Gwaii, providing a safer environment for students with a 10-metre steel structure designed to withstand tsunamis.

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Government Launches Free Multiplex Housing



Designs to Cut Costs and Build Times

The B.C. government has introduced standardized designs for duplexes, triplexes, and other small-scale multi-unit homes to reduce red tape, cut building costs, and speed up the approval process. While the designs offer faster construction, experts caution that high land costs may still hinder affordability.

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Health and Safety



New Opioid Treatment Access Line Offers Same-Day Care

B.C. has launched a new Opioid Treatment Access Line, providing immediate, confidential support and same-day access to life-saving medication for opioid addiction. Available daily, the service connects callers with doctors and nurses who can prescribe treatments and offer ongoing care, helping individuals start their path to recovery.

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WORK SAFE BC

New First Aid Regulations in B.C. Effective November 2024

Starting November 1, 2024, WorkSafeBC's updated regulations for occupational first aid will come into effect, aligning standards with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). These changes will impact training, first aid kits, and emergency transportation, enhancing safety across high-risk and remote workplaces in the province.

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Support and Funding



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

[Explore Resources](#)



Canfor Announces Closure of Sawmills in Vanderhoof and Fort St. John, Affecting 500 Jobs

Canfor will close its sawmills in Vanderhoof and Fort St. John by the end of 2024, impacting approximately 500 employees. The closures are attributed to high operating costs, increased U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber, and regulatory challenges, further straining B.C.'s forestry sector.

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