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This week's CLR Info covers a major LNG milestone, over \$100 million in provincial highway investments, construction leading national job growth, a WorkSafeBC surplus return to employers, CUSMA trade uncertainty, and plastic diversion innovation in Metro Vancouver.

Industry News



Ksi Lisims LNG signs First Nation agreements:

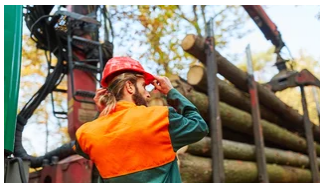
The project has reached benefit agreements with three northern B.C. First Nations related to the proposed \$10-billion LNG development.

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PNE amphitheatre officially opens: Vancouver's new 10,000-seat Freedom Mobile Arch amphitheatre has opened at Hastings Park, featuring North America's largest clear-span wood roof.

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Federal government announces forestry funding:

Ottawa is investing nearly \$130 million in forestry projects while a new report warns the sector faces structural challenges affecting long-term competitiveness.

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B.C. extends pause on new mineral claims: The Province has extended its pause on new mineral claim registrations in northern B.C. until 2027 while land-use planning with First Nations continues.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Highway improvements receive \$102.5 million investment: The Province is investing \$102.5 million to improve safety and reliability on key highways throughout the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and the South Coast.

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New rail overpass supports Highway 1 widening: Replacement of the CPKC rail overpass in the Fraser Valley will support the Highway 1 widening project and improve transportation through the corridor.

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Labour and Economy



Bank of Canada holds interest rates: The Bank of Canada left its key interest rate unchanged, while signalling that current economic weakness does not yet indicate a recession.

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CUSMA review draws renewed attention: U.S. President Donald Trump has said he is not seeking to renew CUSMA, raising uncertainty for cross-border trade across North America.

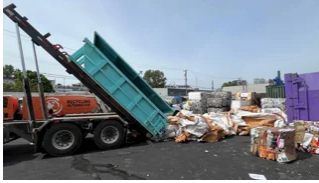
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Economy adds 88,000 jobs in May: Employment rose by 88,000 jobs in May and the unemployment rate fell to 6.6%. Construction led job growth with 27,000 new positions.

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Innovation and Technology



Construction plastics diverted from landfill: Eight Metro Vancouver construction sites diverted more than 38,000 kilograms of plastic from landfill, with recovered materials being used in the development of new building products.

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Health and Safety



WorkSafeBC releases annual report: WorkSafeBC returned \$564 million in surplus funds to employers in 2026 while reporting rising claim costs and noting potential impacts on future premium rates.

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Events



CLR's 57th AGM & Conference | Early Bird Pricing Now Open: Join us September 17-19, 2026 at the Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna for three days of networking, learning, and industry connection. Early bird pricing is available until July 1.

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NCLRA Conference: The National Construction Labour Relations Alliance 2026 Conference takes place October 15-16 in Quebec City. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now open.

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Support and Funding



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

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