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## Infrastructure and Transportation



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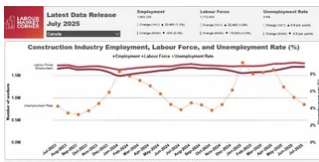
**Ottawa commits \$326M for B.C. infrastructure:** Funding through the Canada Community-Building Fund will support housing-related projects, parks, transit, and water systems, with \$1.6B allocated over five years.



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**The federal government is investing \$2.5M in Burnaby waste-to-energy expansion:** Metro Vancouver's facility will supply low-carbon heating to 50,000 homes, cut emissions by 70,000 tonnes annually, and become North America's largest district energy system.

## Labour and Economy



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**Construction unemployment dips to 4.4%:** National July figures show the lowest rate since Oct. 2024, driven by strong non-residential projects; Vancouver's multi-family sector saw recent contractions while Ontario and Saskatchewan posted the largest employment gains.



**Canada's July trade deficit narrows to \$4.9B:** Exports rose 0.9% on crude oil and vehicle gains, while aluminum exports fell under U.S. tariffs;

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Canada's surplus with the U.S. hit its highest since March 2025.

### **B.C. public service workers approve strike:**

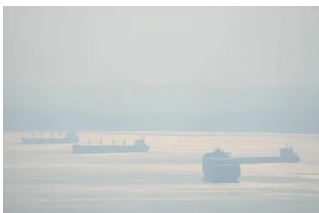
BCGEU members give 92.7% mandate, issuing 72-hour notice that could see job action across sectors including education, social services, and liquor distribution.

### **Unionized Hullo Ferries workers hold strike vote:**

86 employees seek first contract after talks stall, raising potential disruption to Nanaimo–Vancouver fast ferry service.

## **Health and Safety**

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**B.C.'s late-season wildfires surge:** About 150 active fires, nearly 60 out of control, with one blaze forcing Coquihalla Highway closure as drought, heat and lightning drive extreme conditions.

### **WorkSafeBC urges wildfire smoke protections:**

Employers must assess daily risks, adapt work plans, and provide proper controls and respirators to safeguard outdoor and indoor workers during B.C.'s active wildfire season.



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### **Construction safety improving in B.C.:**

WorkSafeBC data shows record-low injury rates and falling assessment costs, though crane-related incidents highlight ongoing risks and the need for consistent safety practices across the industry.

## **Diversity and Inclusion**



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**Squamish Nation deepens control of Seḥákw project:** Westbank exits landmark Vancouver housing development as OPTrust boosts stake, giving the Nation full ownership of later phases and 1,400 homes set to open next year.



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**Carrier Sekani Nations and B.C. renew Pathway Forward 3.0:** Agreement strengthens reconciliation, supports regional economic development, land/resource management, and infrastructure investment in north-central B.C.

## Support and Funding

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