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Industry News



Nationwide Rail Worker Lockout Halts Freight Traffic and Disrupts Commuter Services Across Canada

Freight traffic on Canada's two largest railways, Canadian National Railway Co. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd., has halted due to a lockout of 9,300 workers, severely disrupting supply chains and commuter services. The impasse, a result of failed contract negotiations with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, affects industries across Canada and tens of thousands of commuters in major cities.

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Labour and Economy



\$250M Investment to Power Richmond's Growth with Clean Energy

BC Hydro is investing \$250 million over the next decade to upgrade and expand Richmond's electricity grid, supporting the city's rapid growth and ensuring access to clean, reliable power. The project is part of BC Hydro's broader \$36 billion capital plan, which aims to meet rising electricity demand across the province while fostering a sustainable, clean energy future.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



\$2.65B Invested to Upgrade Highway 1 in Abbotsford, Completion by 2031

The provincial government is investing \$2.65 billion to widen and improve Highway 1 in Abbotsford, enhancing safety and reducing congestion. The project, part of the broader Fraser Valley Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program, will include new interchanges, overpass upgrades, and HOV lanes, with completion expected by 2031.

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B.C. and UBC Partner on \$560M Student Housing Project

The B.C. government and the University of British Columbia (UBC) are partnering to build a 1,508-bed student housing project at UBC's Vancouver campus, with an investment of \$300 million from the province and \$260 million from UBC. The \$560 million project, is the largest of its kind in the province's history. Construction will begin in 2026 and is expected to be completed by 2029.

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Federal Government Transfers \$156 Million to B.C. for Community Infrastructure

The federal government has transferred over \$156 million to British Columbia as part of the Canada Community-Building Fund, marking the first payment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This funding supports local infrastructure projects across the province, with B.C. set to receive a total of \$1.6 billion over the next five years.

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Health and Safety

WORK SAFE BC

New Tower Crane Safety Rules Mandate Notice of Project Two Weeks Before Crane Activity, Effective October 2024

WorkSafeBC has approved new tower crane safety regulations, effective October 1, 2024, requiring employers to submit a detailed Notice of Project (NOP-TC) at least two weeks before any tower crane activity. This measure aims to enhance safety by ensuring proper evaluation of site-specific risks and confirmation of supervisor qualifications.

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WORK SAFE BC

WorkSafeBC Updates Occupational First Aid Regulations, Effective November 2024

WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors has approved changes to Part 3 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation concerning occupational first aid. These amendments, effective November 1, 2024, offer updated guidelines to help employers prepare for the new requirements.

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Support and Funding



Deadline Approaching for the 2024 Chad Bradley Scholarship Award

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) is accepting applications for the \$3,000 Chad Bradley Scholarship, open to women studying occupational health and safety in Canada. Applicants must submit an essay by August 31, 2024. Full details are on the CCOHS website.

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

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