

## CLR-INFO

### Provincial News

#### Premier's, minister's Statement on National Indigenous Peoples Day



Premier David Eby and Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, issued the statement marking National Indigenous Peoples Day. To read the Statement, [visit](#).

#### B.C. enhances local climate preparedness, disaster mitigation



Approximately \$2.3 million through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) has been committed to local governments and First Nations projects throughout B.C. under the Climate Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation stream. The funds will help communities reduce risks from climate-related emergencies, such as floods and extreme heat. It also supports the Province's Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy, which outlines a broad range of actions for 2022-25 to address climate impacts and build

resilience throughout B.C.

For **more information** about the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, [visit](#).

### Labour & Economy

#### Analysis Highlights the Importance of Thriving Export Sectors for British Columbia's Economic Growth



A thriving export sector plays a crucial role in fostering growth and prosperity in B.C. For a small trade-dependent economy, expanding the export base is seen as the most effective means of consistently increasing per capita GDP and incomes. Additionally, the development and maintenance of a diverse range of commercially successful export industries are vital for sustaining a high quality of life by generating revenue to support the importation of goods and services.

In their recent report, the Business Council of B.C.'s experts Ken Peacock, Senior Vice President & Chief Economist, and Jock Finlayson, Senior Policy Advisor, delve into a comprehensive analysis of British Columbia's export strengths while also exploring future growth opportunities. The report distills numerous individual export industries into ten overarching export sectors, offering a conceptual framework that helps to comprehend the foundation of the province's prosperity and the composition of its export base.

Read [the report](#).

### [Global Construction Sector Poised for Promising Growth in 2023](#)



Global construction is expected to remain strong in the latter part of 2023, driven by increased construction projects worldwide. Demand for heavy machinery and government support are contributing factors.

However, the economic slowdown resulting from the Russia-Ukraine conflict may impact Europe, while the US faces challenges due to potential recession. China's construction growth is easing, while India's industry is fueled by government-funded projects.

Strong global demand for cement, particularly in Asia-Pacific, further supports the positive outlook for the construction sector.

Read more: [Global Market Scan: 2023 global construction growth appears promising - constructconnect.com](#)

## Health & Safety

### [Proximity detection technology helps workers stay safe](#)



Peace River Hydro Partners (PRHP), the primary civil works contractor for BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project, has implemented radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to enhance safety on the construction site. Struck-by incidents, where machinery comes into contact with workers, pose a significant risk in the construction industry, with approximately 550 such incidents reported in British Columbia over the past decade. PRHP has introduced

the SCAN~LINK system, which involves inserting RFID tags into workers' hard hats and mounting receivers on machinery. The system provides an audible alert to machine operators when a worker wearing an RFID-tagged hard hat enters the danger zone, ensuring improved communication and protection for up to 1,500 workers involved in the project.

The use of RFID technology aligns with the Construction Planned Inspectional Initiative launched in 2023 by WorkSafeBC, which aims to reduce serious injuries and time-loss claims in the construction industry.

Source: [WorkSafe Magazine](#)

### [High temperatures can put workers at risk of heat stress](#)



As temperatures rise, both workers and employers must prioritize awareness of the risks associated with heat stress and take necessary measures to ensure workplace safety. Heat stress occurs when the body's heat gain surpasses its ability to cool down, leading to potentially severe heat disorders, according to Jeanette Campbell, WorkSafeBC senior occupational hygienist.

Heat stress can result in heat exhaustion and stroke if not promptly recognized and treated, leading to cardiac arrest and other serious injuries. It can affect workers in various environments, including construction.

To prevent heat-stress injuries, WorkSafeBC mandates heat-stress assessments and requires employers to develop heat-exposure control plans. These plans encompass monitoring temperature and implementing engineering controls like air conditioning and shielding, along with administrative controls such as work-rest cycles and training workers to recognize heat-related disorders. Workers are advised to stay hydrated, wear appropriate clothing, take regular breaks in cool areas, and be aware of personal risk factors.

For more information, please check the **WorkSafeBC resources**:

[Heat stress webpage](#)

[Preventing Heat Stress at Work](#)

[Sun Safety at Work](#)

## Industry News

### [B.C. trades mark the 65th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse](#)



June 17 marked the 65th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse, a tragic event in which several spans of the bridge crumbled, resulting in the loss of 19 workers' lives.

The bridge, connecting Vancouver with the North Shore of Burrard Inlet, was renamed the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing in 1994 to honor the victims.

Phil Nuytten, a renowned diver and inventor, who played a significant role in the rescue efforts on that fateful day,

reflected on the experience and the loss of both ironworkers and fellow divers. A memorial ceremony was held at Bates Park, attended by representatives from various unions, government officials, and the families of the deceased workers.

### [Technical Safety BC: Client education survey 2023](#)

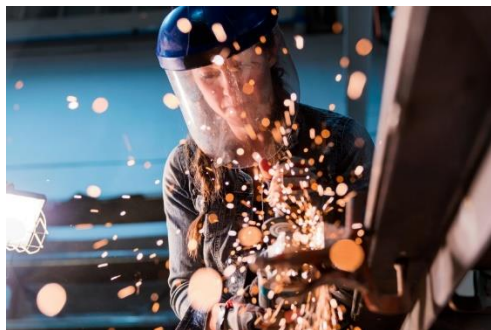


Technical Safety BC is conducting a research study on their client education initiatives among **electrical contractors**. The purpose is to understand how they can best support electrical contractors to meet regulatory requirements and to improve educational products and services. Please take seven minutes to [complete this survey](#) by **July 7, 2023**.

All responses are anonymous and will not affect your standing with Technical Safety BC.

If you have any questions, please **contact** [engage@technicalafetybc.ca](mailto:engage@technicalafetybc.ca).

### [Indigenous women's apprenticeship program targets 4,000 jobs](#)



The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is administering a new federal apprenticeship program aimed at Indigenous women, including members of the Indigenous LGBTQIA+ community.

The NWAC National Apprenticeships Program (NAP) provides personalized consulting and comprehensive support to its applicants, with the goal of enrolling 4,000 female Indigenous apprentices within two years. The program, funded by the federal government, offers tailored one-on-one support, access to a growing job board, and connections with employers who prioritize diversity and inclusion.

Financial supports, such as grants, loans, and tax deductions, are available from both the federal and provincial/territorial governments to assist participants in their apprenticeship journey.

For **more information**, please visit [Apprentices - NWAC-NNAP \(nwac-nap.ca\)](http://Apprentices - NWAC-NNAP (nwac-nap.ca)).

### [Empowering Women through Free Mentoring Opportunities](#)

The Rosie 1:1 Mentoring Program, is a remarkable opportunity for women to be empowered through free mentoring. This program aims to connect women in STEM, skilled trades, or leadership with experienced professionals who can guide and support their professional development journey.

Whether participants are looking to reskill, advance in their careers, or explore new paths, this program creates meaningful connections based on industry and goals. Self-identifying women with at least 1+ year of experience or industry professionals with a minimum of 5 years are invited to join. Applications for the July cohort are accepted by **July 4, 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact [mentoring@canadianprosperityproject.ca](mailto:mentoring@canadianprosperityproject.ca).





**Learn more:** [The Rosie 1:1 Mentoring Program - The Rosie Resource Portal \(canadianprosperityproject.ca\)](https://canadianprosperityproject.ca)

### **[B.C. Road Builders using grant to take talent attraction program across the province](#)**



The British Columbia Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association (BCRB&HCA) has received a \$3.9 million grant to implement a talent attraction program aimed at promoting highway maintenance jobs. Over a three-year period, the program will utilize innovative training technologies, including simulation technology, to provide hands-on experience with heavy equipment. The program will be taken on a province-wide tour using a customized trailer equipped with five simulators, offering participants a certificate of participation.

The launch of the program is scheduled for spring 2024.

## **Urban Infrastructure**

### **[PNE Amphitheatre design contains the largest free-span timber roof in the world](#)**



The Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) has unveiled the design for its new amphitheatre which includes the largest free-span timber roof structure in the world.

The new amphitheatre will have a max capacity of roughly 10,000 people and serve as an open-air venue for concerts, community events, esports events, and more.

Construction is expected to begin in 2024 with the amphitheatre opening in 2026. It was designed by [Revery](#)

[Architecture.](#)

### **[Canadian projects win CTBUH awards](#)**



The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) recognized three impressive Canadian projects at its prestigious 2023 Award of Excellence.

Celebrating exceptional achievements in over 20 categories, including Best Tall Building, Best Tall Non-building, Innovation, Urban Habitat, Repositioning, and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, the event highlighted a record-breaking number of winning projects worldwide.

Among the recipients, [Fifteen Fifteen](#), a collaborative effort by Ole Scheeren and Francl Architecture in Vancouver, received a Future Project Award. With completion planned for 2027, this 42-storey tower located at 1515 Alberni Street showcases a groundbreaking design that transforms the traditional tower shape into a three-dimensional sculpture.

**Learn more:** [Canadian projects win CTBUH awards - REMI Network](#)



Stay safe,

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