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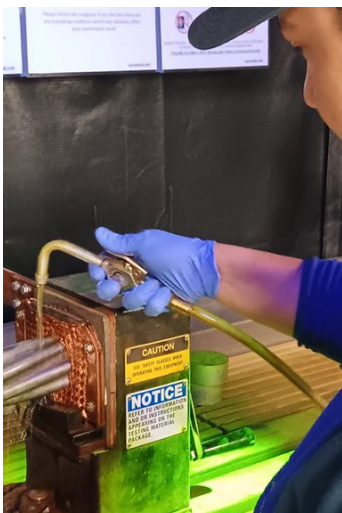
### Industry News



#### Site C Dam Wins Top B.C. Engineering Award

BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project has earned the 2025 Lieutenant Governor's Award from ACEC-BC for its major engineering achievements, including powering 450,000 homes and contributing 8% to B.C.'s energy supply.

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#### Helmets to Hardhats Launches First NDT Training Cohort for Veterans

Through a new pilot with the Quality Control Council of Canada, *Helmets to Hardhats* has equipped its first cohort of Canadian veterans with specialized non-destructive testing (NDT) training, helping them transition into certified roles in the unionized construction sector.

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## Infrastructure and Transportation



### Federal Government Fast-Tracks Controversial Bill to Speed Up Project Approvals

The Liberals plan to rush a bill through Parliament next week granting cabinet broad powers to approve major resource projects, sparking criticism over limited debate time and potential legal challenges.

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## Labour and Economy



### B.C. Gains 13,000 Jobs in May as Province Leads National Employment Growth

Minister Diana Gibson highlights that B.C. added 13,000 jobs in May, leading all provinces, while launching a business-friendly review to boost innovation, support full-time work, and strengthen economic resilience amid global uncertainty.

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### Canada Invests in B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector to Boost Clean Tech Exports

PacifiCan is investing nearly \$467K in the Canadian Hydrogen Association to help B.C.'s hydrogen and fuel cell companies expand globally, supporting 40 businesses and strengthening Canada's clean energy economy.

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### **Household Debt-to-Income Ratio Rises Slightly in Q1: StatsCan**

Canadians owed \$1.74 in credit market debt for every dollar of disposable income in Q1 2025, as household debt grew faster than income, pushing the debt-to-income ratio up to 173.9%.

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### **B.C. Strengthens Ties in Asia with Trade Mission Focused on Clean Energy, Agrifood, and Innovation**

Premier David Eby's 10-day trade mission to Japan, Malaysia, and South Korea unlocked new opportunities in clean energy, agrifood exports, and research partnerships, reinforcing B.C.'s position as a trusted global trade partner and economic leader.

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### **U.S. Court Lets Trump's Tariffs Stay While Appeal Moves Forward**

A U.S. federal appeals court has upheld a temporary stay allowing President Trump's sweeping global tariffs to remain in effect during appeal, despite a lower court ruling them unconstitutional under limits of presidential power.

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## **Diversity and Inclusion**



### **B.C. Reports Progress on International Credential Recognition**



One year after the International Credentials Recognition Act came into effect, B.C. is advancing efforts to remove barriers for internationally trained professionals in 29 regulated fields, with major changes, like eliminating Canadian work experience requirements, set for July 1, 2025.

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## Health and Safety



### WorkSafeBC Alert: Prepare for Heat & Smoke Hazards This Summer

Employers are urged to protect workers from rising risks of heat stress and wildfire smoke, with key controls and resources available ahead of another hot B.C. summer.

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### Canada Invests \$104M to Boost Wildfire Resilience Nationwide

The federal government, alongside several provinces and territories, is investing \$104 million through the FireSmart program to enhance wildfire prevention and community preparedness across Canada, with a focus on Indigenous communities and high-risk regions.

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## Support and Funding



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

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