

## CLR INFO

### Industry News



#### **\$35.5M Invested in Green Port Projects Across B.C.**

The federal government is allocating \$35.5 million to three B.C. port projects under the Green Shipping Corridor Program.

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### Labour and Economy



#### **U.S. Eyes 25% Lumber Tariff, Potentially Doubling Duties**

U.S. President Donald Trump has proposed a 25% tariff on Canadian lumber, set to take effect in April. If enacted, total duties on softwood exports could reach 50–55%.

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### **Employment Growth Slows Despite Gains**

B.C. added 23,400 jobs in January, with both full-time and part-time employment increasing. However, employment growth has slowed since mid-2024, and the unemployment rate edged up to 6% as labour force growth outpaced job gains. Construction and manufacturing saw strong gains, while agriculture and utilities declined.

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### **B.C. Strengthens Economy Amid U.S. Tariff Threats**

B.C.'s Throne Speech outlines plans to boost economic security, fast-track infrastructure, and create jobs in response to U.S. tariffs.

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### **Minimum Wage Increases on June 1**

B.C.'s minimum wage will rise by 2.6% to \$17.85 per hour on June 1, 2025, aligning with inflation.

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## **Health and Safety**



## **WorkSafeBC Updates: Emergency Readiness & Safety Resources**

New OHS regulation updates address hazardous substances, fentanyl exposure, and construction site safety. Employers must assess first aid needs under revised standards. New resources support emergency planning, return-to-work programs, and crane safety.

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## **New Safety Bulletin: Preventing Crane Rigging Failures**

A new safety bulletin outlines common causes of crane rigging failures and steps to reduce risks.

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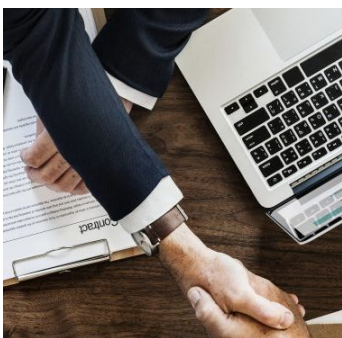
# **Diversity and Inclusion**



## **Women in Construction 2025 – March 3**

March 3 at 10 AM PST join industry leaders for Women in Construction 2025, a virtual event exploring the evolving roles of women in Canada's construction sector.

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## **Canada Recognizes Haida Gwaii Aboriginal Title in Historic Agreement**

The federal government has formally recognized Aboriginal title over Haida Gwaii, marking the first negotiated recognition of its kind.

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## Black History Month: Celebrating Legacy & Leadership

This year's Black History Month theme, *Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations*, recognizes over 400 years of Black contributions in Canada.

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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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