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CLR Members,

As Apprenticeship Month draws to a close, we'd like to express our profound gratitude to the apprentices and the employers who support them throughout the province. The hard work of our apprentices and the dedication our members have in supporting them are invaluable, and we deeply appreciate the combined contributions to our industry.

Sincerely,

Your CLR Team

Support & Funding

B.C. Employer Training Grant

Funding may cover 80% of training costs up to \$10,000 per employee, this program is pivotal for adapting to evolving job demands and fostering job security.

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Training Tax Credit for Apprentices

Apprentices may receive refundable income tax credits when enrolled in eligible programs managed by SkilledTradesBC. The credit is available until December 31, 2024.

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Opportunities for Serving, Transitioning and Former Military Members

Let's honour our service members and support programs like Helmets to Hardhats, helping veterans find rewarding careers in the construction industry.

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Industry News



Port of Vancouver's Centerm Expansion Wins 2023 General Contractor Award, Boosting Capacity by 50%

Centennial Expansion Partners won the 2023 General Contractor Award in the Over \$70 Million category. This collaborative project includes Dragados Canada, Fraser River Pile & Dredge, and Jacob Bros Construction. Under the leadership of Sarah Clark, FRPD's expertise in marine construction and dredging played a pivotal role.

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B.C. Launches Standardized Designs for Multi-Unit Homes to Accelerate Construction and Enhance Affordability

Customizable designs will simplify the permitting process, reduce design costs, and support local governments in efficient development approvals. This approach is part of B.C.'s broader strategy to address the housing crisis and boost housing availability and affordability.

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Provincial News

B.C. Premier Eby Champions Government-Led Solutions for Affordable Housing, Outlines Strategic Public Initiatives

Eby advocated for government-led solutions to the affordable housing crisis, critiquing private sector dependency. He underscored B.C.'s actions, such as public land audits for housing, buying property near transit, and legislative reforms to expedite development, signifying a pivotal move towards direct, government-managed approaches in addressing housing issues.

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Labour & Economy



Finance Minister Freeland Announces Comprehensive Canadian Housing Strategy, Boosts Funding and Labour Mobility

Chrystia Freeland unveils housing initiatives, focusing on financing for rental housing and improved labour mobility in construction and healthcare.

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PacifiCan Boosts Vancouver Tech Scene with \$5.6 Million Investment

This funding is part of the Government of Canada's commitment to local growth and global competitiveness. The investments underscore Vancouver's position as a leading tech hub and support the creation of high-quality local jobs.

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Health & Safety

The logo for WorkSafeBC, featuring the words "WORK SAFE BC" in white capital letters on a black background, which is set within an orange rectangular border.

WorkSafeBC Reminder to Meet New Requirements for January 1

Registration is [now available](#).

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Infrastructure & Transportation

Coquihalla Highway Reinforced for Extreme Weather: B.C. Unveils \$1.5 Billion Resilience Project on Key Trade Route

This \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion project, largely funded by federal disaster assistance, represents B.C.'s commitment to adapting infrastructure to the realities of climate change.

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Canada's Top 100 Employers of 2024 Spearhead Workplace Learning Revolution

Canada's Top 100 Employers of 2024, selected by Mediacorp Canada Inc., are investing in continuous learning, catering to the desires of the emerging Gen Z workforce, emphasizing growth, equity, diversity, and digital proficiency, ultimately benefiting both employees and employers in a post-pandemic world.

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Best Regards and Stay Safe,

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