



CLR INFO: Thursday, June 25, 2026

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This week's CLR Info covers the Pattullo Bridge deconstruction project, B.C.'s approval of the Red Chris mine expansion, hydro system upgrades, climate-resilient infrastructure, construction market trends, trade developments, workplace safety reminders and upcoming industry events.

## Industry News

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**B.C. announces hydro dam upgrades:** The provincial government will upgrade multiple BC Hydro generating stations, adding more than 1,000 megawatts of electricity capacity.

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**Pattullo Bridge deconstruction underway:** Deconstruction of the former Pattullo Bridge is underway following the opening of the new staləwasəm Bridge and is expected to continue through 2027.

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## Infrastructure and Transportation

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**Report highlights benefits of climate-proofing infrastructure:** A new report says investing in climate-resilient infrastructure could save taxpayers \$4 billion to \$9 billion annually by 2100.

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## Labour and Economy

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**B.C. approves Red Chris mine expansion:** The province has approved the Red Chris mine expansion, a priority critical minerals project expected to create 1,800 construction jobs.

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**Construction outlook mixed across Canada:** Construction starts are forecast to decline nationally in 2026, but growth is expected in British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec.

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**CUSMA review deadline approaches:** Canada and Mexico support a 16-year CUSMA extension, while the United States has not indicated it will do the same before the July 1 deadline.

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**Premier leads trade mission to China:** Premier David Eby will lead a trade mission to China to strengthen commercial ties and support B.C.'s trade diversification strategy.

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## Innovation and Technology

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**Urban data centre project showcases future design:** A London, U.K., data centre is demonstrating sustainable design and innovative construction practices for urban digital infrastructure.

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## Health and Safety

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**Ironworkers commemorate 68th anniversary of bridge collapse:** Ironworkers Local 97 marked the 68th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse, honouring the 19 workers who lost their lives.

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**WorkSafeBC reminds employers to prepare for summer hazards:** Employers are urged to plan for heat, wildfire smoke and UV exposure before summer conditions worsen.

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## Events

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**CLR's 57th AGM & Conference | Early Bird Pricing Now Open:** Join us September 17-19, 2026 at the Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna for three days of networking, learning, and industry connection. Early bird pricing is available until July 1.

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**NCLRA Conference:** The National Construction Labour Relations Alliance 2026 Conference takes place October 15-16 in Quebec City. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now open.

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## Support and Funding

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

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