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Industry News



BCCA responds to Federal Budget 2025: Budget boosts construction with \$10B funding and \$97M for improved foreign credential recognition.

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Mayor rejects density deadlines as province warns it may override municipal zoning.

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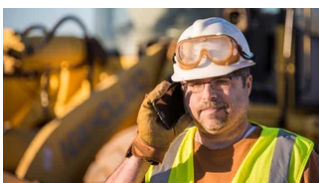
Canada invests \$72M for 234 rental homes in Abbotsford: Federal-provincial partnership funds two projects under Canada-BC Builds.

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Western Canada reacts to Federal Budget 2025:
Industry groups welcome \$115B in infrastructure spending but urge faster permitting, fair procurement, and stronger workforce measures.

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BCCA highlights rising costs in new Stat Pack:
Construction material costs up 4% year-over-year, labour costs up 16%, and ongoing tariffs and development charges continue to push project costs higher across B.C.

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New rules limit employer sick-note requests: B.C. restricts when employers can require sick notes, reducing burden on health-care providers and workers.



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WorkSafeBC seeks feedback on OHS Regulation changes: Public hearing on Nov. 25 will review updates to respirator face-seal rules and society fire brigade requirements; written submissions open until Dec. 12.

Support and Funding



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Sincerely,

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