



CLR INFO: Thursday, October 1, 2026

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This week's CLR INFO covers LNG Canada's Phase 2 expansion, changes taking effect for B.C. employers, the provincial election, skilled-trades training, crane safety and construction innovation.

Industry News



LNG Canada moves forward with Phase 2

expansion: The \$33-billion Kitimat expansion will double LNG Canada's production capacity and create up to 4,000 jobs at peak construction.

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Year-round Pacific Time takes effect: Starting November 1, B.C. will no longer change its clocks twice a year, moving to year-round Pacific Time.

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PST expansion officially paused: Effective October 1, the Province has paused the proposed expansion of PST to professional services, which would have affected a range of services used by employers.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



B.C. heads to early election as construction

leaders seek certainty: With British Columbians going to the polls two years ahead of schedule on October 24, construction leaders are calling for greater certainty around capital projects, procurement and project delivery.

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\$22.4M investment to unlock development at Kelowna airport: Federal funding will support new water, sewer, electrical and communications infrastructure to service more than 165 acres of airport employment and industrial lands.

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Province forecasts \$12.9B in capital spending: Planned investments in hospitals, schools, transportation and housing include eight major projects added since Budget 2026.

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New federal tax measure expands deductions for business investment: The Productivity Mega Deduction allows businesses to immediately deduct the full cost of more eligible investments, including equipment, vehicles, roads and other infrastructure.

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More than 800 new trades training seats coming to TRU: Thompson Rivers University is adding more than 800 skilled-trades training seats as part of B.C.'s expansion of trades training capacity.

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Health and Safety



Crane Safety Framework proposes new industry requirements: Recommendations include stronger competency requirements, WorkSafeBC licensing for prime contractors working with cranes and permits for high-risk lifting activities.

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Technology and Innovation



New national standard introduced for modular construction: CSA Z251 establishes a common framework for designing volumetric modular buildings, covering structural design, building services, fire protection and manufacturing.

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Vancouver pilot turns wood waste into building material: A First Nation-UBC partnership is developing biodegradable wood foam from B.C. forestry waste, with potential applications including thermal insulation for construction.

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Events



NCLRA Conference: Connect with industry colleagues in Québec City, October 15-16, for two days of labour relations insights, engaging discussions and networking.

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Support and Funding



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