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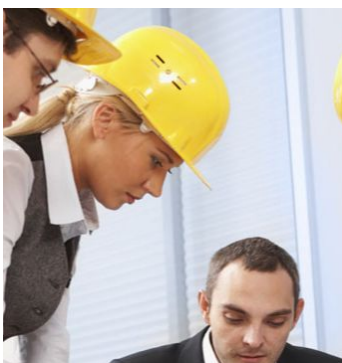


Vancouver Sets Ambitious 10-Year Housing Development Goals

The City of Vancouver has announced a goal to approve 83,000 new homes in the next decade, a 15% increase from previous targets, with a focus on serving renter households and providing below-market housing. The Three-Year Action Plan (2024-2026) includes over 50 actions to streamline permitting, increase housing density, and develop social, supportive, and co-op housing on city-owned sites.

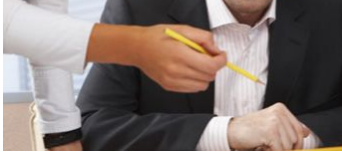
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Labour and Economy



Standardization Challenges in Mass Timber Construction Impede Growth

The growth of mass timber construction in North America is being hindered by a lack of product standardization, unlike in Europe where standardization is common and enhances production efficiency. Efforts are underway to address this issue, which could take up to a decade



to fully implement, driven by the need for affordable midrise housing and potential building code changes.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to Get New Community Building with Affordable Housing and Health Services

A new community building in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside will offer affordable housing and health services. The project, expanded to four lots, includes up to eight storeys with below-market and supportive homes. Planning involves hazardous material removal and community engagement, with a redevelopment application expected in fall 2024.

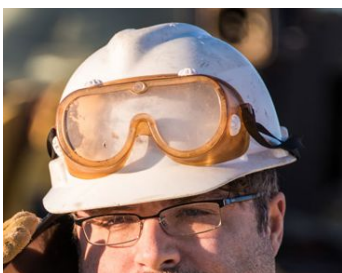
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Vancouver Island to Receive \$3 Billion in B.C. Hydro Upgrades Over 10 Years

B.C. Hydro plans to invest over \$3 billion in upgrading and expanding the electricity grid on Vancouver Island over the next decade, creating thousands of jobs. The upgrades include seismic enhancements to dams, replacing old transmission cables, and building a new substation, addressing rising electricity demand due to population growth and development.

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Blasting Completed on Highway 97 Near Summerland

The major blasting to remove unstable material above Highway 97 north of Summerland, B.C., is complete. Crews are now focusing on stabilizing the slope and improving traffic flow through the



construction zone.

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Health and Safety



WorkSafeBC Introduces New Risk-Reduction Strategy for Tower Cranes

WorkSafeBC is launching a new risk-reduction strategy to enhance the safety of tower cranes after reviewing incidents and receiving input from stakeholders, with key recommendations focused on improving training, supervision, and regulatory updates. Starting in October, a new Notice of Project-Tower Cranes rule will require employers to submit a project notice to WorkSafeBC two weeks before crane activity begins.

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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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