

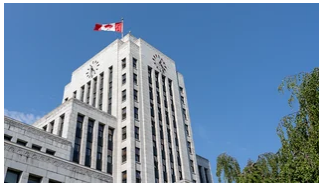


CLR INFO: Thursday, July 23, 2026

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This week's CLR Info covers the latest on the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 expansion, Canada's inflation and labour market updates, AI's growing role in permitting, wildfire impacts on transportation, and upcoming industry events and funding opportunities.

Infrastructure and Transportation



Vancouver approves \$3.5B capital plan: The 2027-2030 plan includes major investments in infrastructure, roads, utilities, and community facilities.

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Surrey parks receive federal funding: The federal government is investing up to \$11 million to upgrade Newton Athletic Park and Unwin Park with new recreation and community infrastructure.

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Port expansion moves forward: The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project has been referred for potential fast-tracking, alongside ongoing concerns about port security.

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Construction begins on \$4B pipeline expansion: Enbridge has started construction on its \$4-billion Sunrise Expansion Program to expand natural gas pipeline capacity in British Columbia.

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Labour and Economy



Inflation eases in June: Canada's annual inflation rate slowed to 2.8% in June, largely due to lower gas prices. The Bank of Canada is expected to keep interest rates on hold.

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Unemployment falls to 6.5%: Canada's unemployment rate declined to 6.5% in June, while employment remained largely unchanged.

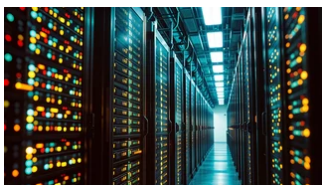
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BuildForce projects workforce demand: B.C.'s construction industry will need to recruit 48,200 workers by 2035 as retirements and major non-residential projects drive labour demand.

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Innovation and Technology



Canadians concerned about AI data centres: A Leger poll found widespread concern about the environmental impacts and energy demands of AI data centres.

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AI streamlines permitting: Canadian municipalities are adopting AI tools to improve building permit reviews and reduce approval times.

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Health and Safety



Hot weather risk assessments can't wait: As temperatures rise, employers are reminded to assess heat-related hazards, review controls, and take steps to protect workers before conditions become dangerous

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Wildfires close major B.C. highways: Highway 1 near Boston Bar and Highway 3 at E.C. Manning Park were closed as wildfire activity intensified across the province, prompting evacuation orders and widespread air quality advisories.

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Events



Register now for CLR's 57th AGM & Conference: Join us September 17-19 in Kelowna for three days of expert speakers, practical training, networking, and social events. Hear keynote speaker Vaughn Palmer and choose from golf, winery tours, canyoning, cycling, and more.

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