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Industry News



Student Spaces Expanded with Prefabricated Classrooms

The B.C. government has opened over 1,000 prefabricated classroom seats across four schools, with more expansions planned to meet growing demand.

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Vancouver Art Gallery Issues RFP for New Design After Scrapping \$600M Plan

Following cost overruns, the Vancouver Art Gallery has launched an invite-based Request for Proposal (RFP) for Canadian-based architects.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



B.C. Fast-Tracks \$20B in Resource Projects to Reduce U.S. Trade Reliance

The B.C. government is expediting 18 resource projects in mining, energy, and critical minerals to expand global trade.

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Labour and Economy



Tariffs Disrupt Construction Industry

Economists warn that new U.S. tariffs on China and potential Canada-Mexico duties threaten supply chains, material costs, and trade stability.

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Council Formed to Address U.S. Tariff Threats

Canadian industry and labour leaders have launched the Canada-US Trade Council (CUSTC) to address impending U.S. tariffs and support Canada's trade interests.

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Softwood Lumber Advisory Council Formed in Response to U.S. Tariffs

The province has established the Softwood Lumber Advisory Council to advocate for forestry workers and push back against U.S. softwood lumber duties, which may double by year-end.

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Health and Safety



BC Adopts 26th Edition of the Electrical Code

Starting March 4, 2025, all B.C. electrical permits must follow the new safety code, with training available for licensed contractors.

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Diversity and Inclusion



Supportive and Affordable Housing Expansion Across Six Communities

The province is adding over 200 supportive homes for Indigenous Peoples, seniors, and at-risk groups as part of its \$19B housing strategy.

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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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