

CLR INFO

CLR Members,

As we present the first CLR Info of the year, we extend our warmest welcome to all our members, both longstanding and recent additions to our community. Our commitment to keeping you updated with the latest industry news and insights remains steadfast.

Your continued engagement and participation are instrumental in making our community thrive, and we're excited to embark on this journey through 2024 with you. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant CLR community.

Sincerely,

Your CLR Team

Industry News

Burnaby Sets New Emission Standards for Construction Projects

Burnaby has introduced new emissions standards effective from January 1, aiming to align with the city's climate action goals. These standards, part of the Zero Carbon Step Code, apply to both small and large new construction projects in Burnaby.

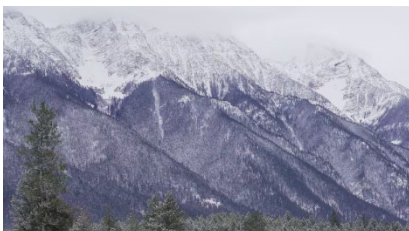
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Surrey Introduces Measures to Speed Up Development Application Process

This change is expected to reduce the number of projects requiring panel review by 60-70% and shorten development timelines, contributing to faster construction of new homes amid the housing crisis.

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Provincial News



BC Faces Potential Drought as Snowpack Levels Drop to Alarming 56% of Normal

Recent data shows a significant decline in snowpack levels across the province. The low snowpack raises concerns for potential droughts in spring, impacting water supply and agricultural practices, and raises concerns for a dry and hot

summer, potentially exacerbating wildfire risks.

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Labour & Economy

BC's Unemployment Rate Rises to 5.6% Despite Addition of 74,000 Jobs

The province led Canada in job additions, with significant growth in full-time positions. Industries such as information, culture, recreation, healthcare, and technical services saw job increases, while the construction sector experienced stagnation.

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Health & Safety



Bentall Memorial Serves as Reminder of Workplace Safety

It was revealed that 2022 saw the highest number of construction worker deaths in decades. Speakers at the event, including BC Building Trades executive director Brynn Bourke and asbestos reform advocate Lee Loftus, emphasized the need for improved safety measures and vigilance.

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Arctic Blast Hits Western Canada: WorkSafeBC Advisory Amid Extreme Cold



WorkSafeBC issued an advisory highlighting the increased risks of cold stress, frostbite, hypothermia, and accidents due to icy conditions, and emphasized the responsibility of employers in ensuring worker safety.

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New 2024 BC Regulations: Certification for Concrete Pump Operators, Asbestos Workers, and Enhanced Return-to-Work Duties

As of January 1, 2024, British Columbia introduced new regulations in three key areas: [concrete pump operators](#), [return-to-work policies](#), and [asbestos certification and licensing](#).

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BC Government Seeks Public Feedback on Enhancing Support for Disaster Evacuees

This initiative is in response to the increasing frequency and severity of emergencies like wildfires and floods, driven by climate change. The aim is to revamp the Emergency Support Services (ESS) program to better address the needs of those forced to evacuate their homes.

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Infrastructure & Transportation

Major Funding for Canada's Supply Chain and Cargo Capacity at Vancouver Airport

Transport Canada will be making a significant funding announcement aimed at supporting Canada's supply chain and enhancing cargo capacity at Vancouver International Airport. A media session for questions will follow the announcement.

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Repairs Set for Highway 17A Overpass Over Highway 99

Permanent repairs to the Highway 17A crossing over Highway 99 are scheduled to begin this month. The extensive repairs, which involve demolition and girder installation, are expected to continue until early March, weather permitting. During this period, there will be full closures of both Highway 99 southbound and Highway 17A southbound over three weekends.

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Costs for Two Metro Vancouver Affordable Housing Projects Double Amid Rising Rates

The 122-unit "The Steller" apartment in Burnaby's cost has risen from \$45.5 million to \$93.9 million, while the 174-unit "The Connection" apartment is now estimated at \$120.8 million, up from \$63.8 million. Metro Vancouver is seeking committee and board approval to proceed with these projects.

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MV Isabelle Floatel Arrives in BC, Awaits Permit to House LNG Workers

The MV Isabelle Floatel has arrived to provide accommodations for LNG workers, marking a significant development in the province's energy sector. However, a crucial permit is still pending approval, potentially impacting the project's progress and the housing of these workers.

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Best Regards and Stay Safe,

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