

## CLR INFO

### Support & Funding

#### **B.C. Employer Training Grant**

Funding may cover 80% of training costs up to \$10,000 per employee, this program is pivotal for adapting to evolving job demands and fostering job security.

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### Industry News



#### **Provincial Nominee Program Expansion to Tackle Construction Industry Labor Shortage**

BC adds 25 occupations to its Provincial Nominee Program to address the construction industry's labour shortage. The initiative includes trades like welders, plumbers, and electricians. Industry leaders welcome the move but emphasize the need for further action.

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#### **British Columbia Government Consultation on Prompt Payment Legislation**

The British Columbia government is initiating a consultation process with construction industry representatives. This is part of efforts to develop prompt payment legislation in British Columbia, based on a review of existing policies in other jurisdictions and the British Columbia Law Institute's recommendations on the Builders Lien Act. Your participation and insights are highly valued.

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### Provincial News



#### **Premier David Eby Launches 'Road to Recovery'**

This initiative, addressing the province's overdose crisis, offers a single entry point for addiction care and aims to reduce wait times for detox from weeks to days.

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## Labour & Economy

### **Lumber Regulations Revamped to Stimulate Local Manufacturing and Job Growth**

Set to take effect in February 2024, these changes will expand manufacturing requirements for cedar and cypress lumber exports from the Interior.

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## Health & Safety



### **WorkSafeBC Reminder to Meet New Requirements for January 1**

Registration is [now available](#).

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### **New Building and Fire Codes to Enhance Building Safety, Sustainability and Accessibility**

These code changes, effective March 8, 2024, align with the new Residential Development Act and aim to support the construction of more homes, including small-scale, multi-unit housing, with a transition period for certain requirements until 2025.

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## Infrastructure & Transportation



### **Trans-Canada Highway Upgrade: Wider, Safer Four-Lane Divided Lanes Now Open in Kicking Horse Canyon**

Final project work, including landscaping, wildlife fencing, and road markings, will resume in spring after a winter pause, with minor lane closures expected.

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### **Trans Mountain Pipeline Could Face Further Delays**

The Canada Energy Regulator denies Trans Mountain Corp.'s request for a variance on a pipeline section, potentially delaying the expansion project and its 2024 start date.

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