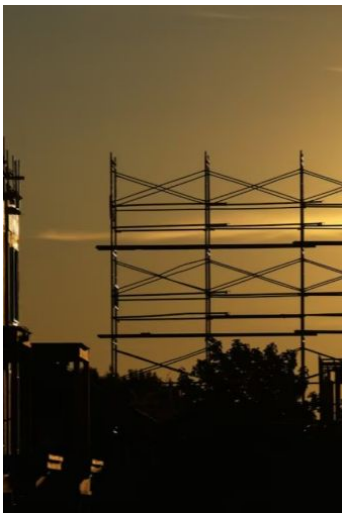


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### Industry News



#### Provinces Lag Behind in Housing Report Card

A new report from the Task Force for Housing and Climate gives provinces low grades for housing policy, urging faster, sustainable action.

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#### 2025 BCCA Industry Survey Report Available

The BC Construction Association's 2025 Industry Survey shares key insights from over 1,300 employers and tradespeople across the province.

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### **B.C. Housing Targets Deliver 16,000+ New Homes, More Communities Added**

B.C. surpasses 16K new homes under housing targets; Burnaby, Penticton, Vernon & others join next phase to address housing demand.

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## **Infrastructure and Transportation**



### **Premier Unveils Plan to Unlock Billions in Mining, Jobs & Conservation in NW B.C.**

Premier Eby announces a plan to boost mining investment in NW B.C. through sustainable development, conservation, and partnerships with Indigenous communities.

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### **Bill Fast-Tracking B.C. Infrastructure Projects Passes by One Vote**

B.C.'s Bill 15 to expedite infrastructure builds passed after a tied vote was broken by Speaker Raj Chouhan, despite strong opposition.

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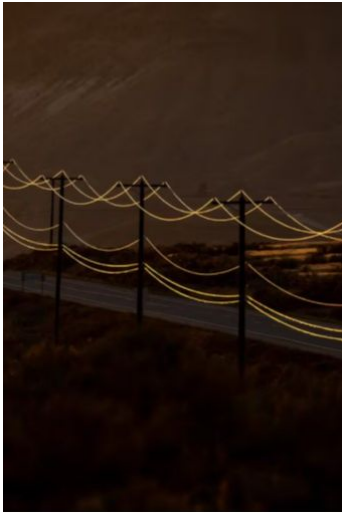


### **Western Premiers Meet to Tackle Trade, Energy, and Arctic Security**



Western premiers meet in Yellowknife to discuss energy, Arctic security, housing, and trade ahead of a national summit with PM Carney.

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### **BC Hydro Faces Demand Surge and Drought-Driven Power Imports**

BC Hydro faces power demand surge, drought, and trade tensions as it invests \$36B in infrastructure and renewables over 10 years.

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### **B.C. and Yukon Explore Power Grid Link for Cleaner, Stronger North**

B.C. and Yukon sign MOU to explore linking power grids, a potential game-changer for clean energy, mining, and Arctic infrastructure.

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### **TELUS Commits \$70B to Expand Infrastructure, Support AI, and Boost Connectivity**

TELUS is investing \$70B through 2029 to expand fibre and 5G access, support rural/Indigenous communities, and launch AI facilities in B.C. and Quebec.

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### Bell Unveils Plans for Six AI Data Centres in B.C

Bell to build six AI data centres in B.C. totalling 500MW, with Groq and Thompson Rivers University as anchor clients.

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## Labour and Economy



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### Canada Moves to Permanently Repeal Consumer Carbon Price

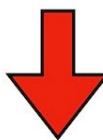
Canada proposes four-phase repeal of the federal fuel charge under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, starting April 1, 2025.

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Building Construction

**RESIDENTIAL**

**-1.8%**  
**15.3 BILLION**



to-month change (national average), seasonally adjusted

### March Sees Dip in Residential Construction Investment

In March 2025, Canada's residential construction fell 1.8%, while non-residential rose 1.3%, totalling \$22.2B in total investment.

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### Spring Session Highlights: Economy, Jobs & Care

Premier Eby outlines new laws to boost B.C.'s economy, cut costs, support health care, and create jobs, highlighting clean power, mining, housing, and



partnerships with First Nations.

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### **Federal Government Prefab Housing Vision Inspired by European Success**

PM Carney's Build Canada Homes plan pledges \$26B to expand prefab housing.

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### **Construction Sector Reacts to Historic Throne Speech by King Charles**

Construction groups welcomed the GST rebate update and plans to cut trade barriers in King Charles' historic throne speech, prioritizing housing, trades, and major projects.

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### **\$1.8M Boost for B.C. Tech Ahead of Web Summit**

Canada invests \$1.8M in B.C.'s AI innovation via PacifiCan, supporting airport mobility tech and cancer diagnostics ahead of Web Summit.

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### **Canada Moves to Boost Labour Mobility and Workforce Resilience**

Labour Market Ministers commit to faster credential recognition, stronger labour mobility, and LMTA modernization to boost Canada's economy.

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### **April 2025 Labour Force Snapshot: BC Stable Amid National Fluctuations**

Employment in Canada held steady in April 2025, with notable shifts by age and sector; unemployment rose to 6.9%, while BC's labour market showed little overall change.

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## **Diversity and Inclusion**



### **B.C. Observes Anti-Racism Awareness Week**

B.C. marks Anti-Racism Awareness Week (May 26–June 1), reaffirming efforts to dismantle systemic racism and build an inclusive, equitable province.

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## **Health and Safety**



### **Technical Safety BC Flags Grey Market and Safety Shortcuts in 2024 Report**

Technical Safety BC warns of rising unlicensed work and cost-cutting in its 2024 report, urging accountability and safety compliance.

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### Mail Disruption: Switch to Digital Services

Due to a potential Canada Post mail disruption, WorkSafeBC urges workers, providers, and employers to register for direct deposit and use online services to avoid delays.

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## Support and Funding



### Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation

The **Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation** offers scholarships and bursaries to B.C. residents aged 17-30 enrolled in construction-related programs. By spreading the word, you can help ensure deserving candidates apply. **Applications are open until May 31. If you want to get involved through donations or sponsorships, please [reach out](#).**

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### Canada Invests \$15M in Youth Green Jobs and Training

Canada commits \$15M to create 470 green jobs for youth in energy, forestry, mining, and clean tech via the STIP Green Jobs program.

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For a list of current funding resources and supports for employers and apprentices visit the [CLR website](#).

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