

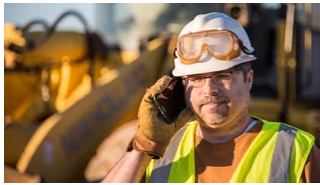


CLR INFO: Thursday, April 9, 2026  
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This week's CLR INFO highlights the start of construction on the Highway 11 interchange in Abbotsford, alongside infrastructure funding commitments, housing and development cost changes, and investments in workforce training and industrial growth across B.C.

## Industry News

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**Construction and Skilled Trades Month:** April marks the ninth annual Construction and Skilled Trades Month in British Columbia, recognizing the industry's contributions to the province.

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**Development cost charges:** The Province is proposing new eligible project categories that local governments and TransLink can use to reduce development cost charges.

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**Housing and infrastructure coordination:** Vancouver's mayor is calling for a federal-provincial agreement to align housing growth with infrastructure funding and reduce development costs.

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## Infrastructure and Transportation

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**Highway 11 interchange:** Construction is underway on the new Highway 11 interchange in Abbotsford, part of the Highway 1 widening program to improve traffic flow and accommodate growing demand in the Fraser Valley.

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**Federal infrastructure funding:** British Columbia is set to receive \$2.2 billion from the federal Build Communities Strong Fund, part of a \$51 billion national program supporting housing, transit, and community infrastructure.

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## Labour and Economy

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**Labour market training funding:** More than \$6 million is supporting 15 training projects across British Columbia to help people gain skills and access jobs in sectors including construction and trades.

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**B.C. Treaty Commission:** George Abbott has been approved as the next chief commissioner, pending federal approval.

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**Labour market:** Conditions remain relatively stable following a year of U.S. tariffs and population shifts, with ongoing impacts across key sectors.

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**B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund:** Nearly \$7 million in provincial funding is supporting four southern Interior manufacturers to expand production and create 101 jobs

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## Innovation and Technology



**Early-stage tech funding:** Nearly \$3.5 million in provincial funding is supporting 14 B.C. companies to test and demonstrate new technologies.

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## Support and Funding

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**Clean Industry Fund:** The Province has opened the 2026 intake, with \$35 million available to support industrial projects that reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency.

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**Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation:** Applications are open for scholarships and bursaries supporting youth (17-30) pursuing careers in construction.

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

## Events

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**NCLRA Conference:** Sponsorships are now open for the 2026 conference in Quebec, bringing together unionized construction employers from across Canada.

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