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Industry News



Major Project Investment Surges in Southwest B.C., but Housing Starts Lag Behind

Project investment in Southwest B.C. rose 20.6% to \$136.8B in 2024, driven by government infrastructure spending, yet housing starts declined by 14.6% despite urgent demand.

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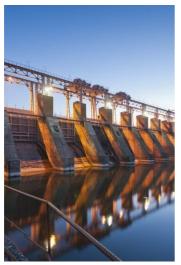


UBC Engineers Prove Highrises Can Withstand Major Earthquakes in World-First Test

UBC researchers have developed and successfully tested a new structural system that allows highrises to remain safe and damage-free during major earthquakes.

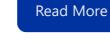
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Infrastructure and Transportation



B.C.'s Low Snowpack Signals Drought, Raises Hydro Power Concerns

Heightened drought risks in B.C., threaten hydroelectric output and potentially making the province a net electricity importer again.





B.C. Fast-Track Infrastructure Bill Sparks Backlash From First Nations and Greens

Premier David Eby's proposed Bill 15 aims to accelerate infrastructure projects in response to economic pressure from U.S. tariffs.



Labour and Economy



Prime Minister Carney Assembles New Cabinet, With Urgent Economic Focus

Prime Minister Mark Carney's first cabinet meeting, emphasized nation-building investments, strengthening Canada's economic relationship with the U.S., and creating the "strongest economy in the G7."

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B.C. Labour Market Holds Steady with Job Gains in April 2025

B.C. added 6,000 jobs in April, with notable gains in youth employment, manufacturing (+1,800 jobs), and private-sector employment (+1,600 jobs).

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New Commercial Liens Act to Simplify Debt Collection for B.C. Service Providers

Effective June 30, 2025, B.C.'s new Commercial Liens Act will streamline and modernize lien rules, making it easier for service providers to collect debts.

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Health and Safety



B.C. Urges Long Weekend Travellers to Prepare for Wildfire and Drought Risks

Ahead of the Victoria Day long weekend, the B.C. government advises residents and travellers to plan for wildfire risk and drought conditions.

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Diversity and Inclusion



Women Driving Growth in B.C.'s Construction Workforce Amid Labour Shortages

Driven by labour demand and inclusive programs, women's participation in B.C.'s construction industry is growing, with female apprenticeship enrollment up 25% since 2018.





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 <u>reach out</u>.**

Share and Get Involved



For a list of current funding resources and supports for employers and apprentices visit the CLR website.

Explore Resources



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