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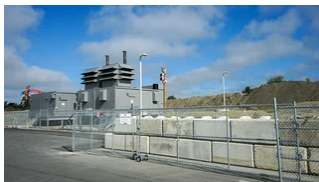
This week's CLR INFO covers BC Hydro's Newell Substation upgrade, Enbridge's pipeline expansion, a potential new Peace River dam, Canada-U.S. tariff developments, skilled trades training, construction robotics and wildfire impacts.

Infrastructure and Transportation



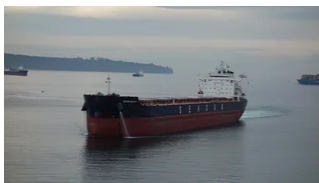
BC Hydro invests \$200 million in Burnaby substation: BC Hydro is modernizing and expanding its Newell Substation, adding electrical capacity with construction expected to continue through 2031.

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Delta Hospital plans \$24.4 million energy centre: A new energy centre will increase Delta Hospital's electrical capacity and emergency resilience, with construction planned for 2027-28.

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BC Hydro explores potential Site E dam: BC Hydro is exploring a new Peace River dam to help meet B.C.'s projected 50% increase in electricity demand by 2050.

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Enbridge advances \$4-billion B.C. pipeline expansion: The Sunrise Expansion will add 139 kilometres to the Westcoast natural gas pipeline by 2028.

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Labour and Economy



Canada, U.S. make progress on tariff deal: A draft trade agreement could reduce tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum, providing greater certainty for construction supply chains.

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B.C. funds Kootenay carpentry training: B.C. is investing more than \$365,000 in tuition-free carpentry training and paid work experience for up to 16 participants.

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Innovation and Technology



Construction robotics adoption accelerates: Jobsite robotics use has more than doubled since 2025 as contractors adopt technology for repetitive tasks, productivity and safety.

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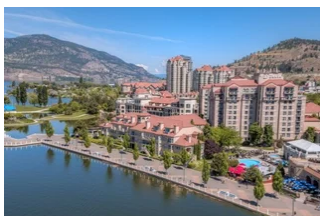
Health and Safety



Wildfires disrupt travel across B.C.: Wildfire activity has prompted evacuation orders, highway disruptions and air quality advisories across parts of the province, affecting travel and communities.

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Events



Just weeks to go until CLR's 57th AGM & Conference: Join us September 17-19 in Kelowna for three days of industry insights, practical training, networking and unforgettable experiences. Hear from keynote speaker Vaughn Palmer, connect with industry colleagues and choose from golf, winery tours, canyoning, cycling and more. **Register now and join us in Kelowna!**

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NCLRA Conference: Registration is now open for two days of industry updates, networking and labour relations discussions in Québec City, October 15-16.

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