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This week's CLR Info covers major infrastructure investments, progress on the Surrey Langley SkyTrain and Fraser River Tunnel, Canada's economic outlook, AI adoption in construction, new crane operator certification requirements and available workforce training funding.

Industry News



Surrey Langley SkyTrain project marks major progress: Construction is underway at all eight stations, with most guideway columns completed and service expected to begin in late 2029.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Fraser River Tunnel secures up to \$3B in federal funding: The federal government will contribute up to \$3 billion toward the Fraser River Tunnel Project, which now has an updated budget of \$8.5 billion and is expected to be completed in 2031.

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B.C., Ottawa announce major infrastructure partnership: A new federal-provincial agreement includes funding for transportation, clean energy and trade projects, along with investments in workforce training and child care.

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Canada launches Critical Minerals Accelerator:
The federal government announced its first

agreement under the new program, to increase critical minerals processing capacity.

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Labour and Economy



Office market posts one year of recovery: A new CBRE report shows office vacancy rates have declined for a full year, reflecting stronger demand and increased return-to-office activity.

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Economy rebounds with 0.5% April growth: Statistics Canada says real GDP grew 0.5% in April, driven by gains in construction, manufacturing, transportation and the oil and gas sector.

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Budget 2026 consultations now underway: Canadians can provide input on economic priorities, investment and competitiveness through pre-budget consultations open until September 8.

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Innovation and Technology



Construction industry sees AI potential, but adoption remains limited: New reports show growing interest in artificial intelligence to improve productivity, although most construction firms have yet to integrate it into daily operations.

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Metro Vancouver launches housing data dashboard: The new online tool provides regional housing data to help track market trends, housing supply, affordability and development across the region.

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Health and Safety



B.C. introduces certification requirements for crane operators: Tower and mobile crane operators must become certified or register as apprentices by July 2027 to strengthen training and safety standards.

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Events



Register Now: CLR's 57th AGM & Conference: Join us September 17-19 in Kelowna for three days of expert speakers, practical training, networking and unforgettable social events. Hear from keynote speaker Vaughn Palmer and choose from golf, winery tours, canyoning, cycling and more.

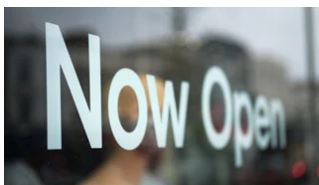
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NCLRA Conference 2026: Registration is now open for two days of industry updates, networking and labour relations discussions in Québec City, October 15–16. Early-bird pricing ends July 31.

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Support and Funding



Applications open for B.C.'s future skills grant: Eligible British Columbians can apply for up to \$3,500 to support short-term training in high-demand sectors, including construction.

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

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