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Industry News



Budget 2024 Focuses on Expanding Housing

Budget 2024 prioritizes housing, proposing a strategy to increase supply by unlocking 3.87 million new homes by 2031, including 1.2 million net new homes facilitated by recent policy actions. The budget also aims for a slight improvement in the deficit outlook, maintaining focused investments in housing while moderating the fiscal deficit.

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Provincial News



BC Premier Commits to Construction Industry Growth and Skilled Workforce Expansion

As the upcoming election approaches, Premier David Eby engaged with the construction industry, emphasizing the importance of building more homes to accommodate the province's unprecedented population growth and committed to enhancing skilled trades education and immigration to grow the construction workforce.



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Labour and Economy



Federal Budget 2024 Targets Fiscal Stability and Growth Amid New Expenditures

To address the over \$38 billion in new spending announced, the federal government is expected to introduce tax increases in the 2024 budget, as outlined by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland. This approach aims to balance the budget's direct impact of approximately \$21 billion from these expenditures while maintaining the current year's deficit level, necessitating fiscal adjustments in a context of slow economic growth and efforts to avoid a recession.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Boosting Transit in BC: \$300 Million Investment to Enhance Lower Mainland Services

Following the federal budget's minimal transit funding, the B.C. government has allocated \$300 million to enhance transit services in the Lower Mainland. This investment aims to purchase additional buses and increase service on 60 routes, starting significant improvements in September.

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Health and Safety



2023 WorkSafeBC Update: Revised Chemical Exposure Standards

WorkSafeBC's 2023 update introduces new or revised Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for various substances, designated as British Columbia Exposure Limits (ELs), to regulate workers' exposure to chemical substances. This ensures safe airborne concentration levels across workplaces, with ELs set for different exposure durations. The process includes reviewing health data, consulting stakeholders, and awaiting the Board of Directors' decision on adoption.

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



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Scholarship for Women in Occupational Health and Safety

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety is offering the 2024 Chad Bradley Scholarship Award, a \$3,000 opportunity for women pursuing studies in occupational health and safety. To learn about more support and funding opportunities visit the [CLR page](#).

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Support and Funding



For a list of current support and resources visit the CLR website.

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The Surrey-Langley SkyTrain Extension Set to Transform Transit in Metro Vancouver by 2028

The Government of British Columbia has chosen South Fraser Station Partners to design and build eight stations for the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain



extension, which will stretch 16 kilometres from King George Station to downtown Langley, at a cost of \$4.01 billion. This extension marks the first major rapid transit project south of the Fraser in 30 years.

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