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This week's CLR INFO covers B.C.'s provincial election, major construction and industrial projects, infrastructure investment, economic developments, workplace safety, construction technology, skilled-trades training and funding opportunities.

INDUSTRY NEWS



KSI LISIMS LNG SECURES 20-YEAR SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Ksi Lisims LNG has finalized a 20-year supply agreement with German utility SEFE, advancing the proposed northern B.C. project.

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OSISKO REPORTS PROGRESS ON CARIBOO GOLD PROJECT

Osisko Gold has released a construction progress update on its Cariboo Gold Project in central B.C., where mine development is underway.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION



COASTAL GASLINK PREPARES CONTRACTORS FOR 2027 CONSTRUCTION

Coastal GasLink is engaging Indigenous and local contractors along its northern B.C. pipeline route

ahead of planned Phase 2 construction in 2027.

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BC HYDRO'S WEST END SUBSTATION APPROVED

BC Hydro's West End Substation has received regulatory approval, with construction expected to begin in mid-November.

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VANCOUVER VOTERS APPROVE $790 MILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE BORROWING

Vancouver voters have approved $790 million in borrowing for transportation, civic facilities and parks as part of the city's 2027–2030 capital plan.

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LABOUR AND ECONOMY

BANK OF CANADA RAISES KEY INTEREST RATE

The Bank of Canada has increased its benchmark interest rate to 2.5%, raising borrowing costs for businesses and construction projects.

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FEDERAL BUDGET EXPECTED TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT

The November 5 federal budget is expected to outline measures supporting housing, business investment and major infrastructure projects amid slowing economic growth.

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B.C. CONSERVATIVES WIN PROVINCIAL ELECTION

The B.C. Conservatives, led by Lorne Doerkson, won the October 24 provincial election, ending nine years of NDP government.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

NATIONAL RIGGING AND HOISTING STANDARD IN DEVELOPMENT

WorkSafeBC and CSA Group are developing a national competency standard for rigging and hoisting, with consultations planned for spring 2027.

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TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION



CCA LAUNCHES DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PLATFORM

The Canadian Construction Association has launched SignaSur, a digital platform for preparing, signing and managing CCA and CCDC construction contracts.

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

BCCWITT OFFERS FREE CARPENTRY TRAINING IN PRINCE GEORGE

BCCWITT is offering a free carpentry training program for women in Prince George beginning

November 23, with employment support available to participants.

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SUPPORT AND FUNDING



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REINSTATES RED SEAL COMPLETION BONUS

The federal government is reinstating the bonus for journeypersons who completed their apprenticeship and earned Red Seal certification on or after April 1, 2025. Applications open November 16, 2026.

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LOOKING FOR GRANTS OR TRAINING SUPPORT?

We've listed current funding opportunities and resources available to employers and apprentices.

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EVENTS

NATIONAL SKILLED TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK BEGINS NOVEMBER 1

Skills Canada will launch a nationwide week of activities promoting skilled-trades careers and training opportunities for young Canadians.

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SAVE THE DATE: CLR'S 58TH AGM & CONFERENCE

Pencil in September 2027. We're heading to Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos for industry insight and Okanagan networking.

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