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This week's CLR Info covers the federal skilled trades investment, Broadway Subway construction updates, BC's latest economic growth figures, mental health awareness on jobsites, and tariff relief for BC forestry workers. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the CLR team.

Industry News



Government of Canada

Federal government commits \$6B to skilled trades: The Spring Economic Update 2026 targets 80,000-100,000 new Red Seal workers by 2030-31, with a \$400-per-week Apprenticeship Training Grant and a \$5,000 Red Seal completion bonus.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Broadway reopening ahead of schedule: All four lanes of Broadway will reopen in July 2026, two months earlier than planned, with a similar detour approach at Broadway-City Hall Station cutting that closure from 14 months to six months.

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Labour and Economy



Government of Canada

BC construction activity up in 2025: BC recorded 2% real GDP growth last year, outpacing the national average of 1.6%, with construction activity increasing across most provinces according to Statistics Canada's annual breakdown.

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BC micro-credentials target ICI labour gaps: BCIT and TradeUpBC are among institutions offering short credentials to help workers move between residential and ICI construction, addressing a skills mobility gap identified in a new Canada West Foundation report.

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BC launches \$20.8M forestry workers grant: Up to 1,400 forestry workers, contractors and employers can access funding for wage subsidies, upskilling and local job-creating projects through a new joint provincial-federal tariff response grant.

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Health and Safety



BC launches support line for tradespeople with chronic pain: The BC government has launched a free, confidential text line connecting tradespeople living with chronic pain to support services and resources.

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Mental Health Week runs May 4-10: This year's theme, Come Together, Canada, focuses on how social connection strengthens mental health and builds more resilient communities.

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Construction Safety Week runs May 4-8: This year's theme, All In Together, launches a five-year vision focused on recognizing hazards, responding effectively and respecting every worker across the full project lifecycle.

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Innovation and Technology



BCIT completes BC's tallest mass timber building: A new 12-storey housing tower at BCIT's Burnaby campus is BC's tallest mass timber structure and the first campus building to achieve Zero Carbon Building certification from the Canada Green Building Council.

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Support and Funding



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



Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation: Applications are open for scholarships and bursaries supporting youth (17-30) pursuing careers in construction.

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Events



NCLRA Conference: Sponsorships are now open for the 2026 conference in Quebec, bringing together unionized construction employers from across Canada.

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