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Industry News



BC Builds Accelerates Affordable Housing Delivery with Major Project in North Vancouver

The BC Builds program has significantly accelerated housing delivery, with 179 new homes and a community-services hub now under construction in North Vancouver, part of a province-wide push to deliver 9,000 middle-income homes.

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2025 Federal Election Working Hours and Voting

If an employee is voting on Election Day, they are entitled to have three (3) consecutive hours free from work between 7am and 7pm Pacific Time (voting hours) for the purpose of voting.

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Labour and Economy



**Government
of Canada**

\$16.3M Invested to Strengthen B.C.'s Skilled Trades Training

The Government of Canada has invested over \$16.3 million in 25 B.C.-based projects through the Union Training and Innovation Program to improve skilled trades training and support workforce development in housing and green construction.

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**Government
of Canada**

Canada Introduces Relief Measures for Businesses Affected by U.S. Tariffs

The federal government announced tariff relief, supply chain transition support, and a loan facility for large enterprises to help Canadian businesses impacted by recent U.S. tariffs.

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B.C. Government Moves to Cancel and Shift Contracts Away from U.S. Suppliers

The provincial government directed ministries, health authorities, and Crown corporations to reduce reliance on U.S. suppliers by cancelling or avoiding American contracts and subscriptions wherever viable.

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Federal Party Leaders Unveil Job Training and Economic Plans Amid Tariff Pressures

Federal party leaders pitched competing visions on job skills training and economic resilience.

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Tariffs Cast Uncertainty Over Manufacturing Construction Growth

Despite intentions to boost domestic manufacturing through high “reciprocal” tariffs, industry leaders remain cautious.

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Health and Safety



WorkSafeBC Urges Construction Sector to Prioritize Fall Prevention After Over 1,000 Injuries in 2024

WorkSafeBC called on construction employers to strengthen fall prevention efforts, reinforcing the need for proper planning, supervision, and use of fall protection systems, especially as proactive inspections ramp up during the busy spring season.

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Move to Eliminate Sick Notes for Short-Term Absences

The provincial government introduced legislation to remove the requirement for sick notes during short-term absences, with regulations expected before fall 2025.

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B.C. Government Urges Public to Prepare for



Seasonal Emergencies Amid Rising Climate Risks

The provincial government encouraged residents to prepare for seasonal hazards, by updating emergency plans and kits.

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Earthquake Awareness During Tsunami Preparedness Week

Tsunami Preparedness Week reminds coastal residents of the readiness to act quickly in the event of an earthquake-triggered tsunami.

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Support and Funding



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

[Explore Resources](#)



CHBA-BC Expands Student Jobsite Program Province-Wide

Employer support can be found [here](#).

[Explore Resource](#)



Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation: 3 Scholarships and 2 Bursaries of \$1,500 Available!

The **Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation** offers scholarships and bursaries to B.C. residents aged 17-30 enrolled in construction-related programs. By spreading the word, you can help ensure deserving candidates apply. **Applications are open until May 31.**

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Happy Construction Month from our team to yours!

How We're Participating



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