



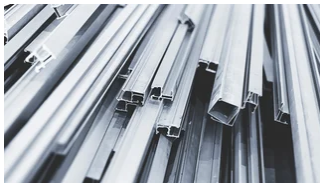
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This week's CLR Info covers trade and labour market developments, clean energy investments, infrastructure updates and emerging technologies. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the CLR team.

## Industry News

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### **Canadian steel companies face tariff penalties:**

Several Canadian steel companies paid millions in back tariffs to U.S. authorities, adding uncertainty to trade costs and cross-border supply chains.

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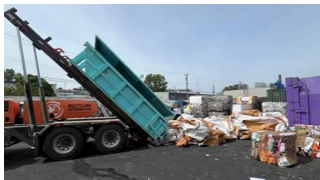


**Site C hydro project reaches final milestone:** Site C hydroelectric project reached its final milestone, securing long-term electricity supply for B.C.'s future growth.

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## Infrastructure and Transportation

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**Construction plastics diverted from landfill:** A B.C. pilot project diverted 38,000 kg of construction plastics from landfill, opening the door to greener waste practices in the sector.

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### **BC Hydro expands clean energy infrastructure:**

BC Hydro awarded agreements for four new renewable energy projects, creating jobs and supporting future electricity demand.

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## Labour and Economy

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**Canadian unemployment rises to 6.9%:** Canada lost 18,000 jobs in April, pushing unemployment to 6.9% and signalling a cooling labour market.

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**BC Hydro launches Power Smart 2.0:** BC Hydro launched its largest-ever conservation program, offering new rebates and incentives for households and businesses.

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## Innovation and Technology

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**B.C. invests in lightning reduction technology:** B.C. invested \$1 million in lightning-reduction technology to help prevent wildfires and protect communities and infrastructure.

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**New AI data centre developments planned for B.C.:** AI data centre projects planned for Vancouver and Kamloops aim to grow Canada's tech infrastructure amid rising power demand concerns.

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## Support and Funding

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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

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

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