

CLR INFO

Industry News



Canada to Phase Out Fluorescent Lighting by End of Decade

Canada will phase out fluorescent lighting by the end of the decade, starting with a ban on manufacturing and importing most fluorescent lamps by December 31, 2025. This initiative aims to reduce mercury pollution and promote the use of energy-efficient LED lighting, aligning with Canada's commitments under the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

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Provincial News



Over 500 New Homes and Shelter Spaces Planned for Kamloops

Kamloops, B.C., will see the development of over 500 new homes and shelter spaces, including affordable housing and supportive units for individuals experiencing homelessness. This significant investment aims to provide safe and affordable housing for families, seniors, and people living with disabilities.



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Labour and Economy

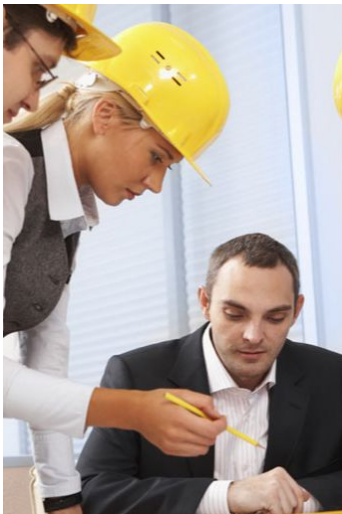


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B.C. Ranks 11th in New Prosperity Benchmarking Report by BCBC

The 2024 B.C. Prosperity Index reveals that British Columbia ranks 11th out of 21 peer jurisdictions in overall prosperity, excelling in social and environmental indicators but underperforming in business and economic well-being. The report highlights the need for improvements in innovation, labour productivity, and housing affordability to enhance the province's prosperity.

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New Act Streamlines International Credential Recognition in B.C.

Starting July 1, 2024, the International Credentials Recognition Act will simplify and speed up the process for internationally educated professionals to get their credentials recognized in B.C., removing barriers and making the process more transparent. The act impacts 29 professions and includes measures such as eliminating Canadian work experience requirements and ensuring fair fees for both international and domestic applicants.

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Okanagan College Begins Construction on New Centre for Food, Wine, and Tourism

Okanagan College is set to begin construction on a \$55.8-million Centre for Food, Wine, and Tourism, expected to open in 2026. The new facility will enhance the region's tourism and hospitality industries by providing specialized training and education.



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Infrastructure and Transportation



New Clean Energy Strategy with Solar and Battery Rebates

The Government of British Columbia has launched a new clean energy strategy, which includes rebates for installing rooftop solar and battery storage systems. This initiative aims to support the province's shift towards a clean energy economy, create new job opportunities, and keep electricity affordable.

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Health and Safety



WorkSafeBC Proposes New Measures to Enhance Crane Safety

WorkSafeBC has recommended a series of changes to improve crane safety, including enhanced certification programs, increased inspections, and new regulations, following recent crane-related incidents. These measures aim to address the growing risks associated with the increasing number of cranes operating on complex worksites in B.C.

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Diversity and Inclusion



Kitselas First Nation, Canada, and B.C. Initial Draft Kitselas Treaty

The Kitselas First Nation, in collaboration with the



Canadian and British Columbian governments, has initialed the draft Kitselas Treaty, marking a significant step towards nation-to-nation relationships. This treaty will enhance Kitselas' self-determination, governance, and economic development, pending ratification.

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Support and Funding



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

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