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Industry News



Jobs and prosperity for a stronger B.C. and Canada

B.C. releases its *Look West* strategy, a 10-year plan to accelerate major project approvals, double trades-training funding and attract \$200B in private investment across construction, LNG, critical minerals and other growth sectors.

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Proposed Ksi Lisims LNG terminal in northern B.C. has been added to the federal fast-track list, increasing the likelihood of construction in 2026, supported by new transmission-line investments for LNG and mining.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Ottawa invests \$6B in trade corridors and Arctic infrastructure to double non-U.S. exports by expanding port, rail and transport capacity across Canada.

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Ottawa–Alberta pipeline deal advances, committing both governments to pursue a West Coast oil pipeline and review B.C.'s tanker ban, tied to emissions, carbon pricing and transition policy.

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North Coast Transmission Line passes by one vote, fast-tracking a \$6B project to support mines and LNG development after Premier Eby tied the bill to confidence.

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Labour and Economy



B.C. launches a review of its post-secondary system to address declining enrolment, rising costs and financial instability, aiming to strengthen training capacity needed for major projects under the Look West plan.

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An independent review of CleanBC recommends strengthening B.C.'s climate plan to cut emissions and support a resilient economy; government is evaluating next steps.

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A new national agreement led by B.C. removes major interprovincial barriers allowing goods legally sold in one province to be sold across Canada without extra testing or approvals.

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BC Building Trades seeks a formal role in new BC Infrastructure Act regulations, advocating for local hiring, apprenticeships and strong oversight as the province fast-tracks major projects.

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Open positions in construction increased 14.9% in September (+5,100), reversing summer declines. The vacancy rate reached 3.2%, signalling renewed labour demand despite stable year-over-year levels.

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WorkSafeBC marks one year of its new tower-crane rules, noting more than 900 project notices filed and expanded inspections since the 2024 crane incidents, though some risks remain.

Technology and Innovation



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B.C. launches DASH housing tool to speed up standardized prefab design, cutting costs and helping deliver affordable homes faster.



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Canada updates the Energy Efficiency Act to include online sales, digital labels and streamlined approvals, aiming to lower energy costs and modernize building and industrial technologies.

Support and Funding



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B.C. invests \$241M to double skilled trades-training funding over three years, expanding apprenticeship seats, reducing waitlists, and advancing skilled-trades certification to support major construction and industrial projects.



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

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