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Industry News



National Day of Mourning: A Call to Strengthen Workplace Safety in B.C.

On the National Day of Mourning, we honoured those lost to workplace injuries and illness.

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New Federal 'Build Canada Homes' Program

Prime Minister Mark Carney's new Liberal government is prioritizing the "Build Canada Homes" program to directly address housing shortages, but experts and industry leaders stress the need for clear jurisdiction and consultation with the construction sector to ensure its success.

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Canada Elects Liberal Minority Government as



Carney Prepares to Govern and Meet Trump

Canada's 2025 federal election resulted in a Liberal minority under Prime Minister Mark Carney, signalling the need for cross-party collaboration in Parliament. As Carney prepares for talks with U.S. President Trump, shifts in leadership, including Poilievre's projected seat loss and Jagmeet Singh's resignation, signal a significant reshaping of Canada's political landscape.

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Canada Post Strike Threat: Business Contingency Planning Urged Ahead of May 22 Deadline

Contract talks remain stalled over weekend staffing issues, and the risk of a disruption remains high. Businesses are advised to secure alternative carriers.

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Woodfibre LNG Seeks Second Floatel

Woodfibre LNG is proposing a second floatel at its Squamish site to house an additional 900 skilled tradespeople.

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B.C. Prompt Payment Legislation Moves Forward Following Industry Consultation

B.C.'s Ministry of Attorney General is developing prompt payment legislation based on industry feedback and models from other provinces.



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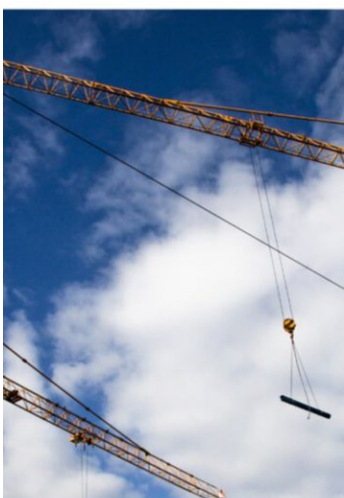


BCCA Urges No Exemptions in B.C.'s Upcoming Prompt Payment Legislation

As B.C. prepares to introduce prompt payment legislation by fall 2025, the BCCA insists it must apply to all public and private sector owners.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Legislation to Fast-Track Infrastructure and Boost Economic Growth

B.C.'s new Infrastructure Projects Act aims to fast-track permitting and approvals for schools, hospitals, and other critical builds.

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Metro Vancouver Report Reveals Urgent Need for Affordable Rentals Annually

New data from Metro Vancouver highlights a major shortfall in affordable rental housing, with only a fraction of the 11,400 units needed each year being built.

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Streamlining Permits for Renewable Energy Projects

New legislation would make the BC Energy Regulator the single permitting authority for renewable energy projects.

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TransLink Approves Major Bus Service Expansion Across Metro Vancouver

TransLink's newly approved 2025 Investment Plan will deliver the region's largest bus service expansion since 2018.

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Labour and Economy



Canadian Economy Contracts 0.2% in February; Q1 Growth Estimated at 1.5%

Statistics Canada reports a 0.2% dip in GDP for February, driven by declines in construction, mining, and transportation, largely attributed to severe weather.

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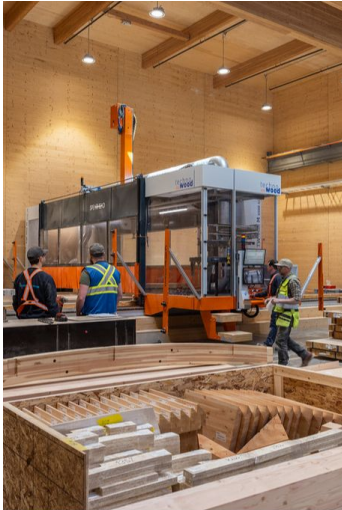


Construction Employment Down in February Despite 40,000 Vacancies



Canada's construction sector saw a 0.3% drop in payroll employment in February 2025, aligning with national trends.

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B.C. Invests in Forestry Manufacturing

New provincial funding through the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund is helping forestry-sector manufacturers expand operations.

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B.C. Business Groups Call for Bold Federal Action on Trade, Tariffs, and Innovation

B.C. business leaders urge the federal government to cut red tape, harmonize interprovincial trade rules, and boost tax incentives for innovation.

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Health and Safety



B.C. Urges Residents to Prepare for Floods, Wildfires, and Drought This Spring

With rising seasonal hazards like spring flooding, wildfires, and drought, British Columbians are



encouraged to prepare emergency kits.

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Support and Funding



Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation

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. If you want to get involved through donations or sponsorships, please [reach out](#).**

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

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