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This week's CLR INFO covers the Show Up for Safer Workplaces mental health program, federal workforce investments, and updates on infrastructure funding, trade activity, and long-term development planning.

Industry News



Canadian mayors warn that delays in federal infrastructure funding could slow construction projects, increase costs, and disrupt the 2026 construction season.

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Infrastructure and Transportation



Environmental Assessment Office seeks feedback on proposed expedited process that could reduce review timelines for designated infrastructure projects.

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A coalition targeting \$100 million for Canadian carbon removal projects by 2030 has been launched by the federal government and major companies to support the growing industry.

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The future of Vancouver's development over the next 30 years is up for debate as the city's proposed Official Development Plan heads to a public hearing and must be adopted by June 30 under provincial requirements.

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A new overheight-detection system to enhance road safety will be installed on Highway 1 in Abbotsford to warn overheight vehicles and help prevent overpass collisions.

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The Port of Vancouver handled a record 170.4 million tonnes of cargo in 2025, driven by strong exports and growing trade with markets outside the United States.

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The federal government has extended temporary EI Work-Sharing flexibilities to March 31, 2027, allowing employers to reduce hours rather than lay off workers during economic slowdowns.

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The Government of Canada is investing up to \$94.5 million over five years to strengthen workforce development and labour market data across key sectors, including construction.

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Health and Safety



BCCWITT supported mental health program “Show Up For Safer Workplaces” is helping construction workers and leaders address mental health, substance use, and psychological safety through a four-day training program aimed at building healthier job sites.

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Support and Funding



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

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