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Industry News



Canada's Aluminum Industry Holds Strong Amid U.S. Tariffs, While Steel Faces Greater Challenges

Canada's aluminum sector remains resilient due to strong U.S. demand, contractual protections, and access to low-cost hydropower, while steel producers brace for economic impacts.

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Labour and Economy





Secretary Hints at Possible Deal

Trump tells Congress that tariffs will benefit the U.S., while his Commerce Secretary signals a possible compromise, leaving Canada and Mexico preparing strong retaliatory measures.

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Premier Responds to U.S. Tariffs with Economic and Trade Measures

Premier Eby announces immediate actions to counter U.S. tariffs, including prioritizing Canadian and B.C. businesses, and reinforcing economic resilience.

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2025 Provincial Budget: Investing in Jobs, Public Services, and Economic Stability

The 2025 Provincial Budget, Standing Strong for B.C., outlines a plan to protect jobs, strengthen public services, and build economic resilience against the impact of economic uncertainties.

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Canada's Economy Grew 2.6% in Q4 2024, Surpassing Expectations

The country's economy grew, driven by strong household spending, a retail surge, and a rebound in residential construction, but looming U.S. tariffs pose potential risks to continued growth.



Infrastructure



Review Team Announced for North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant

Metro Vancouver has appointed an independent review team, led by Peter Milburn, to assess the financial evolution, budget reliability, and governance of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant, a project facing delays and cost overruns now estimated at \$3.86 billion.

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Surrey Langley SkyTrain Construction Reaches Major Milestone

Construction on the Surrey Langley SkyTrain is advancing, and key station developments are planned for 2025, ultimately reducing travel time between Langley City Centre and downtown Vancouver.

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Enbridge Announces \$400M B.C. Pipeline Expansion Amid U.S. Tariff Uncertainty

Enbridge Inc. is investing \$400 million to expand its natural gas pipeline network in Northern B.C., increasing supply to B.C., Alberta, and the U.S., as new U.S. tariffs on Canadian energy exports spark calls for further expansion in the fossil fuel sector.

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Diversity and Inclusion



Women in Construction Week: March 2-8, 2025

Women in Construction Week celebrates the contributions of women in construction under the theme "Together We Rise," encouraging companies to support, recognize, and advance women in construction.

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Support and Funding



Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation: Scholarships and Bursaries Now Available

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.

Learn More and Share



For a list of current funding resources and supports for employers and apprentices visit the CLR website.

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