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Government is introducing legislation and an action plan to strengthen support for post-secondary communities in preventing and responding to sexual violence.

"Sexual violence is never acceptable, and it's critical that post-secondary institutions and community members be equipped with the tools, resources, and training needed to prevent and respond to sexual violence effectively and compassionately," said Jessie Sunner, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. "We are taking meaningful action to foster safe, respectful, and inclusive learning and working environments across post-secondary institutions, so people can feel supported, empowered and protected in their communities." The proposed sexual-violence policy act will help improve preven-tion of and responses to sexual violence in the public post-secondary sector. The act will strengthen consultation requirements, increase accountability and transparency in annual reports, reduce barriers for people when making formal allegations of sexual violence and help support institutions to develop policies that are guided by a trauma-in-formed approach.

B.C. continues to lead nationally in supporting efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence in the post-secondary sector. B.C. was one of the first provinces to pass legislation that requires post-secondary institutions to have a sexual violence policy in place. Since 2017, all public institutions have had sexual violence policies in place.

In recent years, the ministry has received feedback from students, staff, Indigenous partners and community organizations about opportunities to strengthen and improve the current act's provisions and implementation. In response, the ministry undertook a comprehensive review of existing policies and engaged with post-sec-

ondary communities and partners to inform the development of new legislation.

The proposed sexual-violence policy act will replace the existing Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act, and close gaps in the current framework and strengthen institutions' responses to sexual violence. This reflects government's priority to create safer communities and ensure the approach to responding to sexual violence in post-secondary communities is trauma informed and survivor centred.

To build on existing efforts to prevent and

respond to sexual violence, the Province is also releasing a new Sexu-Post-Secondary al Violence Action Plan with a commitment to 12 actions. Actions 1, 3 and 8 have been completed in recent months. Once fully implemented, the action plan will help create safer post-secondary environments, reduce barriers for survivors seeking support, and strengthen institutions' responses to sexual violence throughout B.C.

"These legislative changes are making a real difference in addressing sexual violence and supporting survivors across our post-second-

ary communities," said Jennifer Blatherwick, parliamentary secretary for gender equity. "This is the work we remain committed to every single day: building safer, more inclusive post-secondary institutions and strengthening the foundation for healthier, more resilient communities in B.C."

The new sexual-violence policy act aligns with and supports the implementation of several actions outlined in the action plan, namely actions 2, 4, 6, 9 and 11. As part of the ongoing work, the ministry will continue to update its annual sexual-violence awareness campaign to

reflect sector needs and best practices. Preparations for the 2025-26 campaign are underway, with the launch anticipated in early 2026.

To inform the legislative changes, the ministry engaged extensively with students, faculty, staff, Indigenous part-ners and community organizations. These partners also validated and provided feedback for the action plan. The ministry will continue to work with its partners to support efforts that address sexual violence and to implement the remaining actions in the action plan.









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New legislation will ensure prompt payment in B.C.'s construction industry

workers from the construction sector will benefit from greater certainty with new legislation that will ensure contractors, subcontractors and workers are paid fairly

and on time.
"This legislation is about fairness. Getting paid on time shouldn't be a struggle," said Niki Sharma, Attorney General. "When contractors and workers are paid fairly and on time, projects stay on track and on budget, small businesses are stronger and jobs are more secure. By setting clear rules for payment and providing an efficient way to resolve disputes, we are supporting jobs and helping B.C.'s economy grow."

Chronic delays payments have created financial hardship for construction many businesses, especially small and mediumsized contractors, and put stress on workers and their families. The new prompt-payment legislation will:

set clear timelines payment on construction projects; establish a fast-track adjudication process to resolve paymentrelated disputes; and improve cash flow and stability across the construction industry. The proposed system is based on modéls used in other Canadian jurisdictions, including Ontario and Alberta, where prompt-payment laws have delivered real benefits for businesses and workers. The new adjudication process will allow disputes to be resolved quickly by an independent



alternative lengthy and costly court proceedings.

"Construction workers, contractors subcontractors buildtheinfrastructure that communities rely on - schools, hospitals, on - schools, hospitals, roads, housing and more," said Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. "By making sure they are paid promptly and fairly, we are helping projects move forward smoothly and supporting good jobs for people throughout the province."

Industry groups in B.C. have strongly supported bringing in prompt-payment rules, and government has worked closely with the sector to ensure the approach reflects the needs of B.C. contractors, subcontractors and owners.

"We welcome this

adjudicator, providing critical step toward payment certainty for B.C.'s construction industry," said Chris Atchison, president, Columbia British Construction Association (BCCA). "It marks a new starting line that sustained requires collaboration between industry and government. Establishing fairness in how money flows means the industry can focus on building, not battling over payment. BCCA remains committed to continuing to work with the provincial government on this important issue." Once passed, the legislation will come into force after a transition period.

This will allow time establish adjudication authority and to support industry through outreach and education, so businesses of all sizes

understand their rights and responsibilities under the new system. Prompt-payment rules will apply broadly to both private- and public-sector projects in B.C., including government contracts, unless specific exemptions are set out by regulation.

By improving cashflow in one of B.C.'s largest sectors, the new legislation will help support the schools, hospitals, housing and infrastructure projects people rely on. This is part of a broader plan to move B.C. forward with a stronger economy that works better for workers, families and communities.

Quotes:

Matt MacInnis, president, Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia

"Electrical contractors are the hidden engine

of our communities and economy, homes, powering schools, hospitals, industrial sites and workplaces. Yet too often, they're forced to wait months for payment while still covering payroll and supplier costs. Prompt-payment legislation brings fairness and certainty to everyone in the construction chain and will help improve consistency across projects. This bill is about protecting workers and contractors, keeping projects moving and ensuring B.C.'s construction industry remains strong."

Phil Venoit, provincial chair, B.C.'s International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

"IBEW members power up the projects that keep this province running. For far too long, many of our contractors and tradespeople have been left waiting to get paid for the work they've already completed. This legislation means paycheques come on time, families have more security and workers can focus on doing the quality work B.C. depends on.

The construction industry is one of the largest employers in

The ability to refer a dispute to adjudication doesn't displace parties' rights to litigate or arbitrate, but it provides them with an alternative that is faster and more affordable.

The costs of adjudication will be borne by industry, making the system self-sustaining.

Province to remove barriers, make way for more child care at schools

The Province has introduced legislation to enable school districts in B.C. to support families with more child care on school grounds.

'As a parent, I know that finding safe, convenient and affordable child care is a top pri-ority for young families, but it's not always easy," said Premier David Eby. "We are building a seamless child care system in our province that supports parents from the early years through to graduation. This legislation is the first step on the path to getting more child care on school grounds all across our province. Using our existing infrastruc-ture and partnering with school districts is a smart, sustainable solution that puts existing resources to their best use for families."

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, government ta-bled Bill 19, the school amendment act. If passed, this act will enable school districts to provide child care to children of all ages, including infants and



toddlers. Districts also will be allowed to provide care during nonschool days, such as professional development days, and winter, spring and summer breaks.

These changes could also improve the ability of school districts to support sustainable child care programs or expansions by ensuring districts can recover reasonable costs, similar to how nonfor-profit centres can

operate. School districts will work with local communities and First Nations to inform expansion planning and how best to meet community needs.

'Our successful child care on school grounds pilots in places like Okanagan-Similkameen have shown us what's possible when we work in partnership with local districts," said Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Not

only will these changes make way for more access to high-quality care before and after school, younger kids will also get a chance to familiarize themselves with spaces and faces at school, setting them up for success for their future K-12 journey." Since

2018, government has undertaken plans to build more child care spaces and provide significant for savings families. ChildCareBC's space-creation programs have helped fund more than 41,500 new licensed child care spaces in B.C., with 26,200 of these open and providing care for families. School districts have been strong partners in creating these new spaces, with more than 14,700 new spaces on school grounds and more than 7,600 of those spaces open across 43 school districts.

"Empowering school districts to support child care throughout B.C. is a fantastic way to expand access to care, while using spaces effectively, said Rohini Arora, parliamentary secretary for child care. "These proposed changes will make a real difference in the future of our communities - one where families can really see themselves thriving with child care stability and continuity for years to come.

If passed, this legislation will allow school districts to add child care spaces on school grounds and opt into

the Province's Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative program, which reduces the cost of child care for families by as much as \$900 per child per month. The Affordable Child Care Benefit is also available to reduce parents' fees further and, in some cases, can eliminate fees altogether for the families that need it most.

Expanding access to school-age care in B.C. could create more job openings for those looking to join the workforce, as well as providing current employees with new opportunities in this field.

The Province will continue to work closely with school districts, local governments and community partners to identify opportunities and create new sustainable spaces that meet the needs of families in every corner of B.C. as part of government's continued work to building a universally accessible child care system in the province.



Stronger tools coming to protect people from credit fraud

B.C. consumers will benefit from stronger tools to protect against credit-related fraud and to support confident financial decision-making, with the introduction of the second phase of amendments to modernize consumer protection laws.

"These changes will help consumers take control of their financial health and protect British Columbians against credit fraud and misleading business practices, said Niki Sharma, Attorney General. "We're continuing to modernize our laws to reflect the realities of today's marketplace and ensure consumers have the tools they need to make informed financial decisions."

passed, the new amendments will:

help consumers access their credit report and score monthly for free and set up security alerts and credit freezes free of charge, providing more people with control of their critical financial information;

create new rules for



credit-reporting agen-cies and credit-repair businesses to ensure their services are being delivered to consumers accurately and transparently; and

create new roadblocks to help protect against identity and credit fraud, making it harder for fraudsters to open credit card accounts or take out loans.

The proposed legislative changes will update the Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act (BPCPA), the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA), and the Motor Dealer Act (MDA), building on the first phase of reforms passed in March 2025.

"These changes will give people stronger control over their credit information and the ability to make confident financial decisions," said Diana Gibson, Minister of Citizens' Services. "Removing barriers peo-ple face when accessing and correcting credit information is important for their financial security.'

The credit-related protections bring B.C. in line with other consumer-protection laws in place across Canada, such as in Quebec and Ontario.

These amendments were developed based on industry and stakeholder engagement and consultation, including input from consumer-advocacy groups. The Province will continue to work with Consumer Protection B.C. and stakeholders to support a smooth transition and ensure businesses have time to adjust their practices.

These amendments are part of government's work to protect consumers, including newcomers and people with lower incomes or disabilities, and build a fairer marketplace that works for all people in British Columbia.

Quotes: Tolga Yalkin, CEO, B.C. Financial Services Authority – "As B.C.'s

regulator of financial services, we welcome efforts to strengthen consumer protection. We value ongoing collaboration with government and stakeholders to advance consumer protection and help ensure the financial sector remains responsive to the needs of British Columbians."

Peta V. Wales, president and CEO, Credit Counselling Society

'Consumers deserve tools that not only protect them from fraud but also help them take charge of their financial future. Regular, free access to credit reports, faster error correction and stronger rules credit-repair around services are important steps toward building trust and confidence in the financial system, while also reducing the stress and anxiety that can be felt by many when it comes to managing their finances."

Sue Hutchison, president and CEO, Equifax Canada -

Equifax Canada is excited to partner with the government to empower consumers by introducing credit freeze in the province. We know this can significantly enhance consumers' ability to protect themselves against the impacts of fraud and identity theft. This collaboration with the B.C. government underscores our unwavering commitment to helping Canadians live their financial best, and we support B.C. as they implement stronger tools for consumers to protect themselves credit-related against fraud.'

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temporary pause in August from its

gradual upturn.

These developments are in line with our view that rebuilding market confidence will support a slow recovery in the second half of 2025, and set the stage for stronger demand in 2026.

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2025 Nissan Armada PRO-4X: Premium Heavyweight Off- Roader!

Auto review by Veeno Dewan

The Nissan full -size Armada premium SUV undergoes significant changes for 2025. Buyers will be glad to know the stellar ability to haul up to eight passengers in three rows of seats and plenty of cargo space is retained. It looks good too with a more streamlined refined look to the boxy profile. new The thirdgeneration Nissan Armada starts with a new frame and a special version of the high-performance Nissan V6 GT-R engine. (Replacing the previous V8.) This unit produces an impressive horsepower in this edition with a strong 516 pound-feet of torque. A new nine-speed automatic transmission drives all four wheels. The Armada has an impressive standard towing capacity of 8,500 pounds with a Class IV tow hitch and harness/pre-7-pin wiring included on all grades.

The 2025 Nissan Armada is offered in five well-equipped models: SL, Platinum, Platinum Reserve and Platinum Reserve with Captain's Chairs. and finally, the as tested Off-Road orientated Armada PRO-4X. Pricing ranges from \$84,998 to \$105,998. Plus PDI, freight and taxes.

All 2025 Armada trims have: wireless Apple CarPlay and wireless Android Auto, and a huge luxury and convenience equipment



specification. Standard on all trims is the ProPILOT Assist system, which combines Intelligent Cruise Control with steering assistance to help the driver stay in their lane and maintain a set speed and distance to the vehicle ahead.

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We tested the 2025
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Armada Pro-4X has a base price of \$94,998, a significant increase over the base model Armada. The PRO-4X off-road trim Package adds equipment such as: P275/60R20 allterrain tires, underbody protection skid plate, an electronic-locking rear differential, and multiple terrain drive modes. The PRO-4X also adds a revised front bumper for improved incline approach angles and adaptive air suspension that provides up to 11.4 inches of ground clearance. The Drive modes have eight settings - Standard, Eco, Sport, Tow, Snow,

Sand, Rock, Mud/Rut. Hill descent control, and an off-road display with inclinometer, slip indicator, and steering angle indicator is also added.

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New meeting rules will strengthen Indigenous, local government relations

legislative amendments in response to the desire of First Nations and local governments to make it easier to work together and better protect confidential and culturally sensitive information.

Currently, local governments can only close meetings for a limited set of reasons that do not include First Nation relations. The amendments to the Community Charter and Vancouver Charter would allow local governments to hold closed meetings when discussing culturally sensitive and confidential infor-mation shared by First Nations, and require meetings to be closed during negotiations with First Nations or other local governments.

Local governments can vote or pass resolutions in closed meetings, but all bylaws must be adopted in open meetings.

"Today's changes are a practical step towards better collaboration, stronger relationships and reconciliation," said Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. "These changes give First Nations and local governments the space to discuss culturally sensitive and confidential information related to government-to-government negotiations without fear of harm."

The new rules would apply only to specific situations and are being enacted to balance the need for public transparency with requests from local governments and First Nations to support their ability to hold in-cam-



era (confidential) discussion's about certain Indigenous heritage sites and knowledge, or during government-to-government negotiations and discussions.

The proposed amendments are in response to direct requests for changes from the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM), the City of Vancouver and other local governments. "Local governments have sought a legislative amendment that would allow for in-camera meetings when confidential information relating to negotiations with First Nations or another local government are under discussion," said Cori Ramsay, president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities. am pleased to see this change brought into law

to provide measures to safeguard confidentiality when it is needed.'

For example, if a local government is considering a land-use decision that could affect a First Nation's traditional bathing site along a river, the First Nation may not want to share the exact location in a public meeting, to protect the site from vandalism, increased public use or unauthorized removal of culturally significant items. The new rules would allow the local government to close the meeting for this purpose. 'We support the intention of the proposed legislative amendment. It is essential to have the ability to conduct in-camera meetings when discussing sensitive matters, resulting in a more open

and frank discourse, and which will provide an opportunity for various perspectives to come forward," said Hugh Braker, First Nations Summit political executive. "Many First Nations have sensitive cultural information that is kept confidential. even within the First Nation. It is important that First Nations have the ability, when nec-essary, to protect their culture and traditions while engaging in sometimes sensitive discussions with local governments. This amendment addresses requests from First Nations and local governments to provide the space for respectful government-to-government dialogue.

The proposed legislation will also require that a meeting be closed if it includes confidential information related to negotiations between local governments, or between a local government and a First Nation. There will be no changes to the requirements for local governments to make final decisions and pass bylaws in open meetings.

"As the City of Reconciliation, Vancouver wel-comes these changes that strengthen government-to-government relationships," said Ken Sim, mayor of Vancouver. "They represent an important step forward in how local govern-ments and First Nations work together, grounded in respect, trust and a shared commitment."

The proposed changes support B.C. government's obligations under the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and follow Section 18.1 of B.C.'s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Under this section, public bodies must not release information that could harm the rights of Indigenous Peoples, such as their ability to protect cultural heritage or traditional knowledge.

The B.C. government introduced the miscellaneous statutes amendment act (No. 2), 2025 to the legislative assembly on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025. If passed by the legislative assembly, the changes to the Community Charter and Vancouver Charter would come into effect upon receiving royal assent.

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Movies 101!

Lots and lots and lots of people are involved in the movie industry in B.C. They don't call Vancouver Hollywood North for nothing. Now those curious about "cashing in" on this growing economic sector will find The Scout rather appealing. Part of the 2025 Vancouver International Film Festival this movie is timely and informative. Notice how I didn't say exciting.

Let's follow the day to day life and grind of an up and coming location scout here. Now this story can take place wherever they make a movie or television show. Just what a location scout does is well represented. Apart from sending out flyers to elicit places to shoot the movie shows the dynamics of the production when the key crew members pay visits to potential locations. Nothing is cut and dry here as both money and egos are on the line as the filmmakers and home/business owner go through the motions in hopes of closing a deal. And the rest, as they say, is history. And that's a wrap!

Showtimes:

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LOSSES AFTER DEMONETISATION

Businessman Raj Kundra has told the Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) that his company, Best Deal TV Pvt Ltd, suffered massive financial losses following the 2016 demonetisation, as the firm relied heavily on cash transactions. The revelation came during a detailed statement recorded by the EOW in connection with the ongoing Rs. 60 crore cheating case involving Kundra and his wife, actor Shilpa Shetty.

According to police officials, a team of four to five EOW officers visited the couple's Mumbai residence last week and recorded their statements for nearly four hours. The move comes shortly after the Bombay High Court raised questions about their request to travel abroad amid the ongoing investigation. Kundra, whose statement was first recorded on September 15, reportedly provided additional details in a second round of questioning. As per a senior officer, he informed the police that the company had invested over Rs. 20 crore in advertising and an equal amount in setting up operations and staffing.



SUNIEL SHETTY APPROACHES BOMBAY HIGH COURT SEEKING PROTECTION OF PERSONALI-TY RIGHTS

Suniel Shetty has approached the Bombay High Court, seeking legal protection for his personality rights. While the full details of his plea are yet to be disclosed, reports indicate that the actor cited a viral deepfake image featuring him and his grandchild in his appeal. Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty moves the Bombay High Court for protection of his personality rights. The actor has stated that many social media pages and websites use his image to promote their business. The actor also cited an instance of a deep fake picture with his grandchild," Bar and Bench reported.

Introduction of housing and municipal affairs statutes amendment act, 2025

Government duced the housing and municipal affairs statutes amendment act, 2025 (Bill 25) to the legislative assembly on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025. These amendments will support implementation of small-scale, multi-unit zoning and changes to the Province's short-term rental rules.

If passed by the legislature, the amendments will affect the following provincial statutes:

Local Government Act and Vancouver Char-

The proposed changes will ensure all local governments are meeting the smallmulti-unit scale, housing requirements allowing more diverse forms of housing, such as triplexes, rowhomes and townhomes, consistently throughout B.C.

While the Province expects only a small number of communities to be affected, the changes will remove barriers to the development of small-scale, multiunit housing by clarifying where this type of housing will be al-



amend the Local Government Act and Vancouver Charter to:

remove barriers to consistent conditions throughout the Province for small-scale, multiunit housing by clarifying the definition of where it will be al-

This change will prevent local governments from excluding zones where smallmulti-unit scale, housing should be allowed or making further restrictions that make it more difficult to build anything other than single-fam-If passed, this bill will ily or duplex hous-

ing for communities with more than 5,000 people, and within urban-containment boundaries.

expand the list of provincial site standards that can be regulated: the amount of buildable area and number of buildings on a lot; housing forms (to allow triplexes, rowhomes and townhouses); and

parking requirements (to ensure excessive parking requirements that mandate several parking spaces per unit are not limiting housing development).

If monitoring indi-

cates that overly restrictive site standards and excessive off-street parking requirements continue to serve as barriers to the viability of homes that families need in some communities, the Province can put recommended minimum standards into regulations and require local governments to implement those standards to enable small-scale, multi-unit housing. Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act:

To ensure homes are being used to house people, not speculation, the proposed amendments to the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act include: improving clarity for

existing or prospective short-term rental hosts;

amending the defi-nition of "principal residence" to help

existing or prospective short-term rental hosts more easily understand and comply with the act, and support timely enforcement;

revising the process for reviews of registration and administrative-penalty decisions to ensure consistenimproving the ability to share information between government entities, to make sure rules are easily understood so they can be applied consistently, especially regarding what can be done information shared under formal agreements; and

strengthening forcement, with new tools to further deter people from breaking the rules by:

enabling compliance and enforcement actions when false information is provided during the registration process;

publication of compliance actions and orders to deter non-compliance;

allowing the director of short-term rentals to reduce or cancel administrative monetary penalties by agreement to encourage faster compliance; and

amendments would also be made to make all sections of the act available to Modern Treaty Nations, so First Nations, such as the Tsawwassen First Nation, can apply the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act on their lands through a co-ordination agree-

Safety planning updated to better support children, families

strengthening safety planning, helping families stay connected, while mitigating safety concerns for children and youth.

Safety plan agreements are voluntary, shortterm agreements that are developed in collaboration with parents for the care of the child or youth. These agreements mitigate safety concerns in a way that supports the child or youth to remain safely with their parent,



or with a trusted adult (as arranged by their

parent), while awaiting the outcome of a

child-protection assessment or investigation, or decision on a court order.

In January 2025, the ministry introduced In Janu-ministry Inco-tion changes strengthen safety planning practices, ensuring children remain safe, while maintaining connections with their families. These amendments to the Child, Family and Community Service Act will clarify and support the practice of safety planning by:

defining the purpose and scope of safety plans;

confirming that participation is voluntary;

if the parent(s) agree, allowing the inclusion of additional parties, such as a child's Indigenous community;

improving existing safeguards to protect existing families, such as:

ensuring parents are informed of their ability to access legal advice; making it clear that parents can end the plan at any time;

requiring safety plans to be documented and shared with all parties as soon as practicable; and

limiting the term of safety plans to 45 days (successive safety plans can be entered in some situations).

These legislative updates are part of the Province's ongoing commitment to strengthening services for children, youth and



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