



Alaska

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Toronto Island Airport

UPDATE: Construction worker dies in fall from Billy Bishop airport roof

TORONTO — A 41-year-old male construction worker has died after falling off the roof of a building at Billy Bishop airport on Toronto Island mid-morning yesterday (March 27).



The Ministry of Labour determined the worker was an employee of Vixman Construction Ltd., a subcontractor of PCL Constructors Canada Inc. PCL is working on the site upgrading the terminal at the airport.

Police reported they received a call after 10 a.m. relating to an incident that occurred at a building on the south side of the airport.

A volunteer firefighter on the scene attempted life-saving manoeuvres including CPR and police and emergency workers, including the airport's own fire department, were summoned but the worker was pronounced dead on the scene.

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Feds award \$80M Alaska Highway maintenance contract



FORT NELSON, B.C. — The federal government has announced the awarding of a five-year, \$80-million maintenance contract to White Bear Industries of Terrace, B.C. to perform maintenance on an 835-kilometre section of the Alaska Highway.

The highway covered by the contract extends north of Fort St. John, B.C. to the B.C. and Yukon border.

The contract includes rehabilitation of highway surfaces and slopes as well as cleaning and repairing of drainage ditches, a recent media statement said.

Maintenance tasks such as snow removal, sanding, ice controlling, and pavement line marking will also be performed throughout the duration of the contract.

The Alaska Highway stretches 2,450 kilometres across northern B.C. and southern Yukon into Alaska.

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Poland

Work has started on a 310-metre-high Warsaw skyscraper by Foster + Partners, expected to become the tallest building in Poland.



The Varso Tower, or Warsaw Tower, is now under construction on a brownfield site next to the Warszawa Centralna railway station, with completion slated for 2020.

Featuring three staggered volumes, the building will be 310 metres at its highest point, rising well above Poland's current tallest building: the 237-metre-high Palace of Culture and Science, also in the Polish capital.

Foster + Partners designed the tower as the flagship headquarters for real-estate developer HB Reavis. Containing 140,000 square metres of floor space, it will also provide flexible offices for international companies and smaller start-up businesses with views across the city.

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Brick-laying Robot to be used in UK



A UK start-up company has secured exclusive distribution rights to the US-made SAM 100 brick laying robot.

Grant van Wyk, a South African national living in Surrey, has set up Future Construct & Automation Ltd, to distribute US building automation equipment in the UK.

“We are at start-up phase and are very excited about the prospects of the products as they are the first of their kind commercially available worldwide,” he said.

The SAM 100 (Semi Automated Mason) is a bricklaying robot for onsite masonry construction, said to be capable of laying 250 to 300 bricks per hour. The machine is made New York-based Construction Robotics.

It does not eliminate the mason but assists with the repetitive and strenuous task of lifting and placing each brick. The mason continues to own the site setup and final wall quality. Case studies are claimed to show savings on time and reduce the effective cost per brick laid while also improving health and safety on the job.

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