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Should Ontario cyclists be allowed to cross on walk signals? Advocates speak out amid fines

CBC

Cyclists are speaking out after some were hit with hundreds of dollars in fines for riding through a busy Toronto intersection on pedestrian signals, saying being allowed to cross with those walking is a matter of road safety. [Read More](#)

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Commercial building codes lack strong wildfire-management provisions, indoor air quality controls, says expert

The Globe and Mail

Amid a fire season that has seen a record number of blazes, wildfires and poor air quality are top-of-mind concerns for commercial property developers, industry insiders say. [Read More](#)

Potential price hike for bottled, canned drinks on pause as Ontario government tweaks recycling plans

CBC

An initiative that would have seen producers of nonalcoholic beverages pay recycling fees in Ontario has been paused, with the organization set to run it citing the province's recent move to explore a different system for recovering cans and bottles. [Read More](#)

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Byelection will be a measure of public's frustration with health care in Ontario, opposition parties say

Ottawa Citizen

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More careless driving charges dropped in Ontario as courts grapple with pandemic backlogs

CBC

After Meredith Wilkinson lost her right leg six years ago — a garbage truck hit her and dragged her under its front tire — she had to go through driver retraining to get her license back. However, the driver who turned into her in a bike lane wasn't required to do any training at all. [Read More](#)

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Research links river poisoned by paper mill to First Nations youth suicide attempts

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AMO, municipalities call for return of property assessment while chamber wants system overhaul

The Sault Star

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Ontario hospital nurses, health care professionals receive major wage increases in decision that cites the need to retain staff

Ontario Nurses' Association

The Ontario Nurses' Association is welcoming an arbitration decision that includes the most significant wage increases for its more than 65,000 hospital-sector registered nurses and health care professionals in decades, while also noting that this is just the first step in forging better working conditions for those on the front lines. [Read More](#)

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Harvard Business Review

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5 ways to maintain (or build) a positive attitude at work

Kevin Eikenberry

Where would you rather work — a workplace of gloom and doom, or one where people bring a sunny disposition and generally optimistic view, even if things are hard? Even the most hardened cynical curmudgeons would prefer the latter. [Read More](#)

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