The Weekly Review

Statistics Canada's look at the week

Less than 10% of businesses use clean technologies

In 2019, 8.6% of all businesses in Canada used clean technologies. Businesses in the utilities sector had



the highest rate of clean technology use (25.8%), followed by the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector (15.3%) and the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector (12.8%).

Source: Survey of Innovation and Business Strategy, 2019

Surplus with the United States rises



Imports from the United States were down 5.2% in April, on lower imports of motor vehicles and parts. Exports to the United States increased 1.4%, supported by higher exports of seafood products and softwood

lumber. Canada's trade surplus with the United States widened from \$4.2 billion in March to \$6.4 billion in April.

Source: Canadian international merchandise trade, April 2021

Nearly half of ATV fatalities are the result of a rollover

Among all ATV-related fatalities, rollovers were reported in 45% of deaths, followed by collisions with a stationary object (16%), ejections (12%) and collisions with a moving vehicle (7%). In at least



51% of ATV-related fatalities from 2013 to 2019, the driver had reportedly consumed alcohol, cannabis or other drugs.

Source: Circumstances surrounding all-terrain vehicle fatalities in Canada, 2013 to 2019

Federal government borrowing activities slow

The federal government raised \$13.4 billion of funds in the form of debt securities in the first quarter, down from \$38.6 billion in the previous quarter. Canadian long-term interest rates were up 85 basis points in the quarter, the largest increase since the second quarter of 1994, reflecting a surge in the cost to borrow funds.

Source: Securities statistics, first quarter 2021

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