

LOCAL NEWS

Province launches new initiative to protect people during extreme heat emergencies

Source: B.C. Ministry of Health

The province is providing BC Hydro \$10 million to install air-conditioning units for low-income individuals with a focus on those medically vulnerable to extreme heat.

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Province assisting communities; people, businesses urged to conserve water

Source: B.C. Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Four of British Columbia's water basins reached Drought Level 5, so province officials are urging individuals and businesses to prioritize water conservation, with possible mandates on the horizon under the Water Sustainability Act should conditions fail to improve.

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Fourth year of Inland Gas Upgrades Project brings more benefits

Source: FortisBC

In the fourth year of its Inland Gas Upgrades Project, FortisBC is working on installing several Pressure Regulating Stations throughout the province.

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Vancouver mass timber office receives funding

Source: REMI Network/Construction Business

The federal government's Green Construction Through Wood Program contributed \$3.5 million to the hybrid mass timber commercial office building at 2150 Keith Drive.

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How to Successfully Integrate Electric Equipment

Source: FacilitiesNet

Grounds managers are working to replace gas-powered equipment with electric equivalents, and management practices need to adapt to support this new technology.

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The Future of Buildings is Net-Zero Energy

Source: FacilitiesNet

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Climate change adaptation efforts unfolding

Source: REMI Network/Canadian Property Management

Canada's finalized climate change adaptation strategy sets out the objectives of the government as the nation faces increasingly extreme and volatile climate-related disasters.

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Record wildfire season in B.C. for area burned with almost 400 fires in the province

Source: The Globe and Mail

British Columbia experienced record wildfires that burned almost 14,000 square kilometres across the province this season, and they're not over yet.

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3 Ways To Increase Chiller Efficiency

Source: FacilitiesNet

As summer continues to scorch Canada, building managers should review the state of their chiller to ensure it is operating at maximum efficiency.

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