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FortisBC Gas Bills Reduced Due to Decreased Cost of Gas Rate October 1

Source: FortisBC

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The British Columbia Utilities Commission gave approval for FortisBC Energy to decrease customer gas bills to \$2.230 per gigajoule beginning October 1.

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Vancouver Looks to Burn Emissions from Commercial Buildings

Source: Vancouver Sun

Metro Vancouver has set its climate sights on large commercial buildings as it tries to control greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. They make up two per cent of building stock in the region but account for 35 per cent of GHG emissions.

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Construction Underway at Vancouver Landfill for Renewable Natural Gas **Facility**

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC has begun construction on its largest Renewable Natural Gas facility to date at Vancouver's landfill in Delta, BC.

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Fully Charged, Faster: BC Hydro Adding Higher-Powered Fast Chargers to its Network

Source: BC Hydro

BC Hydro announced it will be rolling out higher-powered 180-kilowatt charging units in Tumbler Ridge, Manning Park, Mackenzie and Surrey.

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7 Practical Strategies for Onsite Solar Installation

Source: FacilitiesNet

There are numerous factors that commercial property owners and facilities managers should consider when weighing the risks and benefits of investing in solar panels.

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Electrification and Sustainability: The Future of Grounds Management

Source: FacilitiesNet

New battery electric technology will greatly advance electrification in grounds management, but there will be a significant adjustment in attitudes and planning coming from gas tools.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Fast + Epp Head Office - Reaching Net Zero GHGs & Optimizing Thermal Comfort Case Study







Fast + Epp

This case study reveals some of the unique design choices and systems' considerations that were selected for the Fast + Epp office building in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood of Vancouver. This new construction project was for Fast + Epp's head office. They wanted the project to reflect their values of sustainability within a modern and efficient design aesthetic.

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First Zero Carbon Office Tower Opens in Vancouver

Source: REMI Network/Construction Business

Oxford Properties finished the Stack in Vancouver, the first office tower in Canada to achieve the Canada Green Building Council's Zero Carbon Building – Design standard certification.

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Canderel Launches RNZ Building Decarbonization Service

Source: SustainableBIZ Canada

Montreal-based real estate company Canderel Management Inc. has launched its own decarbonization service for landlords and asset managers, dubbed Road to Net Zero (RNZ). RNZ promises a holistic approach to decarbonization, including real-time optimization and monitoring.

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Quebec Companies Publish Decarbonization Manifesto

Source: CarbonLes Affaires

Twenty-four companies from the Quebec Council for Energy Efficient Businesses, including building managers, construction firms, engineering firms and electrical suppliers, have published a Manifesto on decarbonization of buildings in Quebec. The recommendations aim to reduce costs and minimize environmental impacts.

(Article may first appear in French - English translation is available)

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What Steps Should Facility Mangers Take to Decarbonize?

Source: FacilitiesNet

Buildings make up 40 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, and facility managers should look to decrease their buildings' emissions by reevaluating supply chains and procurement and exploring electrification options.

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How to Prepare Facilities for Winter

Source: FacilitiesNet

As winter approaches, facility managers need to begin their preparations to ensure they are prepared for a harsh winter.

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

UBCO Researchers Dive into Ways to Make Public Pools More Environmentally Sustainable

Source: The University of British Columbia

Researchers from the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus are investigating methods to mitigate the environmental impact of publicly owned aquatic facilities.

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Why Every Organization Needs Workers with Sustainability Skills

Souce: The Globe And Mail

Meeting Canada's climate goals will require an increase of both dedicated sustainability professionals and a significant upskilling of the broader work force. Studies suggest, however, that most employers are failing to invest adequately in those skills.

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Why Climate Risk Matrices Should Matter to Investors

Source: SustainableBIZ Canada

Incorporating physical climate risk into portfolio management by developing and applying climate risk matrices should be a key consideration for investors across many varied industries, according to the University of Waterloo's Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation.

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