

LOCAL NEWS

FortisBC Approved to Invest Close to \$700 Million to Help Customers Lower Energy Use

Source: FortisBC

The B.C. Utilities Commission approved Fortis BC's Demand Side Expenditures Plan, which will see it invest \$68.1 million on energy-saving programs for customers in the Southern interior and \$626.7 million to lower its gas customers' bills.

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\$7B Energy Transition Hub Advances Clean Energy Goals in B.C., Canada

Source: ConstructConnect

The Tse'khene Energy Transition Hub in the Kerry Lake East Indian Reserve in northern BC will produce hydrogen gas that will be able to be shipped by rail to a port facility in Prince Rupert.

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Province Updates Act to Prioritize Affordability, Clean Energy

Source: B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

The provincial government is updating the Clean Energy Act to ensure that electricity rates stay affordable while continuing to reduce carbon pollution.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Batteries Included: B.C.'s New Energy-Efficient Battery Manufacturing Facility

Source: BC Hydro

E-One Moli Energy (Canada) is opening Western Canada's first lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant in Maple Ridge, B.C., and it will be powered entirely by renewable energy.

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Minister 'Confident' B.C. Is Adequately Preparing for Drought, Energy Needs

Source: Global News

B.C. Energy Minister Josie Osborne said that she is confident the province is "taking all the steps that need to be taken" to meet electric demand despite some concerns that snowpack levels are insufficient to produce the necessary hydroelectric power.

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NATIONAL NEWS

CRE Fosters All-In Approach to Decarbonization

Source: REMI Network/Canadian Property Management

The Canada Green Building Council offered free training courses about an all-in approach to decarbonization that includes commercial real estate finance, engineering, management and operations teams.

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Canada Moves Closer to Mandatory Sustainability Disclosure

Source: The Globe and Mail

The Canadian Sustainability Standards Board, which comprises 12 accounting, management, legal and sustainability experts, is expected to sign off on three documents that will guide climate-related disclosures. The documents will go out for a public comment period starting in March.

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Continuous Optimization Program: Boosting Energy Savings in B.C. Schools

Source: BC Hydro

BC Hydro and FortisBC's Continuous Optimization program has allowed school districts to improve the efficiency of energy-intensive systems.

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Could Your Facility Generate Its Own Electricity?

Source: BC Hydro

Industrial and large commercial properties can participate in BC Hydro's load displacement program to lower its electricity costs and carbon footprint.

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Registration is Officially Open for Building Benchmark BC



Building Benchmark BC is Canada's largest voluntary building energy benchmarking program. It's free to register, and participants receive a free energy assessment and building scorecard for participating. Participants also get free hands-on support in setting up their buildings in Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

How do you get involved? You can register here at [this link](#) in less than two minutes and have till May 31st to submit your data to the program. With many mandatory programs being implemented or contemplated in the next two years, there has never been a better time to get ahead!

Check out the results from the **Year 4 Building Benchmarking BC Report** (see link below.)

[View Report](#)

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Myths About Green Roofs

Source: FacilitiesNet

Green roofing presents different challenges as many assume that it can go on every single roofing type, which is false.

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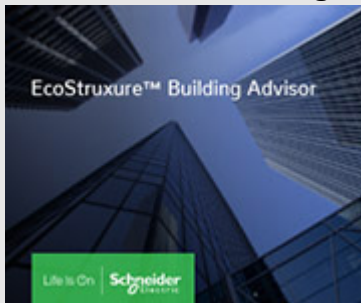
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