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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### A fond farewell to Muneesh



After seven-and-a-half years as our director of government affairs and communications, Muneesh Sharma is moving on to a new role outside of BOMA.

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### Share your energy-saving stories!



Has your building experienced significant energy savings (+/- 25%) within the past year or two? If so, we want to hear why and how you did it!

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### New plan launched to transition customers from fossil fuels to clean made-in-B.C. electricity

Source: BC Gov News

The Government of British Columbia and BC Hydro have launched BC Hydro's new five-year electrification plan. The plan will make it easier and more affordable for people to efficiently use more of B.C.'s clean electricity in place of fossil fuels to power their homes and buildings, businesses and vehicles.

[View BC Hydro's "Make the switch to clean power" info page.](#)

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## REGULATORY NEWS

### City of Vancouver makes changes to permitting process to support commercial buildings



Earlier last month, on behalf of our Board of Directors, BOMA BC presented to Vancouver City Council in support of several proposed amendments to the commercial building permitting process.

We are happy to announce that the city has voted in favour of our recommended changes to the building code

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## EVENTS & EDUCATION

### November Luncheon

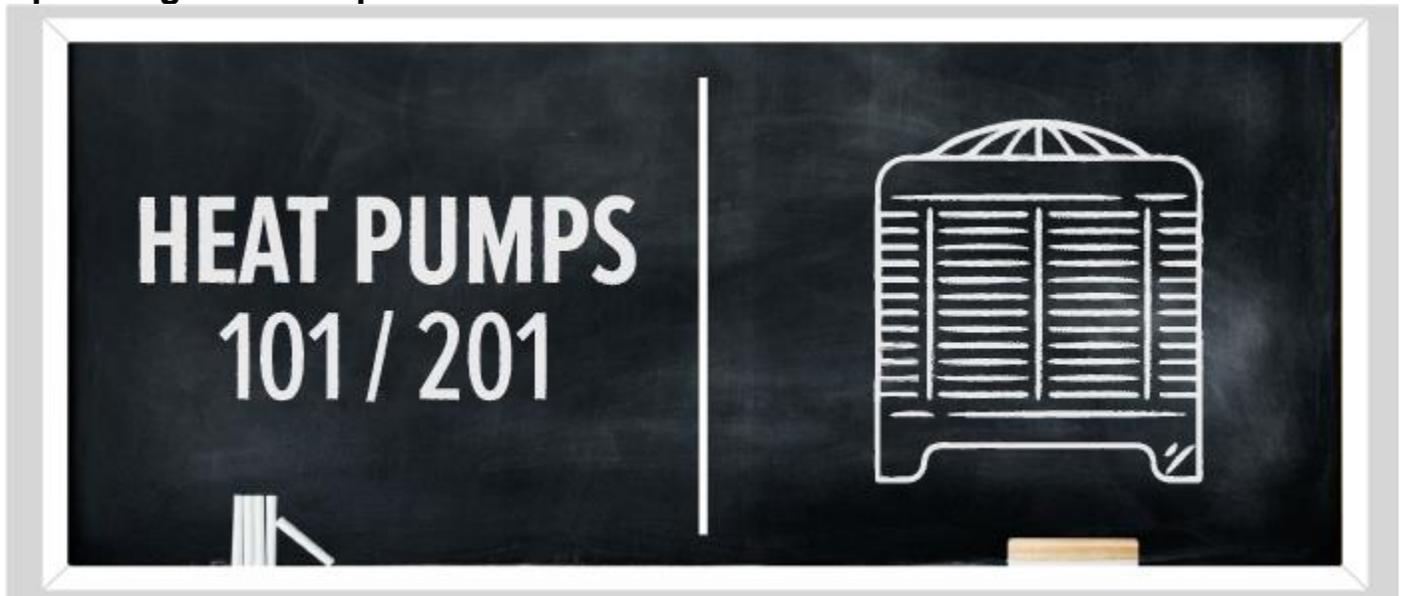


Can commercial tenants require proof of vaccination to enter their premises, and what happens to that information? What are the potential concerns with vaccination policies for commercial buildings?

Join us for a luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 18 as our guest speaker from Roper Greyell LLP discusses disclosure rights, privacy laws and how to navigate vaccination policies in your workspace.

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### Upcoming Heat Pumps Webinar



Everyone is talking about commercial heat pumps as an efficiency solution. Hosted in partnership with the Mechanical Contractors Association of BC (MCABC), [this webinar](#) learning session will provide everything you need to know about them.

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### BOMA Christmas Luncheon: Gift donation request, prize tickets and guest info

# CHRISTMAS ROYALE

A BOMA BC LUNCHEON



**SOLD OUT!**  
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We're less than a month away from the (sold-out!) Casino Royale BOMA Christmas Luncheon and wanted to touch upon a few important details:

#### **Gift donation request:**

We will be accepting donations for the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau (LMCB). This year, they are specifically in need of gifts for pre-teens and teens — [please see our event page](#) for gift suggestions. *Every gift donated will earn one entry into our prize draw for a \$1,000 Visa gift card!*

#### **Luncheon prize tickets:**

Avoid long lines by [purchasing your prize tickets online in advance](#) (online sales close Monday, Nov. 29 at noon). Tickets will also be available for purchase (by credit card only) at the venue inside of the Vancouver Island Room.

#### **Guest info:**

Please don't forget to send us the full name and company name of all your registered guests by Tuesday, Nov. 23 at noon to [bomabc@boma.bc.ca](mailto:bomabc@boma.bc.ca).

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## **December QBT Session**

**QBT**  
12/08/21



## **THE INDUSTRY'S CALL FOR QUALIFIED BUILDING OPERATORS**

Join BOMA and our presenters from WPM and TFM Consultants International for a QBT session addressing the growing demand for skilled building operators in the Lower Mainland (and beyond).

We will discuss a variety of topics, including how the industry can best prepare its new power engineers for roles within the commercial real estate sector and assist operations and building managers in positioning their buildings for a prosperous future.

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### **Pest Management Regulations: An Engagement Session**



A recent provincial ban on second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides has prompted building and property operators to embrace alternative forms of pest control and rethink their rodent management strategies for the short and long term.

If you are interested in learning how others have adapted to meet the new regulations or if you wish to share your own experience, we invite you to participate in our [upcoming interactive webinar](#) to discuss common challenges and best practices.

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### **GOOD TO KNOW**

**City of Vancouver seeking public input on where to focus future growth**

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

Vancouver's municipal government is looking for input as it works to establish its Vancouver Plan, which will look at housing, public transit, civic services, amenities, and more.

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## **5G rollout could bring clutter of antennas**

Source: REMI Network

"Making buildings smarter could force some aesthetic trade-offs as the 5G rollout gets underway in commercial real estate. Mid-band and high-band spectrum carrying the next generation of digital telecommunications will need a boost from a proliferation of new antennas to infiltrate the dense structure and floorplan configurations of typical office and multi-residential towers."

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## **21 B.C. communities now on board for tall wood initiative**

Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect

"A tall wood initiative in B.C. that permits mass timber residential and commercial developments up to 12 storeys is expanding with 21 communities now on board, plus Vancouver which has its own similar program."

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## **New projects boost Renewable Natural Gas supply for FortisBC**

Source: FortisBC, via newswire.ca

An exciting achievement that we hope to see carry over to the commercial market:

"Roughly 8,800 more homes in British Columbia (B.C.) can become carbon neutral following the addition of three new Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) suppliers in partnership with FortisBC Energy Inc (FortisBC), over the last three months."

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## EVENT CALENDAR

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**November Luncheon - Legal Insights into Vaccination Requirements**  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM PDT || Mackenzie Ballroom, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel || 900 Canada Place, Vancouver BC

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**Heat Pumps 101/201 Webinar**  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM PDT - Zoom

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**BOMA Christmas Luncheon**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM PDT || BC Ballroom, Hotel Vancouver || 900 W Georgia Street, Vancouver

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**QBT: Best-In-Class: The industry's call for qualified Building Operators**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM PDT || 250 Howe Street, Mezzanine Level || Vancouver, BC || Zoom (Hybrid)

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## Pest Management Regulations: An Engagement Session - Webinar

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PDT || Zoom

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## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### North Vancouver to be the world's first city to use bitcoin mining for heating

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

Lonsdale Energy Corp. and MintGreen have made a deal to use recovered heat electricity from bitcoin mining to heat residential and commercial buildings in the City of North Vancouver.

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### Vancouver's commercial real estate action tilts east

Source: Western Investor

Commercial real estate development in Vancouver appears to be moving east as areas like Mount Pleasant and False Creek Flats see more development action.

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### New tool helps Victoria building owners gauge solar power potential

Source: Victoria News

Commercial and residential buildings in Victoria may soon be boasting more solar panels thanks to the Solar Rooftop Tool, which assesses the potential for power generation on the rooftops of local buildings.

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### UBC signals plans for larger Fraser Valley presence with purchase of Surrey site

Source: Vancouver Sun

The new site in Surrey will be home to a residential and commercial complex and will allow UBC to better serve students that are already studying and training in the area.

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