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LOCAL NEWS

Fortis BC COVID-19 Customer Recovery Fund

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC is concerned about the impact COVID-19 has had on its customers and their livelihoods. During this challenging time, FortisBC has introduced the Customer Recovery Fund to help minimize the monthly billing impacts to natural gas, propane and electric small business customers in need.



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Why FortisBC is working in your neighbourhood amid COVID-19

Source: FortisBC

The critical need for energy has not changed. It is needed 24-7 and more now than ever. The provincial government, Emergency Management BC and the Provincial Health Officer have deemed FortisBC a critical infrastructure service provider.

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Small businesses can apply for bill relief from BC Hydro

Source: BC Hydro

Under the COVID-19 Relief Fund, BC Hydro small business customers that have closed as a result of pandemic can apply to have their electricity costs waived for up to three months.



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BC Hydro warns customers of an increase in scams since announcing bill help

Source: BC Hydro

BC Hydro is warning customers after it has seen a 350 per cent increase in reported scams in the month of April compared to March.

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Can we build a greener, more livable future for B.C.? Dreams, meet reality

Source: BC Business

Results from a wide-ranging poll of B.C. residents conducted in 2018 by Vancouver-based McAllister Opinion Research for the Real Estate Foundation of BC suggests that they want an environmentally sustainable province where people control what happens.

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Revelstoke working to adopt BC Energy Step Code

Source: Revelstoke Review

The City of Revelstoke's plan to adopt the BC Energy Step Code into the Building Bylaw is in motion. First, the city must notify the Energy Step Code Council of its intention to consult and reference the code. The next step is public consultation on the possible adoption.

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An advertisement for Mitsubishi Electric. The top half features a woman in a yellow hard hat and a blue and white striped shirt, looking upwards with her hand raised. The background is dark with white text. The text reads: "#1 IN VRF AND MINI-SPLIT TECHNOLOGY". Below this is the Mitsubishi Electric logo, which consists of three red diamonds forming a triangle, followed by the text "MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC" and "Heating and Cooling". To the right of the logo is the slogan "EXPECT AMAZING". In the bottom left corner, there is a photograph of a white Mitsubishi Electric VRF system, including an outdoor condenser unit and an indoor air handler. In the bottom right corner, there is contact information: "Contact Us: 1-888-415-6487" and the website URL "http://www.mitsubishielectric.ca/en/hvac/BC".

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Earth Day 2020: Sustainability experts pick their favourite green buildings in Vancouver

Source: The Georgia Straight

Several experts in sustainability shared their favourite green buildings in celebration of Earth Day earlier this month. The list includes the VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre and the Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability at UBC.

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It's a good thing: Sustainability and real estate are now a package deal

Source: BC Business

Green construction has been popular in BC for a while, but commercial and office sectors have fallen behind. It's time for them to catch up.

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A new home for first responders in Delta, B.C.

Source: Canadian Facility Management & Design

The new Boundary Bay Fire Hall in Delta, a project led by west coast firm Johnston Davidson Architecture, consists of a wood design and highly specialized systems that must meet strict code requirements and energy efficiency standards.

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Ten principles for decarbonization: How cities and the real estate industry can partner to fight climate change

Source: UrbanLand

A new report from ULI called *Decarbonizing the Built Environment: 10 Principles for Climate Mitigation Policies* indicates that policy leaders and the real estate industry should work together to create climate mitigation policies to maximize their effectiveness.

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TECHNOLOGY

An Earth Day sustainability checklist for green buildings

Source: Buildings

How does your building measure up with this green checklist?

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BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

BOMA BC is taking an active role in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability with its members by providing cost-effective tools and resources to improve performance in buildings. We offer utility tracking and reporting software, energy training, total waste management services, and a green building certification program. All members are encouraged to contact BOMA BC to see what programs are right for your organization.



Building Tune-Up Program

The BOMA BC Building Tune-Up Program is a recommissioning (RCx) program to identify low-cost energy and emissions savings through adjustments or minor upgrades to BOMA members' building automation systems (BAS). Targeting largely B & C class buildings, the program provides 100% of the cost to conduct a detailed assessment of operational energy conservation measures (ECMs), a further fixed value amount to implement the identified measures, along with the full cost to verify the measures after implementation. Building owners and/or managers can apply directly to BOMA BC to be a candidate for this service.

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BOMA uTrack

BOMA uTrack (powered by PUMA) is a utility tracking and reporting service offered to all members, at preferred pricing, to help reduce energy costs and track greenhouse gas emissions. Sign up now and start saving energy and money! BOMA uTrack clearly identifies utility spending and savings among multiple sites, prioritizes energy projects by identifying least efficient facilities and sets achievable targets while easily charting and reporting on the results. For more information please contact [Jocelyn Duplessis](#).



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The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy. The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save



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For more information or to register for the course, please go to the [BOMA Learning Website](#)

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BOMA BEST® 3.0

BOMA BEST® 3.0 is a national green building certification program developed to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate, independently-verified information. Currently BOMA BEST® 3.0 provides seven modules for certification (office, light industrial, shopping centre, open air retail, multi-unit residential, health care and universal). These certifications focus on 10 key areas of environmental management (energy, water, air quality, comfort, health and wellness, purchasing, custodial, waste, site and stakeholder engagement).



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BOMA Total Waste Management

The Total Waste Management (TWM) Program is a one-stop, cost-effective recycling service. The service provides a comprehensive waste audit and custom solutions to meet all BOMA members' recycling needs (paper, cardboard, mixed containers, batteries, electronics, and organics).



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