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## LOCAL NEWS

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### **How FortisBC is responding to COVID-19: Letter to customers from Roger Dall'Antonia, President and CEO**

**Source: FortisBC**

Roger Dall'Antonia, president and CEO of FortisBC, shares details in this message about FortisBC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how the organization is ensuring services will continue safely and reliably.



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### **Report: COVID-19 leads to drop in power usage and operational challenges for BC Hydro**

**Source: BC Hydro**

An unprecedented drop in power demand due to COVID-19 is forcing BC Hydro to take action to avoid potential flooding risks and impacts on the environment and its infrastructure over the year.



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## How social distancing impacts energy efficiency

Source: BC Hydro

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many industries across Canada. While companies are looking to reduce costs to make up for closures and lost business, they may see a reduction in energy costs thanks to social distancing.

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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 text "#1 IN VRF AND MINI-SPLIT TECHNOLOGY" is overlaid on the left. Below this is the Mitsubishi Electric logo with the tagline "Expect Amazing". The bottom half shows a white VRF system unit and a white mini-split indoor unit. Contact information is provided at the bottom right.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

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# Coronavirus: Governments' recovery plans should take 'green route,' study says

Source: Global News

A study published by economists from the U.S. and U.K. this week suggests that the most cost-effective way for economies to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic is for governments to invest in green stimulous policies that also aim to achieve climate change goals.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### Vancouver's top planner, Gil Kelley, wants council to amend building code to allow 12-storey mass-timber buildings

Source: The Georgia Straight

Kelley said the bylaw amendments should be approved “to align with provincial regulation and National Building Code proposals.” If approved, construction of mass-timber buildings up to 12 storeys for residential and commercial uses could be facilitated as early as July 1.

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### **3 steps for improving building resiliency post-coronavirus**

**Source: SmartCitiesDive**

Casey Talon, research director at Guidehouse Insights, writes that now is a great time to reset and redefine building, operating and renovating best practices to fight tackle climate change.

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### **Optimizing for energy efficiency during COVID-19**

**Source: UrbanLand**

While you can't completely shut down offices, retail stores and hotels that are closed or running at minimum capacity, there are still ways you can be energy efficient to reduce operating costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Deep retrofits key to climate change progress, but mid-size buildings lag behind**

**Source: The Globe and Mail**

Thomas Mueller, president and chief executive of the Canada Green Building Council, tells the *Globe and Mail* that the industry has not done enough to improve energy efficiency or carbon performance for Class B and C offices.

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## TECHNOLOGY

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### Now is the time to prioritize indoor environmental quality

**Source: FacilitiesNet/Building Operating Management**

The COVID-19 pandemic has kept people inside more than ever, which is why it's important to focus on promoting healthy indoor environments.

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## BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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**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

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## BOMA e-Energy Training

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 energy.



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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