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LOCAL NEWS

Moving forward with virtual site assessments keep FortisBC pilot projects on track during pandemic

Source: FortisBC

Read how FortisBC has been able to plan testing its new natural gas heat pump while maintain social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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EV charging: More stations, health and COVID-19

Source: BC Hydro

A decrease in traffic and the resulting freed space has enabled BC Hydro to expand EV charging station installations.



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First Nations Announce Over \$25 Million in New Renewable Energy Investments to Decarbonize Their Coastal Communities

Source: Coast Funds

Coast Funds, Dzawadaʼenuxw First Nation, Kitasoo/Xaiʼxais First Nation, and the Province of British Columbia announced over \$25 million in new First Nations' investments to transition coastal communities from dependence on fossil fuel-powered electricity to sustainable, locally powered renewable energy systems, eliminating over 175,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

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Wood high rises gain support

Source: Western Investor

"Accepting taller mass timber construction with the building bylaw will make it easier to build with low carbon materials, support future housing affordability and represents an important first step in reducing our carbon pollution from construction," a city staff report says.

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B.C. Hotel Association helping hotels become more energy efficient amid COVID-19

Source: PrinceGeorgeMatters

A partnership between the BC Hotel Association, FortisBC and GreenStep will provide two sustainability programs to help guide hotels in becoming more energy efficient.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Waymark Architecture wins national Green Building Award for Charter's headquarters

Source: Business Examiner

Waymark Architecture has won the 2020 Canadian Green Building award for Charter's headquarters, which is expected to be Western Canada's first commercial office building adhering to the Passive House standard, the world's most rigorous passive energy performance standards.

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Canada wavers on airtightness testing

Source: Canadian Property Management/REMI Network

Upon instructions from the executive committee of the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, proposed changes to the National Energy Code have been withdrawn. The changes could have made whole building airtightness testing compulsory for the construction of large commercial, institutional and multi-residential buildings designed to comply with the code.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

B.C. puts over \$200 million towards energy-efficient schools

Source: [SchoolConstructionNews](#)

The provincial government plans to provide \$217.7 million of annual maintenance funding to school districts across B.C. to increase energy efficiency in schools.

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