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LOCAL NEWS

FortisBC implementing a Clean Growth Innovation Fund

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC is introducing the Clean Growth Innovation Fund to help accelerate work that reduces greenhouse gas emissions as part of its strategy to support the transition to a lower carbon economy.



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FortisBC's inaugural Green Bond issuance to mark new step for sustainability

Source: FortisBC

The Green Bond will finance projects that encourage environmental sustainability through renewable energy, renewable natural gas, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and control, and clean transport.





Charging on: BC Hydro data shows public EV charging nearing prepandemic levels

Source: BC Hydro

New BC Hydro data shows use of its public EV charging stations has rebounded since COVID-19 restrictions were eased, nearing almost prepandemic levels, despite the ongoing health crisis. COVID-19 stay-athome measures were implemented in mid-March and by April, charging sessions dropped by nearly 30 per cent. Since then, charging sessions have been steadily increasing with

B.C.'s economic restart, and have increased by almost 50 per cent since their lowest point.



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Carbon neutral achievement sets stage for bold climate action

Source: Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver's leadership and commitment to climate change have allowed the regional district to achieve corporate carbon neutrality for 2019 and potentially through 2022. This puts the region in a strong position to advance important climate actions as part of Climate 2050 and achieve its ambitious climate change and environmental goals.

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Building energy efficiency

Source: UVicNews

At the University of Victoria, machine learning is helping civil engineering professor Ralph Evins and his team design the energy-efficient buildings of the future.

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Commercial plaza proposed for Rocky Creek and Ludlow intersection

Source: BC Local News

A new commercial development to be constructed at the Rocky Creek and Ludlow intersection must follow an existing covenant on the property from a 2008 proposal – it must adhere to green building and landscaping standards.

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Kamloops council to get a look at 'big moves' to combat climate change

Source: Kamloops This Week

Kamloops city council is looking at making aggressive changes to put a significant cap on the community's greenhouse gas emissions.







ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

How wood buildings benefit workers, employers and building owners

Source: Canadian Architect

"Mass timber is the next big step in green buildings," writes Graham Lowe, Ph.D. "The benefits of mass timber include its ease of construction, light carbon footprint, positive effects on human health and well-being, and better organizational performance."

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Pairing sustainability and sanitation in post-pandemic office buildings

Source: Forbes

Results from a recent Citrix poll suggest that more than 75 per cent of workers will continue working from home until stronger health measures are put in place, such as regular and documented deep cleanings, physical distancing floor markings and appropriately spaced work areas.



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TECHNOLOGY

Smart pumps are key for more sustainable cities

Source: SmartCitiesDive

Peter Gaydon, director of technical affairs at the Hydraulic Institute, writes that it is important for decision-makers in commercial building, utilities and power generation to consider the pumps that are often overlooked when we talk about sustainable cities, as these can account for nearly half of industrial energy use.





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