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LOCAL NEWS

Climate Emergency Action Plan and Transportation Pricing

The City of Vancouver Council has voted in favour of staff's Climate Emergency Action Plan. This plan includes the Zero Emissions Buildings Strategy, where BOMA has been advocating on your behalf for the most flexible approach possible. It also includes a mobility pricing strategy, which will affect how drivers get around the city, and how much it will cost them. If you have questions or concerns about items in this strategy, please pass on your concerns to BOMA's director of government affairs and communications at muneesh@boma.bc.ca.

Information on the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan can be found at: <https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/vancouvers-climate-emergency.aspx> and more information on Transportation Pricing can be found here: <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/transport-pricing.aspx>.



2020 BC Energy Code Compliance Survey - Complex Buildings

FortisBC, in partnership with BC Hydro, is collecting information about energy code compliance for large buildings (all except low-rise residential buildings) in B.C. Your feedback will be used to gauge the current level of compliance, as well as to design education and support programs to improve energy code compliance.

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City of Powell River Council to consider BC Energy Step Code implementation

Source: Powell River Peak

“By introducing the step code to Powell River, we will be requiring new construction to demonstrate energy efficiency code compliance through building energy modelling and airtightness testing,” chief building official Graeme Stewart said at a committee meeting earlier this month.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Emerging Geothermal Technologies Could Power Humanity ‘for Generations’

Source: The Energy Mix

Long the “perpetual also-ran of renewable energy,” geothermal could be about to have its day, provided it solves a number of engineering challenges and one big PR problem, writes David Roberts of Vox.

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IEA Sees Global Solar and Wind Capacity Doubling, Outstripping Gas and Coal by 2025

Source: The Energy Mix

Global solar and wind capacity is expected to double in the next five years, outstripping both coal and gas, after a continued surge despite the economic crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Energy Agency reports in its annual renewable energy update issued earlier this month.

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NATIONAL NEWS

GRESB swaps GBCI umbrella for B-Corp status

Source: REMI Network

"GRESB, the global benchmark for environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance of commercial real estate portfolios and infrastructure investments, is moving out from the umbrella of the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) to establish independent oversight through a new non-profit foundation."

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B.C. takes top spot on energy efficiency scorecard

Source: Journal of Commerce

A new Efficiency Canada scorecard shows that B.C. is the leader among Canadian provinces when it comes to energy efficiency.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Sustainability, ESG, health: Pressure's on building operators

Source: SustainableBIZ Canada

Beyond achieving various environmental and health certifications, building owners and managers must build sustainability into daily checklists and activities, according to experts in the sustainability field.

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ASHRAE's new global HQ is a "high-performing, net-zero-ready facility"

Source: Energy Manager Canada

ASHRAE has moved into its new Peachtree Corners, Ga. global headquarters, which is a newly renovated and now net-zero facility. Renovations on an existing 66,700-sf building on 11 acres of land began in January 2020.

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Do you have an idea to make buildings part of the fight against climate change?

Source: Eco-Business

"The inaugural Capitaland Sustainability X Challenge is searching the globe for the most innovative solutions to make buildings more climate-resilient and resource-efficient."

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Why fungi could be the future of environmentally sustainable building materials

Source: CBC

Researchers are considering how mycelium could be used to grow buildings. The construction industry continues to struggle with its impact on climate, but a new group of people with big ideas are looking for alternative building materials.

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TECHNOLOGY

CF fine tunes Canada-wide EV charging program

Source: SustainableBIZ Canada

There is a viable future for electric vehicle charging in commercial real estate, but that day has yet to arrive, said a Cadillac Fairview executive. The company has hundreds of EV chargers in its portfolio.

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B.C. university's energy-efficiency initiative gets funding boost

Source: Construction Canada

A boost from the Low Carbon Economy Partnerships Fund will help support the University of British Columbia's emission reduction plan.

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residential, health care and universal). These certifications focus on energy, water, air quality, comfort, health and wellness, purchasing, custodial, waste, site and stakeholder engagement.

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