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LOCAL NEWS

Changes to BOMA BEST Questionnaires



BOMA CANADA NEWSLETTER

The BOMA BEST Technical Committee has been hard at work completing Technical Clarification Requests (TCRs). The following TCRs will go into effect on March 1, 2021 for all applicable building types (see each TCR Resolution Summary for details).

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BC Hydro lowers rate, customers will receive credit

Source: BC Hydro

BC Hydro customers will receive a one-time bill credit early next year as a result of an additional 0.61 per cent rate decrease that is effective retroactively to April 1, 2020



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How a local family business is making BC more sustainable

Source: Daily Hive/Venture Vancouver

“In a circular economy, organic waste isn’t sent to the landfill; it’s used as a resource for local communities. This philosophy was the foundation upon which Vancouverite Jack Diamond and his sons, Gordon and Charles, launched West Coast Reduction Ltd. (WCRL) in 1964.”

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

LNG exports are crucial to fighting climate change

Source: Western Investor

The replacement of coal-fueled electricity generation with export liquefied natural gas, or LNG, would cut coal plant emissions in half while creating billions of dollars in economic benefits.

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First Nation group providing capacity support to planned geothermal project in BC, Canada

Source: Think GeoEnergy

The First Nations Major Projects Coalition board announced it will provide capacity support to the Clarke Lake Geothermal Project as requested by Fort Nelson First Nation. The project will take hot water from a former natural gas well and bring it to the surface to generate electricity.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Canadian Companies Support New Rules On Recycling

Source: Insurance Portal

"More than 20 Canadian retail and consumer packaged goods companies, representing a substantial proportion of the nation's plastic packaging, are among the first to support new global 'Golden Design Rules' to improve plastics recycling and reduce landfill and pollution."

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Canada's Top Eight Pensions Unite on ESG Disclosure

Source: Pension Pulse

The leaders of Canada's eight largest pension funds, collectively in charge of \$1.6 trillion in assets, are teaming up for a rare joint request, asking corporations to beef up their environmental, social and governance disclosures by reporting the data in a standardized fashion.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Net-zero RCMP facilities coming to B.C

Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect

Two net-zero municipal projects are in the works, to be paid for through the Green Municipal Fund. The funds will go toward replacing a 35-year-old RCMP detachment in Fort St. John and a feasibility study to determine what is required to make an RCMP detachment in the District Municipality of North Cowichan a net-zero facility.

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Kamloops council approves ‘Step 2’ energy mandate for new buildings starting in 2022

Source: Radio NL

As of Jan. 1, 2022, all new buildings in Kamloops will have meet new energy-efficiency requirements. Under Step 2 of the BC Energy Step Code, buildings must be 20 per cent more efficient than the requirements in 2018.

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Despite pandemic, sustainable office building drive gains steam

Source: The Globe & Mail

“The commercial real estate industry recognizes that [climate change] is a threat and we need to have urgent action in addressing it,” Thomas Mueller, Canada Green Building council president, told the *Globe & Mail*.

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TECHNOLOGY

Montreal's climate plan includes ban on non-electric cars downtown by 2030

Source: Montreal Gazette

"The city of Montreal will plant 500,000 trees, ban non-electric cars downtown, remove parking around métro stations, adopt the most stringent regulations in Canada for greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, and impose a 'climate test' on itself when it makes decisions, according to a 10-year climate plan unveiled by Mayor Valérie Plante on Thursday."

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The Critical Relationship Between Buildings and Sustainability for the Future (IFMA 2020)

Source: BUILDINGS

As this year draws to a close, most of us are thinking about the future and what 2021 will bring. For building owners and managers, that means re-evaluating portfolios to determine whether buildings are equipped with the technology to meet future challenges while simultaneously ensuring the occupants and environment remain healthy.

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BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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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