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## LOCAL NEWS

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### **Expectations high for B.C. climate action in 2020**

**Source: The Province**

B.C. has taken large leaps when it comes to climate change over the last year — will 2020 be the push-comes-to-shove moment for the province as the government looks to meeting the legislated 2030 target for reducing climate pollution? CleanBC is expected to get us 75 per cent of the way to the 2030 target, but what will it take to close the 25 per cent gap?

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### **A tale of four cities: Building Benchmark BC pilot project kicks off**

**Source: HPAC Magazine**

The cities of Burnaby, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver are taking part in the Building Benchmark BC pilot project. The goal of the project is to help building owners and managers benchmark and share the energy and emissions of their properties.

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## Green construction company to bring 150 jobs to Squamish

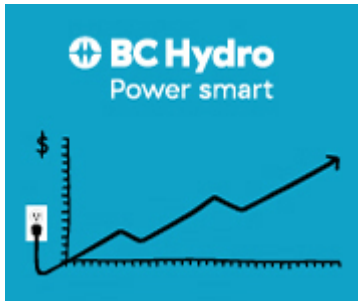
Source: **The Squamish Chief**

Nexii Building Solutions Inc., a green construction company that produces affordable low-carbon construction material, announced last week that it will create around 150 full-time jobs for the area.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

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### 'Historic moment' as zero carbon sources in Britain produce more power than fossil fuels in 2019

Source: **CURRENT<sup>±</sup>**

Over the last 12 months, 48.5% of Britain's power came from zero carbon sources, such as wind farms, solar and nuclear energy, as well as energy imported by subsea interconnectors. Over the same amount

of time, 43% of the country's electricity came from fossil fuels, predominantly gas. The remaining power was generated through biomass.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### There's never been a better time to reduce your energy usage

Source: BC Hydro

CleanBC's has a plan in place to achieve legislated climate targets that will lead to a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (based on 2007 levels). There are many ways your business can afford to invest in infrastructure that will reduce your carbon footprint, thanks to incentives up to \$500,000. But that's just part of CleanBC — there are also other programs to help reduce pollution, drive cleaner transportation, increase electric vehicle adoption and develop clean energy jobs.



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### Why advanced meters are the next step forward for B.C.'s energy system

Source: FortisBC

New battery-powered meters use soundwaves to measure gas use and transmit this information over an encrypted wireless network. This eliminates the need to manually read individual gas meters. A key advantage of the new meters is the ability to better monitor and manage the gas system, allowing new safety improvements to be made, including technology to remotely detect gas leaks. This can increase the speed of gas leak detection and response, including in the event of an emergency. By getting rid of manual meter reading, greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by an estimated 1,100 tonnes annually.



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## Maximize energy efficiency in Class A office buildings with modern building systems

Source: Building Design + Construction

Innovations in HVAC systems, elevators and escalators, and uninterruptible power supply systems are improving building performance and reliability while being more energy efficient.

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## Five planet-saving building ideas we need to nail down in 2020

Source: Corporate Knights

In order to save the planet, those involved in commercial real estate, from builders to property managers, need to work on these five green building methods.

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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 direct assistance for your energy management needs, 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.



### **BOMA Strategic Energy Management Services**

Through the BOMA Energy Management Program (EMP), partially funded by BC Hydro, BOMA is pleased to provide direct assistance to members with strategic energy management planning. BOMA BC members will have access to a qualified energy management professional who will work one-on-one with your organization to develop a strategic energy management plan. These plans are essential for organizations who are addressing the sustainability of their building portfolio and want a structured and effective way to reduce operating costs, improve building performance and reduce the environmental impact of the building.



This complimentary service for our members has very limited space, contact BOMA's Energy Manager, [David Salsberg](#) to find out more.

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### **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**

BOMA uTrack (powered by PUMA) is a utility tracking and reporting service offered to all members, at preferred pricing, to help reduce energy costs and track greenhouse gas emissions. Sign up now and start saving energy and money! BOMA uTrack clearly identifies utility spending and savings among multiple sites, prioritizes energy projects by identifying least efficient facilities and sets achievable targets while easily charting and reporting on the results. For more information please contact [David Salsberg](#).



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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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