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## LOCAL NEWS

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### **B.C. Budget 2020 builds on clean economy investments**

**Source: Pembina Institute**

"We are reassured by the B.C. government continuing to put its money where its mouth is on climate action and the clean economy. Budget 2020 earmarks \$419 million over three years to CleanBC programs, including initiatives supporting clean transportation, low carbon buildings and climate adaptation. Added to the \$902 million in last year's budget, that's \$1.3 billion over four years — a landmark investment in climate action.", said Karen Tam Wu, B.C. director at the Pembina Institute.

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### **New electric BC Ferries vessels arrive in Victoria**

**Source: CTV News**

BC Ferries' first hybrid-electric ships arrived in Victoria last month, ushering in a new era of travel for passengers.

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## Rebates help save money, energy and emissions



Whether you're replacing old heating equipment or are planning to develop or renovate a building to meet new energy performance standards, FortisBC has rebates on high-efficiency boilers and water heaters as well as custom incentives for optimizing building controls. If your properties include apartment buildings, you can also get water-saving upgrades and an energy assessment at no cost from the rental apartment efficiency program.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

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### In Alberta, abandoned oil wells are being transformed into solar energy sites

Source: The Globe and Mail

Converting abandoned oil and gas wells into solar installations may be a solution to a growing problem, and a pilot project near the small town of Taber, Alta. is working to prove that. The local municipal district and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC), a partnership between the Alberta government and the province's municipalities associations, have already voiced support for the proposal.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### Build a better business case with life cycle costing

Source: BC Hydro

When you consider the total cost of owning, operating and maintaining a project over its useful life, including the price of fuel, energy, labour, replacement components and the initial purchase, the inexpensive, more traditional solution might suddenly become the most expensive. If you're going to present various options to your senior management team or your bank to raise funding, life-cycle costing will help to make the high initial investment of a cutting edge, energy-saving solution much more viable.



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### Inside Innovation: Future building codes challenge window manufacturing

Source: Daily Commercial News/Construct Connect

Building codes in Canada are constantly changing to increase energy efficiency in buildings. These changes are forcing the window manufacturing industry to evolve.

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## **Stop Wasting Revenue: 4 Pro Tips to Design for Energy Efficiency**

**Source: Buildings**

Buildings lacking energy efficiency can eat up revenue. Here are several ways to decrease energy usage and save money on your utility bills.

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

**Source: Corporate Knights**

Here are five creative ways to cut down on energy usage in commercial buildings this year.

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## **Canada needs an ambitious energy-retrofit plan for buildings**

**Source: Policy Options**

In order to meet the federal government's commitment to have a net-zero emissions future by 2050, there needs to be a focus on retrofitting existing buildings.

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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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