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LOCAL NEWS

Getting serious about climate smart construction

Source: The Remi Network

B.C. municipalities are taking action to reduce their impact on climate change and its associated effects. Cities and towns across British Columbia are encouraging low-carbon construction through light-frame wood, mass timber and high performance energy-efficient design.

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Urban farmers have been leaving Vancouver for greener pastures

Source: The Tyee

An urban farmer discusses how bylaws meant to legitimize urban farming and create a regulatory process in Vancouver have left urban farmers with bureaucratic hoops, many requirements and little direction from the city. This has resulted in the decline of urban farms in Vancouver.

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Costs of North Shore sewage plant project balloon to over \$1 billion

Source: North Shore News

Currently under construction on McKean Avenue, the costs for a new North Shore sewage treatment plant, including a new two-kilometre pipe and pumping station, have exceeded \$1 billion. This is \$100 million more than the most recent cost estimate.

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Vancouver airport focuses on creating a more sustainable future

Source: Vancouver Is Awesome

As the industry adapts to changing travel requirements and focuses on innovation in a new era of travel, the Vancouver Airport is ambitiously attempting to create zero carbon emissions in its operations by 2030.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Testing grounds for sustainability

Source: Corporate Knights

Canadian colleges and universities are deepening their commitment to reducing their carbon footprint and emphasizing the importance of addressing climate change. Given the climate emergency, these institutions are working to accelerate results.

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BC Construction Roundtable discussion emphasizes critical role of retrofits

Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect

In a virtual roundtable discussion, experts shared that Canada won't be able to meet climate goals without building retrofits.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Camosun College launches green building micro-credential program

Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect

The school announced a new program offering micro-credentials to students, aiming to give construction workers the skills needed to design and build energy-efficient structures. This program is targeted to people in the workforce wanting to upgrade their skills.

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City and UNBC lead the way to a low-carbon future with two initiatives in downtown Prince George

Source: City of Prince George

Prince George was recently successful in proving the value of reliable energy and energy efficiency. The UNBC Wood Innovation Research Lab and the City's Downtown Renewable Energy System both used

wood and "wood waste" to maintain energy efficiency despite the high heating demand during last month's cold snap.

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True North earns Energy Star certification for 5775 Yonge Street

Source: Sustainable Biz Canada

True North Commercial REIT's class-A office building, 5775 Yonge St. in Toronto, has earned the Energy Star certification from Natural Resources Canada. A sustainability benchmark, this certification proves that this building is operating in the Top 25 percentile of commercial buildings for energy efficiency.

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TECHNOLOGY

Connected buildings: The first step towards the future of smart cities

Source: BWSmartCities

Smart cities are predicted to gain even more traction as providers are focused on developing infrastructure for appropriate health care facilities and public security services post-pandemic. A smart city is comprised of smart buildings, of which include key factors, such as energy efficiency, predictive maintenance and enhanced security.

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