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LOCAL NEWS

Vancouver Forest: Urban Agency's Bamboo tower design

Source: Urban YVR

Urban Agency Architects, a Dublin-based firm, has unveiled their design for a tower in Marpole. This high-rise, passive house apartment building will be constructed with bamboo. Named Vancouver Forest, it's influenced by BC coastal forests and will incorporate bamboo cross-laminated timber. Urban Agency notes that bamboo has a similar tensile strength to steel, but more sustainable and lighter to transport.

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Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Source: Metro Vancouver

The current Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (2011) is due for review and Metro Vancouver is actively engaging with governments, including Indigenous Nations, to update it. This plan establishes goals and targets for waste reduction and the recovery of materials and energy from waste, and supporting strategies and actions for Metro Vancouver and its member jurisdictions.

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How is Coquitlam helping the environment? It's got 120 answers in a draft sustainability plan

Source: Tricity News

Coquitlam city staff have put forward a draft environmental sustainability plan that would focus on 120 action items for the community to tackle in the future.

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Building an emerald city

Source: University of Victoria UVic News

Greater Victoria 2030 is a group of property managers and owners that plans on cutting emissions from 37 local buildings. A team of researchers from UVic engineering is providing expert advice on how this can be achieved. By finding ways to optimize for designs for retrofitting, Greater Victoria 2030 is hoping to support the commercial real estate sector, in order to keep up with future building codes.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

BC Hydro to drop two gas-powered plants as it seeks to reduce carbon emissions

Source: The Globe and Mail

To focus on hydroelectricity, BC Hydro will phase out two plants that rely on natural gas. With 96 per cent of the power in BC already derived from renewable energy sources, BC Hydro encourages customers to use clean and reliable energy, which in turn can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to meeting the government's climate goals.

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Source: Statistics Canada

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Expanded field now eligible for race2reduce

Source: Canadian Property Management

race2reduce is BOMA Toronto's response to the call for Climate Action. It is a corporate challenge that is industry-led, promoting operational excellence and emission reduction through improved building performance, innovation and collaboration between owners, managers and tenants.

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2021 pandemic guide draws on lessons learned

Source: Canadian Property Management

BOMA Canada has created a 2021 Pandemic Guide, along with an accompanying summary, detailing the evolving legal issues. These documents provide real estate professionals a comprehensive but concise overview of resources that will need to be developed and executed in the event of another pandemic scenario.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Nexii partners with PEG Companies to deliver city-boosting hotel in record time

Source: Intrado GlobeNewsWire

PEG has selected Nexii to construct the building envelope for a new hotel in Nanaimo. Courtyard by Marriot Hotel will be the first Marriot north of Greater Victoria. Using high-performance green building products, Nexii will be able to improve the building's energy efficiency, while sustainably offering an alternative to cement. This significantly reduces end-to-end carbon emissions

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Towards healthier, more efficient buildings post-pandemic

Source: World Economic Forum

As workers return to the office, employers are spending money to update buildings to make them healthier. As it turns out, the goal of being more efficient can go hand-in-hand with health concerns.

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If heat waves become the new normal, how will our buildings have to change?

Source: Canada's National Observer

Dr. Melissa Lem, a family physician in Vancouver and president-elect of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, tells the *National Observer* that with temperatures in the 40s in many parts of the province, the heat is inescapable, making indoors an unsafe place to be.

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Building a better, decarbonized world means improving energy efficiency in all buildings, new and old

Source: Schneider Electric Canada Inc.

Energy waste is happening all around us, and it's contributing to climate change. Yet fighting this invisible foe is near impossible — unless we make the invisible visible. Digital innovation, combined with a shift to more electrification, holds the key to tackling climate change, unlocking the ability to see and measure our impact, so we can recognize and reduce it.

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TECHNOLOGY

'The last energy source we'll ever tame': B.C. startup's \$400M U.K. plant aims to harness nuclear fusion technology

Source: Financial Post

General Fusion, a Burnaby-based company, is aiming to master nuclear fusion, which is still an emerging technology that is still yet to be commercialized. This new technology promises clean energy with the only emission being helium, with the added benefit of no radioactive waste.

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