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LOCAL NEWS

FortisBC teams with Lethbridge Biogas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in B.C.

Source: FortisBC

To help meet public demand for more renewable energy, FortisBC Energy Inc. is now receiving carbon-neutral renewable natural gas from Lethbridge Biogas LP. Following expansion of their facility to add a biogas upgrading system, Lethbridge Biogas signed an agreement to provide FortisBC with up to 350,000 gigajoules of RNG annually.



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Capital Regional District recipient of \$175,000 energy retrofit study grant

Source: BC Local News

The Capital Region District has been selected to receive \$175,000 to study the feasibility of residential retrofits for energy efficiency. The money is part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' \$1 million program for B.C. communities.

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Home is where the heat is: British Columbians working from home miss the office AC

Source: BC Hydro

Amid one of the hottest summers on record, British Columbians working from home admit to missing one perk of being in the office – the air conditioning.



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Province protects wildlife by restricting rodenticides

Source: BC Government News

Effective July 21, 2021 a temporary 18-month ban has been placed on the widespread sale and use of second-generation rodenticides, in an effort to protect owls and other wildlife from secondary poisoning.

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:: Feedback needed :: Metro Vancouver forms a new Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee

Source: Metro Vancouver

We are looking for your input as Metro Vancouver forms a new Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Advisory Committee (Industry Advisory Committee).

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

B.C., feds and Shell invest in innovation centre aimed at decarbonizing the economy

Source: Canadian Biomass

The B.C. Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy will receive provincial and federal funding, alongside funding from Shell Canada, in an effort to support decarbonizing of the economy and the scaling up of clean energy.

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California just took a huge step towards building electrification

Source: GreenBiz

California has implemented a new code that makes electric heat pumps a baseline technology for new homes and buildings. The new code was passed unanimously and will take steps toward removing natural gas from buildings.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Canada and British Columbia invest over \$110 million in 14 drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects to provide reliable services to communities

Source: Infrastructure Canada

The governments of Canada and British Columbia continue to invest in local infrastructure during this unprecedented time to meet the needs of communities across the province, enhance peoples' quality of life, and support economic recovery from COVID-19.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Ambiguous energy efficiency targets are part of the problem, but there is a clear solution

Source: Policy Options

"The Energy Step Code fully embraced the reference building approach (RBA) for small residential buildings," writes mechanical engineer Sepehr Foroushani. "This approach was a small part of the step code from its inception, but its expansion in 2019 drastically undermined the step code's effectiveness in delivering high-efficiency housing and facilitating the province's ambitious plan to mandate net zero energy ready construction by 2032."

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INOVUES partners with Global Sustainable Future to offer easy financing for window retrofit projects

Source: Markets Insider

INOVUES partners with Global Sustainable Future to provide quick-turnaround project funding for their customers' retrofits. This will aid in reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions.

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5 easy ways to improve energy efficiency

Source: Canadian Property Management/REMI Network

If you own an aging asset, you've likely already embarked on the energy efficiency journey. If you're just getting started, here are a few easy ways you can improve the energy efficiency of your building.

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Green construction bolstered by industry advancements and provincial investments

Source: Business Examiner

The B.C. government's CleanBC Building Innovation Fund has reserved \$10 million for 21 low-carbon building solutions throughout the province.

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EUROPE NEWS: One in 10 London offices are at risk of becoming 'obsolete' under new energy rules

Source: CNBC

Under new rules on energy efficiency that have been implemented on buildings in England and Wales, about 10 per cent of London offices could soon become unusable.

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