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LOCAL NEWS

B.C. sets new 2025 emissions target after falling behind on climate goals

Source: CBC

By 2025, the British Columbia government wants to cut greenhouse gas emissions 16 per cent below 2007 levels.

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Surrey approves bylaw banning plastic shopping bags

Source: The Vancouver Sun

With the approval by Surrey council, a bylaw has been passed banning plastic shopping bags, in addition to polystyrene foam cups and takeout containers. This could mean that Surrey residents may have to pay at least 25 cents for a paper grocery bag.

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FortisBC warns customers to prepare for spikes in energy use with a colder than average winter predicted

Source: FortisBC

With a La Nina temperature cycle forecasted for this winter and the coldest part of the year typically occurring in January, FortisBC is reminding its customers that now is an important time to pay attention to energy use to reduce seasonal spikes



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RENEWABLE ENERGY

As Big Energy Gains, Can Europe's Community Renewables Compete?

Source: Environment360

With local wind and solar cooperatives being instrumental in developing Europe's renewable energy

growth, multinational corporations are looking to play an even larger role in decarbonizing Europe's economy. In turn, the EU hopes to bolster these grassroots clean-energy initiatives.

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Renewable Energy Transition Key to Addressing Climate Change Challenge

Source: Inter Press Service News Agency

The climate challenge is also seen as an energy challenge. With the UN's focus on building a global coalition for carbon neutrality within the middle of our current century, an increased focus and push toward providing clean, renewable energy by 2030 is anticipated.

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Green hydrogen predicted to be a top 2021 renewable energy

Source: Hydrogen Fuel News

An alternative fuel source, green hydrogen was first placed during President Bush's first term. Although fairly invisible, it has since been predicted as one of the most important 2021 renewable energy forms in the country and the rest of the world. As part of the clean energy plan, within the decade, President Joe Biden has promised that the United States will gain green hydrogen access at the same cost as conventionally produced H₂.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Canadian companies' poor climate-risk disclosure threatens to drive investors away

Source: The Globe & Mail

Investors are calling for consistent/comparable company reporting of climate-related risks and opportunities, to inform their allocation of investment capital. Despite this, disclosures continue to be uneven across the country. This threatens to drive investors away to other jurisdictions with more transparent reporting.

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Vancity sets ambitious climate commitments with aim to achieve net-zero by 2040

Source: Intramodo GlowbalNewsWire

To build upon decades as a leader in environmental sustainability and to address social and economic inclusion, Vancity has announced five ambitious commitments to address the global climate crisis.

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Canada's Building Code Needs Some Green Ambition

Source: Watershed Sentinel

According to a new report from Efficiency Canada, Canada's national model building code for 2020 isn't ambitious enough to meet 2030 climate targets for building energy efficiency.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

SFU gains \$22-million federal endowment for new urban climate change centre

Source: Daily Hive

Simon Fraser University has received a \$21.7 million endowment to establish the regional Low Carbon Cities Canada Innovation Centre for Metro Vancouver. Scheduled to launch September 2021, as a non-profit, it will help cities across the region meet their climate action goals such as identifying, financing and scaling up green building retrofits.

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TECHNOLOGY

Schneider Electric brings sustainable energy management choices directly to homeowner

Source: Cision

The global leader in digital transformation of energy management and automation, Schneider Electric has released the next generation residential electrical panel for the European market. "The Wiser Energy Center" gives homeowners and residents full control over their green solar energy management. By bringing sustainable energy choices directly to consumers, it is a major step toward enabling net zero, self-sufficient homes.

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