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## LOCAL NEWS

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### **Record funding available for cleaner, stronger communities**

Source: BC Gov News

Communities across British Columbia will be receiving record investments in critical projects to reduce pollution, increase health and expand opportunities in response to a changing climate.

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### **FortisBC encourages customers to manage their energy use and save money this winter**

Source: FortisBC

As British Columbia experiences a colder than average winter season and recent snowstorms hitting earlier than usual, FortisBC is reminding its customers to become aware of their energy use to reduce higher than average monthly bills.



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## **UBC is committed to pursuing an ambitious climate action agenda**

Source: Business in Vancouver

The University of British Columbia has released two ambitious climate action plans for its Vancouver and Okanagan campuses to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions at both locations.

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## **Utility says B.C.'s heat, rain and cold in 2021 underscore changing demand for power**

Source: Vancouver Sun

Between the extreme summer heat and severe winter conditions in 2021, BC Hydro reports that this resulted in record-breaking demand for power, occurring over the course of the entire year. This is predicted to be an ongoing trend moving forward.

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## **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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### **Impacts of climate change underline work to build a cleaner B.C.**

Source: BC Gov News

In a year marked by the escalating impacts of climate change, the province took important steps to drive down carbon pollution and build a stronger, cleaner British Columbia for today and generations to come.

This work was headlined by launching the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, a stronger and more ambitious plan to reduce climate pollution, protect B.C.'s communities and build a more sustainable economy.

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## **Funding helps promote electric vehicle uptake in B.C.**

Source: BC Gov News

Community groups and local governments throughout the province can receive funding through the Community Outreach Incentive Program to educate and encourage people to switch to electric vehicles.

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## **FortisBC to supply all new British Columbia homes with 100% renewable natural gas**

Source: Daily Hive

FortisBC is seeking an approval from the British Columbia Utilities Commission to supply 100% renewable energy to every newly-built home for the structure's entire lifespan.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### 'Hard pill to swallow': \$2 billion in climate change damage the 'new normal'

Source: Business in Vancouver

Last year, severe weather events led to more than \$2 billion in insured damages. According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, this is the sixth costliest year in Canada's history, but the number doesn't include government spending and people who have slipped through the cracks.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### TRU and Creative Energy partner to bring campus sustainability

Source: Financial Post

Thompson Rivers University is partnering with Creative Energy to design, build, own and operate a district energy system for the school's main campus in Kamloops.

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## **Commercial Real Estate's Sustainability Goals Have a Glaring Blind Spot**

Source: Propmodo

“While real estate owners large and small have offered bold promises about reducing carbon emissions, diversifying boards and other initiatives, it is only recently that many of them have begun to share details on just how they plan to achieve those goals.”

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## **Why environmentally friendly buildings can be investment worthy**

Source: The Business Times

There are several opportunities that lie in sustainable real estate investment, according to Zsolt Kohalmi, global head of real estate and co-chief executive officer at Pictet Alternative Advisors.

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## **Energy Efficiency Ratings Aren't Actually Predicting Energy Efficiency**

Source: Bloomberg Citylab

According to recent findings from Better Buildings Partnership, there is a definite difference between how buildings have been designed and rated, and what their actual emissions are.

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