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LOCAL NEWS

Spring is in the Air. A Joint Reminder to Dig With Care.

Source: Fortis BC

In British Columbia, April is Safe Digging Month, and after the COVID-19 pandemic and a series of extreme weather events, more digging projects will be needed to further improve the amenities on which people have come to depend, like drinking water, internet and air conditioning.

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By Building in Fire and Flood Zones, Governments Are Still Creating Climate-Change Disaster Risks, Expert Says

Source: CBC

A disaster expert recommended that the British Columbia government stop allowing people to build in flood plains and fire zones because, as climate change worsens, these buildings will have a high chance of being destroyed by natural disasters.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Building Industry Takes Aim at "This Whole Other Chunk" of Emissions

More than half of a new building's lifetime emissions are generated by production of concrete, steel, and other materials. While reducing operational energy use, this is an overlooked source of carbon.

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Promoting Hydrogen in Canada: Cross-Country Check-Up

Source: Fasken

Hydrogen is expected to play a key role in Canada's decarbonized future as the Federal and provincial governments adopt measures to introduce a hydrogen-based energy supply. In British Columbia, the government introduced its BC Hydrogen Strategy to spur innovation and implementation.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Can We Have It All?: Building a Secure and Sustainable Energy Future for Canada

Source: RBC Thought Leadership

Climate change and affordable energy are at the top of economists' minds as they grapple with high fuel prices spurred by the conflict in Ukraine. But with climate change occurring faster than expected, they recommend a hastier adaptation of clean energy in Canada.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Air-source heat pumps added to tax break list

As air-source heat pumps have been added to the list of clean energy equipment eligible for special tax treatment (through Canada's accelerated capital cost allowance (CCA) program), businesses that acquire these systems will be eligible to deduct the full value in the first year of ownership.

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City plans to turn parking lot into affordable housing made of mass timber

Source: Toronto Star

A parking lot in Toronto's downtown west area, is slated to become a new mass timber development. This is a pilot project to bring more affordable and sustainable model of housing, one which will be able to be built more efficiently.

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TECHNOLOGY

Smart Pumps Lead the Way to Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Goals

Source: Facilitiesnet

Pumps used for heating and cooling, treating water, and other purposes make up 40 per cent of industrial energy usage, and by upgrading a building's pumps to have Internet of Things capabilities, managers can reduce their buildings' carbon footprints.

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