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LOCAL NEWS

Guide to Managing Wastewater

Source: Metro Vancouver

"This guide will be of interest to building managers of residential, commercial and mixed-use buildings. The practices described in this guide are appropriate for any building management operation."

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B.C. launches new program to accelerate local climate action

Source: British Columbia Environment and Climate Change Strategy

The British Columbia government announced its CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program, which will provide \$76 million in funding over three years to local governments to fight climate change.



Climate report highlights B.C. communities most likely to face extreme heat

Source: CTV News Vancouver

The Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation released a report detailing the increase in extreme heat waves, especially those on the west coast, and advises homeowners, tenants, landlords and developers on how to deal with the symptoms of the extreme heat.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

FortisBC continues to enable greenhouse gas reductions for customers

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC Energy's review of its climate change action plan found that it helped customers avoid 578,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in 2021.



New EV Chargers Coming to British Columbia

Source: Natural Resources Canada

British Columbia's Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson announced a \$3.54-million investment to install 810 electric vehicle chargers across the province.

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Disney Doubles Ways to Power the Magic with Two New Solar Arrays

Source: Disney Parks Blog

Walt Disney World Resort will be powered up to 40 percent by solar energy. Walt Disney Company said it will install two new 75-megawatt solar arrays in Florida's Gilchrist County and Polk County that will span over 1,000 total acres.







NATIONAL NEWS

Feds seek input on climate change adaptation

Source: REMI Network/Canadian Facility Management & Design

The federal government is requesting public input on its national climate change adoption strategy, which will set new climate objectives for 2030 and 2050.





ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Atlanta Office Building Project Installing Solar Plant, Sustainable Upgrades

Source: Environment and Energy Leader

Atlanta-based "Palisades" is poised to become one of the most sustainable in the region by undergoing several sustainable renovations. The upgrades include LED lighting, efficient HVAC systems and sustainable landscaping, in addition to a 1 megawatt solar plant.

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Dream kicks off 19 building retrofits to cut energy, GHGs

Source: SustainableBiz

The group of companies collectively known as Dream has officially launched a multi-million-dollar program, with the goal to reduce carbon emissions by 40 percent, in 19 buildings in Canada (18 in Toronto and one in Saskatoon).



Innovative housing retrofits will benefit residents, environment

Source: British Columbia Office of the Attorney General

Work on the next stage of the provincial government's Reframed Lab initiative, a \$1.1-billion investment in improving the safety and energy efficiency of 51,000 units of social housing, has begun.

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TECHNOLOGY

Source: Energy Star

"Calculate your building's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions using EPA's new ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Building Emissions Calculator. With this powerful tool, you can estimate your building's GHG emissions, support GHG emissions inventories, evaluate emissions under local building performance standards, and forecast the impact of changes in building efficiency and energy procurement."

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How Facilities Should Prepare for the Rapid Growth of Electric Vehicles

Source: FacilitiesNet

As electric vehicles become more commonplace throughout North America, facility managers will need to update their buildings with charging stations and other critical infrastructure.

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