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LOCAL NEWS

Volatility in the energy market results in a change to the cost of gas

Source: FortisBC

FortisBC will raise gas prices for all customers beginning July 1 due to global market conditions increasing gas prices.

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B.C. strengthens actions to prepare for climate change with new strategy

Source: British Columbia Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

B.C.'s Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy will focus on wildfire and flood prevention and preparedness, as well as addressing other effects of extreme heat.

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New high-performance mass timber building opens in Vancouver

Source: ReNewCanada

The Government of Canada celebrates the official occupancy of oN5, a project that exemplifies an innovative high-performance wood building. Projects like this address the urgent need for more efficient construction using sustainable building materials.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Heat pump demand heats up in northern B.C.

Source: British Columbia Ministry of Finance

B.C. has added a provincial sales tax exemption for heat pumps to encourage homeowners to switch over to newer, more efficient technology.

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EV owners say charging network inadequate: Pollution Probe

Source: SustainableBiz

A new national survey of EV owners, provided by Pollution Probe, discovers that the majority of electric charging networks are inconvenient, making their usage difficult to support.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Canada's energy saving efforts lag U.S.

Source: REMI Network / Canadian Facility Management & Design

Data from Efficiency Canada and the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy found that both countries had setbacks in conservation efforts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and while the U.S. is

leading Canada in energy savings overall, there is a larger disparity between states than there is between provinces.

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Climate and Construction: Government leaves existing building owners to resolve energy inefficiencies

Source: DailyCommercialNews

Despite the federal and provincial governments' addressing climate change through green investment and improved building codes, Canada has not made any specific actions towards energy efficiency in existing commercial buildings

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Green roof part of Saanich mayor's lakeside oasis

Source: BC Hydro

Saanich mayor Fred Haynes' house by Prospect Lake features a green roof that reduces his need to use heating and air conditioning.

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Employees expect environmentally friendly offices

Source: REMI Network/Facility Cleaning & Maintenance

A survey conducted by global hygiene and health company Essity said that 75 per cent of employees want more environmentally friendly offices and 58 per cent say their office is “shamefully eco-unfriendly.”

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Green building labels need renovating

Source: CorporateKnights

Some green buildings are turning out to be energy hogs, but stricter building codes might make lax certifications obsolete.

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TECHNOLOGY

Wood-Burning Boiler Balances Sustainability and Maintenance

Source: facilitiesnet

A biomass-burning boiler can reduce a building's carbon emissions, but after its early performance life, operational issues arise that prevent it from being as efficient as possible.

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