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## LOCAL NEWS

### **\$175 million Richmond district energy expansion reaches financial close**

Source: Journal of Commerce by ConstructConnect

The City of Richmond and its partners approved a \$175 million investment in the LIEC City Centre District Energy Utility project to power residential and commercial buildings with energy from low-carbon heat captured from the Gilbert Road regional sewer system.

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### **B.C. breaking its own law on climate change reporting, Sierra Club tells court**

Source: Journal of Commerce by ConstructConnect

The Sierra Club BC is accusing British Columbia of failing to publish annual reports related to its progress toward emission targets.

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### **Ismaili Imam and B.C. government sign climate change agreement**

Source: Vancouver Sun

The British Columbian government signed an agreement with the Ismaili Muslim community to share its Climate Change Adaptation Model with NGOs in South and Central Asia to fight climate change.

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### **Parts of B.C. upgraded to Drought Level 5, meaning conditions are 'exceptionally dry'**

Source: Global News

The Lower Mainland, the Sunshine Coast and west Vancouver Island reached Drought Level 5, which means all efforts should be made to conserve water and protect critical environmental flows.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

### Which banks are financing the clean energy transition?

Source: Corporate Knights

Although Vancouver is first in Sustainable Banking Revenues Ranking, most global bankers are not fairing as well. There is a question if the world's banks are ready to fund the development of renewable technologies and updating the infrastructure in between.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### CRD regulatory absence leaves Canada's waste in a vacuum

Source: Daily Commercial News

Waste produced by construction, renovation and demolition has been piling up in landfills, and the Federal and Provincial governments have yet to pass any regulations involving how to redirect, repurpose or recycle the waste.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

### Peak Power turns buildings into virtual power plants

Source: SustainableBiz

Based in Toronto, Peak Power is developing a new decarbonization software that allows buildings to essentially become 'virtual power plants'. This is accomplished by converting hours of peak power usage into stored clean energy.

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### QuadReal pledges net-zero by 2050 for global portfolio

Source: SustainableBiz

QuadReal has made a commitment to cutting emissions to 50% by 2030, with an ultimate goal of becoming net-zero by 2050.

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### FortisBC reminds customers that energy use can spike as temperatures drop

Source: FortisBC

Space heating counts for around 60 per cent of household energy use in British Columbia, so building managers and homeowners should prepare their property for the winter.

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### Does your facility have an EV plan?

Source: REMI Network/Facility Cleaning & Maintenance

As electric vehicles continue to rise in popularity, facilities with EV chargers installed will provide a better value for the occupying companies.

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## TECHNOLOGY

### Heat pump mythbusters tackle key questions

Source: BC Hydro

A record number of British Columbians started using heat pumps as summer temperatures continue to climb, but consumers doing research online can be inundated with misinformation.

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### How to select the right boiler or water heater system

Source: FacilitiesNet

When commercial facilities need new HVAC systems, managers will have to decide the best heating/cooling option for their building while keeping new regulatory policies in mind.

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### BOMA Total Waste Management



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