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## LOCAL NEWS

### Province of BC Launches New Energy Incentives Program



EfficiencyBC is BC's online hub for homeowners and businesses to access information, incentives and support to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing homes and buildings. EfficiencyBC is funded by the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada under the [Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund](#). EfficiencyBC incentives are administered by BC Hydro, FortisBC and BC Housing.

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### Billing relief offered to FortisBC customers

**Source: FortisBC**

A bill credit is available for customers who were evacuated during floods and wildfires



Customers who were forced from their homes by flood or fire will not be charged for energy used while not at home thanks to billing relief being provided by FortisBC. There were 2,623 gas and electric customers under evacuation order due to this year's floods and wildfires and they will be receiving a bill credit that accounts for the energy they were charged while they were evacuated.

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### Metro Vancouver Approves the Climate 2050 Strategic Framework



The 30-year vision for climate policies and actions will ensure our infrastructure, ecosystems and communities are resilient to the impacts of climate change, and pursue the regional target of 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2007 levels by 2050.

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## Opponents of Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project speak in Vancouver

**Source: CBC News**

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and representatives of the Squamish Nation and Coldwater Indian Band spoke in downtown Vancouver, along with federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May and representatives of the environmental groups Stand.Earth and West Coast Environmental Law.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### How much is inefficient sign lighting costing you?



**Source: BC Hydro**

Promotional signs powered by neon or fluorescent lamps just aren't cost effective any more. Here is what you can do

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### B.C. Needs Bold Action To Make Homes And Buildings Energy Efficient

**Source: Pembina Institute**

While there are several policies in place ensuring new buildings are energy efficient, B.C.'s next megaproject should ensure buildings already in place receive the same upgrades.

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## ULI's Greenprint Report Shows Progress in Real Estate Industry in Reducing Emissions, Water Waste

**Source: *Urban Land Magazine***

The commercial real estate industry is becoming more green, according to a new report from ULI's Greenprint Center for Building Performance.

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## Adoption of Passive House in British Columbia

**Source: *Construction Canada***

The Passive House standard effectively reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and governments are beginning to see that.

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## Government of Canada Invests in Energy-Efficient Building Infrastructure

**Source: *Natural Resources Canada Press Release***

Energy efficiency is hard to see, but we feel its benefits in our homes, neighbourhoods, environment, economy and wallets. Federal investments in innovative energy-efficient projects drive economic growth, contribute to our clean energy future and create new, middle-class jobs for Canadians.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

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### **LNG Canada means B.C. will need to double down on hitting climate targets, Clean Energy Canada**

**Source: Clean Energy Canada**

The math is simple: adding a massive new source of pollution means we need to do far more to cut carbon pollution from our homes, from buildings, from our cars and trucks, and from other industries as well. It means we will need to be bolder, more ambitious and more innovative.

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