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LOCAL NEWS

B.C. to improve social housing, while reducing pollution



Source: Province of British Columbia

The \$1.1-billion retrofit initiative is part of the B.C. government's 30-point housing plan, released in the last provincial budget. Within this, the energy-efficiency component is budgeted at \$400 million and is part of government's upcoming strategy to meet B.C.'s legislated climate goals.

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Richmond streets lighting up through strategic energy management

Source: BC Hydro

As the City of Richmond gets underway with the latest phase of a project to convert streetlights to light-emitting diode (LED) technology, it's happy to report things are going better than originally anticipated.



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Colder temperatures means greater conservation needed



Source: FortisBC press release

After the October 9 Enbridge transmission pipeline rupture, FortisBC called for all customers to reduce their natural gas use. British Columbians responded and natural gas demand quickly dropped about 20 per cent. Now, with temperatures beginning to cool, demand for

natural gas is increasing once again and the need for conservation is even stronger.

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The electrification of B.C.: How a 2030 deadline is tipping the balance of power

Source: The Globe and Mail

BC Hydro customers have hit record highs in power usage over the last year, and it doesn't look like they'll stop breaking records any time soon. Meeting the province's carbon emission reduction goal by 2030 could be difficult as fossil fuels continue to make up two-thirds of the B.C.'s energy needs.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

New contest launched for better, more efficient buildings

Source: Province of British Columbia

The Better Buildings BC program will accelerate the design and construction of multi-family, commercial and institutional buildings that are super energy efficient. The program is built around a design competition, with up to \$390,000 given to the most cost-effective demonstration of net-zero energy-ready buildings.

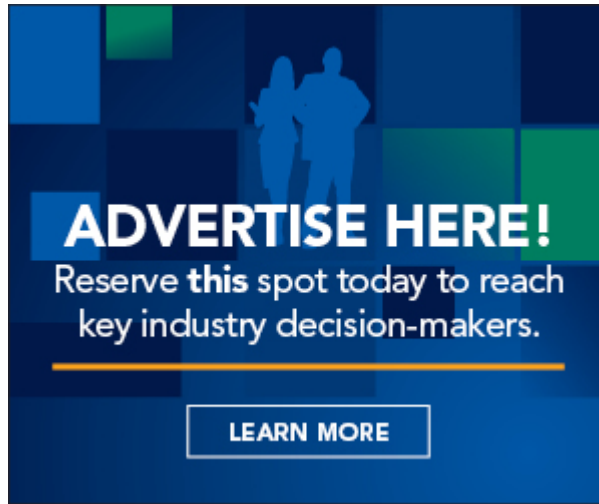
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Airtight, efficient and green: Burnaby's new rules for environmentally friendly buildings

Source: BurnabyNow

Burnaby's city council is paving the way for new rules governing energy efficiency in new builds, a plan that could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70 per cent or more in both commercial and residential developments.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Why a price on carbon pollution is good for Canadians

Source: Pembina Institute

Pricing pollution can increase demand for more fuel-efficient technologies. This encourages more Canadian firms to be innovative when it comes to creating these technologies, giving consumers more low-cost, fuel-efficient and energy-saving product options.

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