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LOCAL NEWS

The carbon price in B.C. and its impact on emissions, jobs and the economy

Source: Clean Energy Canada

"B.C.'s decade-old version of the carbon price has won international acclaim, with the World Bank and the United Nations describing it as the 'most comprehensive of its kind,' underscoring its success in 'transformational change' in the province."

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Millions in 150 countries protest for climate action

Source: CBC News

Ahead of a UN summit on climate change and global warming, advocates in countries around the world took part in a strike encouraging world leaders to take immediate action to avoid an environmental catastrophe. Young Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, age 16, inspired the worldwide strike. The teen, who became well-known for sailing across the Atlantic in an emissions-free yacht, headlined a large rally in Lower Manhattan.

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Accessibility Through Legislation

Source: BC Province

Shane Simpson, B.C.'s Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, is looking for feedback ahead of the development of new laws, standards and policies that aim to better support people with disabilities to live with dignity and to meaningfully participate in their communities. **Feedback is open from September 16 to November 29, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

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Canada invests in a greener Vancouver

Source: Natural Resources Canada

The Honourable Joyce Murray, president of the Treasury Board and Minister of Digital Government, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, announced a \$22-million investment for the City of Vancouver to establish an urban climate centre in Vancouver. This investment will support energy efficiency improvements in homes and buildings, including affordable housing developments.

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New sustainable energy engineering school welcomes first student cohort

Source: Simon Fraser University News

The doors to Simon Fraser University's newest Surrey campus building opened to students earlier this month as the institution launched a first-of-its-kind program set to play a role in British Columbia's burgeoning cleantech industry.

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FortisBC sets 30BY30 Target for a lower-carbon future



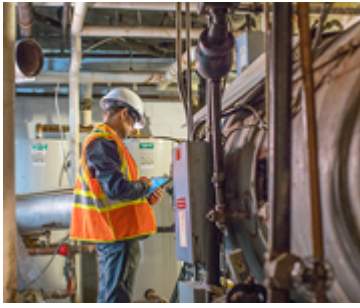
Source: FortisBC

FortisBC has established its first ever emissions reduction goal, representing one of the most ambitious emissions reduction targets in the Canadian utility sector. In announcing its 30BY30 Target, FortisBC will work to reduce GHG emissions associated with their customers' energy use by 30 per cent overall by the year 2030.

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Rebates help save money, energy and emissions

Whether you're replacing old heating equipment or are planning to



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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Seattle slows proposed ban on new natural-gas buildings; heating-oil tax advances

Source: **The Seattle Times**

Seattle City Councilmember Mike O'Brien is proposing a ban on gas-piping systems in newly constructed homes and buildings. At a recent meeting, natural-gas industry businesses and labour unions asked that the proposal, which the sustainability was supposed to vote on, be slowed down.

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An Accessibility Case Study: Marine Gateway, Vancouver, BC

Source: **Rick Hansen Foundation**

"Marine Gateway was built to building code; however, property manager Laura Malley wanted to make sure it was a true reflection of the local population, Malley discovered the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ program. BOMA Canada encouraged its members to compete in the 1st Annual Accessibility Challenge by getting RHF Accessibility Certified. Three sites won the award' at BOMA Canada's annual conference. Marine Gateway was recognized for receiving a score of 83% on their RHF Accessibility Certification."

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Businesses receive recognition for environmental leadership at Surrey awards

Source: **BC Local News**

At the Surrey Board of Trade's annual Surrey Environment and Business Awards last week, four businesses were recognized for their dedication to environmental issues and leadership

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Vancouver's proposed 60-storey building would be world's tallest Passive House tower

Source: Vancouver Courier

"You can make any buildings you want but the planet is on fire," Rick Gregory, vice-president of Henson Developments, told the *Vancouver Courier* at the open house for a 60-storey tower on Nelson Street. The building's height isn't what he wants to focus on – he's highlighting the plan to earn Passive House certification, an international standard for energy efficiency, as a key feature of the proposal.

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TECHNOLOGY

Amazon vows to be carbon neutral by 2040, buying 100,000 electric vans

Source: Reuters

As employees and consumers planned protests calling on leaders to address climate change, Jeff Bezos, Amazon CEO, pledged to make the e-commerce giant net carbon neutral by 2040. His plan also includes buying 100,000 electric delivery vans from a start-up.

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Cleantech VC ARCTERN Ventures Announces Second Close in Fund II

Source: **Betakit**

“Cleantech is solving some of the most fundamental problems that we have. Our life’s work at ArcTern is to demonstrate to the market that if you solve a big problem you get a big reward,” Tom Rand, ArcTern managing partner and co-founder, told *BetaKit*.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Best Place for Harvesting Solar Energy Is Not Where I Expected It to Be

Source: **Mother Jones**

Photovoltaic (PV) panels work most efficiently under specific conditions. Abundant sunlight is very important but not the only condition needed. Air temperature is very important too – if it starts to get very hot outside, above 25.5°C (78°F), the efficiency for converting sunlight to electricity decreases. Regions with light winds and low humidity are the best.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Make all new buildings accessible, Rick Hansen says in St. John's

Source: The Compass

More than 30 years after Rick Hansen began his Man in Motion World Tour wheelchair marathon, the six-time Paralympic medalist is still moving. Hansen returned to St. John's and spoke at BOMEX 2019 earlier this month in hopes of helping break down a barrier that many people with disabilities still face: physical obstacles in buildings and sites.

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BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

BOMA BC is taking an active role in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability with its members by providing cost-effective tools and resources to improve performance in buildings. We offer direct assistance for your energy management needs, utility tracking and reporting software, energy training, total waste management services, and a green building certification program. All members are encouraged to contact BOMA BC to see what programs are right for your organization.



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Through the BOMA Energy Management Program (EMP), partially funded by BC Hydro, BOMA is pleased to provide direct assistance to members with strategic energy management planning. BOMA BC members will have access to a qualified energy management professional who will work one-on-one with your organization to develop a strategic energy management plan. These plans are essential for organizations who are addressing the sustainability of their building portfolio and want a structured and effective way to reduce operating costs, improve building performance and reduce the environmental impact of the building.



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to implement the identified measures, along with the full cost to verify the measures after implementation. Building owners and/or managers can apply directly to BOMA BC to be a candidate for this service.

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BOMA BEST® 3.0 is a national green building certification program developed to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate, independently-verified information. Currently BOMA BEST® 3.0 provides seven modules for certification (office, light industrial, shopping centre, open air retail, multi-unit



residential, health care and universal). These certifications focus on 10 key areas of environmental management (energy, water, air quality, comfort, health and wellness, purchasing, custodial, waste, site and stakeholder engagement).

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