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## CURRENT EVENTS

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### FortisBC is holding an info session to answer questions regarding the gas line upgrade project

With construction on track to start next month, the information session is an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about FortisBC gas line upgrades. Click on Read More for more details

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Join the CleanBC conversation for a cleaner, brighter future



**Source: BC Province**

*"Building a cleaner, brighter future for B.C. is something we're all a part of, and CleanBC is our Province's plan to help get us there," said Heyman. "We are committed to listening to British Columbians as we take action on expanding a low-carbon economy to protect our natural environment and the place we call home."*

The telephone town halls provide an opportunity to connect directly with Heyman to ask questions about CleanBC.

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### Salish Secondary School delivers a futuristic lesson in energy efficiency

**Source: BC Hydro**

With 15 school projects reportedly in the design phase, Surrey Schools

gave us an exciting view of the future with Salish Secondary, which opened in September 2018. One of the first schools to be designed to support the new curriculum, it features huge collaborative spaces that can be partitioned off with sliding glass walls, an open air rooftop yoga studio, and whiteboard desks. And as you'd expect, it's also packed with state-of-the-art technology, including a theatre, WiFi, and huge screens for students to project work onto.



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## How growing cities can support at-home electric vehicle charging

### Source: The Conversation

As urban populations grow rapidly, many major cities are looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprints. Two policy agendas in Canada are designed to increase urban density and promote low-carbon transportation, including electric vehicles.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### Green buildings must do more to fix our climate emergency

#### Source: The Conversation

U.S.-based Architecture2030.org, a non-government organization, has introduced the first national and international "Zero Code" building standard for new construction. It aims to increase the amount of buildings designed to have high energy efficiency and use no fossil fuels in their operation. Work is already underway in California and China to implement the policy.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

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### How B.C. can power the clean future - Exploring the future of energy in British Columbia

Source: Pembina Institute

Transitioning to a clean energy economy is not a simple task, but B.C. is well positioned to take on the challenge. On top of widespread electrification and enormous renewable energy potential, the province has several other clean energy alternatives and a tech sector providing solutions to energy system decarbonization.

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### B.C. Budget 2019: Big dollars earmarked for climate action plan

Source: Vancouver Sun

The provincial government has earmarked \$902 million of the 2019 budget for CleanBC-related initiatives, which include clean energy retrofits, electric vehicle rebates and climate action tax credits.

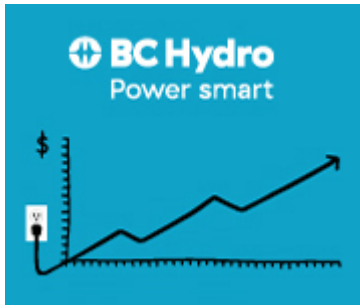
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### BOMA Strategic Energy Management Services

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.



This complimentary service for our members has very limited space, contact BOMA's Energy Manager, [David Salsberg](#) to find out more.

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The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy. The BOMA eEnergy Training course is an interactive online course for professionals to gain a comprehensive understanding of energy management. Participants develop the skills and knowledge to identify energy reduction opportunities in buildings and learn how to develop strategies to encourage stakeholders to save energy.



### What Course Participants are Saying:

*"The course is an excellent source for helping to summarize project costs and benefits as part of a capital budget, as well as 'selling' the benefits of energy savings projects."*

*"The course went into much more detail than I expected, which I was happy with as I was looking for a better understanding of the technical basics."*

*"The spreadsheets and links are very beneficial for future use."*

For more information or to register for the course, please go to the [BOMA Learning Website](#)

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## BOMA BEST® 3.0

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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## BOMA Total Waste Management

The Total Waste Management (TWM) Program is a one-stop, cost-effective recycling service. The service provides a comprehensive waste audit and custom solutions to meet all BOMA members' recycling needs (paper, cardboard, mixed containers, batteries, electronics, and organics).



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