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LOCAL NEWS

FortisBC customers to receive more support for energy-efficiency initiatives



Source: FortisBC

FortisBC just received approval from the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) to double its spending on conservation and efficiency programs in 2019.

“This approval is very positive — in addition to supporting all our customers with saving energy, it helps us advance our Clean Growth Pathway strategy which supports provincial and federal climate change objectives,” said Roger Dall’Antonia, president and CEO for FortisBC.

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Manage your energy more strategically with BC Hydro’s new Strategic Energy Management Hub

Source: BC Hydro



If decreasing your operating expenses and implementing energy saving measures are a top priority for you, check out the new BC Hydro Strategic Energy Management (SEM) Hub. Getting a clear understanding of how power is being used across your organization so that you can act

on it is now much easier. The SEM Assessment Tool walks you through all aspects of your business, including lighting, mechanical, operational and behavioural. This generates a report that helps you not only decide on energy management strategies, but also points you to any BC Hydro incentives that can help get you started.

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Province funds community-owned clean energy projects

**Source: Province of B.C.**

The Province of B.C. is supporting local government and First Nation investments in building projects with its \$650,000 Community Energy Leadership Program (CELP) funding that is part of CleanBC program's initiatives. The projects will lower energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

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**Surrey looks to expand electric vehicle charging stations****Source: BC Local News**

The City of Surrey is planning to install more electric vehicle charging stations. Last week, city council announced plans to submit a grant application requesting more than \$500,000 to the province's CleanBC Communities Fund to cover the cost.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

The home front: Building materials designed with efficiency in mind**Source: Vancouver Sun**

Cross-laminated timber has been used in North America since 2012 and is becoming an increasingly popular material to build with as its properties make it a sustainable choice for both commercial and residential buildings.

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**City staff in Kamloops applying for grant to improve Canada Games Aquatic Centre efficiency****Source: CFJC Today**

Kamloops has applied for a \$458,000 Clean BC Community Fund grant to help pay for energy efficiency improvements for the Canada Games Aquatic Centre, which are expected to cost \$9.1 million in total.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Ballard Signs Supply Agreement With Norled for Fuel Cell Modules to Power Ferry in Norway

Source: Ballard Power Systems

Ballard will provide two 200-kilowatt next generation modules to power the first liquid hydrogen fuel cell-powered ferry in commercial operation globally. The modules will be designed and manufactured at the new Marine Center of Excellence at Ballard's facility in Hobro, Denmark.

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Renewable Energy Now Accounts for a Third of Global Power Capacity

Source: IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency)

Following a decade-long trend of strong growth in renewable energy capacity added 171 Gigawatts in 2018, 84% of that growth came from solar and wind energy. As a result a third of global power capacity is now based on renewable energy.

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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.



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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BOMA uTrack

BOMA uTrack (powered by PUMA) is a utility tracking and reporting service offered to all members, at preferred pricing, to help reduce energy costs and track greenhouse gas emissions. Sign up now and start saving energy and money! BOMA uTrack clearly identifies utility spending and savings among



multiple sites, prioritizes energy projects by identifying least efficient facilities and sets achievable targets while easily charting and reporting on the results. For more information please contact [David Salsberg](#).

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BOMA e-Energy Training

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

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