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LOCAL NEWS

British Columbia Building Code 2018 - Public Review of Proposed Changes



Source: Province of British Columbia

June 28, 2019 - August 9, 2019

The Building and Safety Standards Branch invites code users, industry, and partners to participate in a public review to provide feedback on proposed changes to the BC Code.

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Victoria's plastic bag ban quashed by B.C. court

Source: CBC News

B.C.'s court of appeal ruled unanimously that the City of Victoria must receive permission from the provincial government to enact a plastic bag ban, but Victoria did not seek approval from the Minister of Environment. "*The Ministry of Environment has the ability to regulate the environment, [but] we have the ability to regulate business,*" argued Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps Thursday afternoon at city hall. "*Waste management is very much our responsibility.*" If Victoria requests permission from the province and receives the green light, the city can still go ahead with ban.

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Rebates help save money, energy and emissions

Whether you're replacing old heating equipment or are planning to develop or renovate a building to meet new energy performance standards, FortisBC has rebates on high-efficiency boilers and water heaters as well as custom incentives for optimizing building controls. If



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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Flower power: How an LED upgrade planted the seed for change

Source: BC Hydro



Quote: "Before the upgrade, we had an entire storeroom of all kinds of tubes, over 10 different sizes, and then we had colour variations too. It was ridiculous to manage all of that. With LED, we hardly need any replacements now." The new LED lights have also been combined with

occupancy sensors for further efficiency during opening and closing times when there are only a few people in the building.

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Investing in green: 11 energy efficient building projects to share \$2.5M in government incentives

Source: CTV News

A total of 11 building projects from around the province were selected as winners of the Net-Zero Energy-Ready Challenge, part of the government's CleanBC program. Each of the winning designs will receive up to \$390,000 in financial incentives to offset the costs associated with building to the highest energy-efficiency standards. The program offered a total of \$2.5 million in incentives, funded by both the provincial government and Natural Resources Canada.

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Green Infrastructure Foundation launches digital training course

Source: Daily Commercial News/Construct Connect

A new digital training course from the Green Infrastructure Foundation will be available through the Living Architecture Academy, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities digital learning platform. The course, called Introduction to Green Infrastructure: Principles, Applications, and Policies, was developed through a partnership with Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Ontario Parks Association.

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How energy efficiency can upgrade Canada for the future

Source: Canada's National Observer

The federal government has introduced several energy efficiency polices, including making new builds more energy efficient, retrofitting existing buildings and supporting energy efficiency in Indigenous communities. Clean Energy Canada is breaking down the benefits to help Canadians understand the policies and their importance.

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City taking voluntary Step Code approach

Source: Kamloops This Week

The City of Kamloops is looking to voluntarily implement the BC Energy Step Code, but is waiting for the province to finalize the third set of guidelines.

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TECHNOLOGY

Electricity and water do mix: How electric ships are clearing the air on the B.C. coast

Source: CBC News

The shipping industry currently emits about 940 million tonnes of CO₂ each year, according to the European Commission. That makes up 3% of global GHG emissions.

The 150-metre-long Seaspan Reliant is one of the vessels working the BC Coast that is partially powered by electricity. The large battery systems built by Corvus Energy, a Richmond, BC company, are recharged by large engines burning natural gas.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Castlegar already well on path to energy-wise future, says community activist

Source: BC Local News

At a Castlegar city council meeting earlier this month, the West Kootenay EcoSociety asked council to join several other West Kootenay communities in the drive to make the West region the largest area in North America committed to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2050.

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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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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 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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