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## LOCAL NEWS

### BC Hydro applies for lower rates



Source: Province of BC

*If approved by B.C. Utilities Commission, starting next spring, people in British Columbia will pay less for electricity. "I am thrilled that BC Hydro is now able to apply for a rate reduction for the first time in decades. If approved by our independent regulator, lower rates would make life better and more affordable for British Columbians,"* said Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Petroleum Resources.

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### B.C. Energy Efficiency Standards - Proposed Amendments & Consultation



Source: Province of BC

The province is proposing new and updated standards for residential windows, residential and commercial gas boilers, and computers and monitors. The amendment package also includes regulatory upkeep changes for general service lighting and commercial fenestration standards. Public review and stakeholder consultation will be open for six weeks, ending Oct. 4, 2019. Stakeholder consultation will be followed by regulatory drafting and submission of the regulatory proposal to cabinet for approval.

For more information on energy efficiency standards, please visit the ministry's website by clicking the "Read More" button. There you will also find the link to the consultations, or [click here](#) to go directly to them.

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## BC Hydro seeks special rate to offer TransLink, BC Transit EV conversion

Source: Vancouver Sun

BC Hydro submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission to create a discounted charging rate for EV fleet owners like TransLink and BC Transit as both organizations are setting goals for adopting battery-electric buses. This is all part of an overall provincial objective of cutting greenhouse-gas emissions by 80 per cent from 2007 levels by 2050.

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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 your properties include apartment buildings, you can also get water-saving upgrades and an energy assessment at no cost from the rental apartment efficiency program.

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### Scoring with rebates: How the City of Surrey and FortisBC worked together to save energy and money



Source: FortisBC

In larger facilities, keeping comfortable conditions for its occupants can be energy-intensive. That is why the City of Surrey took the initiative to upgrade and install the most cost-effective and energy-efficient equipment available, saving energy and money as well as decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. The expected energy saving energy savings will be approximately 3,000 gigajoules per year, lowering GHG emissions by an estimated 152 of CO<sub>2</sub> annually and saving \$17,000 annually. Click the button below to learn more about how the City of Surrey is achieving this.

If you are interested in learning which incentives are available for your projects, contact BOMA BC Energy Manager, [David Salsberg](#).

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## Could your business use a free \$230 smart water heating controller?

Source: BC Hydro



Do you own a business in the following Vancouver Island municipalities: Sidney, North Saanich, Central Saanich, Saanich, Victoria, Oak Bay or Esquimalt? Would you like to reduce hot water and energy usage, and be able to compare energy data weekly or monthly? Click the button below to enter a trial and win a free \$230 smart water heating controller.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

### Commercial Real Estate: Solar Panels to Top New Stack Office Tower

Source: Vancouver Sun

Oxford Properties Group's 36-storey office tower, known as the Stack, in downtown Vancouver will boast 70 horizontal solar panels covering 1,250 sq. ft. The panels are expected to generate 26,000 kWh annually.

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### Minister Bains Announces Support for Canada's Next Cleantech Champions

**Source: Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

Across Canada, companies at the forefront of clean technology innovation are developing solutions that will support economic growth, create jobs and protect the environment. The Government of Canada has prioritized investments in cleantech to ensure Canadian companies are positioned to compete in this growing industry, expected to reach a value of \$2.5 trillion by 2022.

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**Delivering Effective Quality Service since 1991**

Executive Air Conditioning is a local HVAC contractor that has been serving the lower mainland since 1991. We pride ourselves on customer service and specialize in preventative maintenance, service and repair, and installation work. As a contractor, we strongly believe in being environmentally responsible by utilizing our "Green Initiatives" to keep customers informed of ever changing regulations and committed to leaving a positive effect in our community and the environment.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

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**This Ontario town is trying to be Canada's first carbon-neutral community**

**Source: Maclean's**

The small community of Eden Mills, consisting of around 350 residents, has worked hard to maintain its 19th-century charm. Now, on top of these preservation efforts, the village is working to become Canada's first carbon-neutral community, an almost-futuristic goal. In 2013, the town was already 75 per cent of the way to reaching its goal, an achievement many other cities, provinces and entire countries could only hope for.

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**How one Calgary company turns CO2 into soap with its micro-carbon capture technology**

**Source: Financial Post**

CleanO2's flagship product CARBiNX reduces carbon emissions from furnaces and water heaters while also creating chemical products that are used in a variety of ways. By the end of 2019, this device will be installed in more than 32 places in Calgary, Vancouver and Minneapolis. This comes after successful pilot projects with utility firms ATCO Ltd. and FortisBC, as well as Lush Cosmetics, a U.K.-based retailer.

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## BOMA BC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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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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### Building Tune-Up Program

The BOMA BC Building Tune-Up Program is a recommissioning (RCx) program to identify low-cost energy and emissions savings through adjustments or minor upgrades to BOMA members' building automation systems (BAS). Targeting largely B & C class buildings, the program provides 100% of the cost to conduct a detailed assessment of operational energy conservation measures (ECMs), a further fixed value amount 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 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.



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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