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## LOCAL NEWS

### Vancouver Landfill now approved to produce Renewable Natural Gas

**Source: FortisBC**

FortisBC and the City of Vancouver have received regulatory approval from the British Columbia Utilities Commission to produce Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) at the City's landfill in Delta. This supply will bring FortisBC closer to a key deliverable within the 30BY30 target to reduce its customers' greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent by 2030.



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### 2020 Tipping Fee Bylaw Changes

**Source: MetroVancouver**

Starting January 1, 2020. Garbage tipping fees will increase by \$5 per tonne except for large loads (greater than 9 tonnes), which will increase by \$9 per tonne. The recycling fee for source-separated organic waste, green waste and clean wood will increase by \$5 per tonne. A full list of Tipping Fee Bylaw changes are included in the GVS&DD Board Report (Item G3.1) dated October 11, 2019, titled "GVS&DD Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No.330, 2019". Find it at [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org) by searching "November 1 2019 GVSDD Board Agenda".

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### Provide your feedback about future job opportunities with CleanBC

**Source: B.C. Government**

CleanBC is a government strategy that sets a pathway to a cleaner, better future. That future includes new job and training opportunities for you, your family and your community. Join the online discussion to help us have a cleaner, better B.C. for generations to come. ***Have your say before: November 29, 2019 at 4 p.m.***



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### Climate Ready B.C.: Preparing Together

Source: B.C. Government

We want to hear from you. How is B.C.'s changing climate affecting you? What does B.C. need to do to prepare for climate change impacts? What do you think needs to be done to prepare for climate change in your community and across the province? **This phase of engagement will close January 10, 2020 (4 p.m.).**



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### B.C. gets top marks in national energy efficiency report card

Source: Nanaimo News Bulletin

In Efficiency Canada's first-ever energy efficiency scorecard, B.C. was ranked Canada's most energy efficient region thanks to programs like CleanBC and the Energy Step Code.

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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.

[Find FortisBC rebates for your building at fortisbc.com/businessrebates](https://www.fortisbc.com/businessrebates)

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## ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

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### Your power factor - what it is and how to reduce it

**Source: BC Hydro**

Power factor determines the efficiency of your equipment. Large inductive loads such as power transformers and electric motor-driven loads, like fans, pumps and air compressors are common causes of low power factors. Other causes can include older variable speed drives, compact fluorescent lighting, electrical chargers and induction furnaces.

These cause inefficiencies in electricity transmission, energy losses, voltage fluctuations and power quality issues that affect equipment. Click on to read more and better understand what power factor is, how it affects your energy bill and how to improve it.



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### BC Building Code Revisions

**Source: B.C. Government**

Rebision 2 of the BC Building Code has been approved. Changes will be effective December 12, 2019 and apply to building permits applied for on or after this date. Amendments include changes to secondary suites, carbon monoxide detectors and alarms, the BC Energy Step Code, lighting in recycling rooms, roof-top enclosures and roof-top occupancies, and tall wood jurisdiction specific requirements in Ministerial Order.



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### UBC and Okanagan College partner on green construction centre

**Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect**

A new partnership between the University of British Columbia and Okanagan College will facilitate the creation of the Green Construction Research & Training Centre. The goal of this hub is to foster innovation in sustainable building by providing a research and training area so students and researchers can continue learning about green construction.

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## A new blueprint for green building

**Source: Business in Vancouver**

Nexii Building Solutions Inc., a Moose Jaw construction startup focused on creating low-carbon building materials, has opened a head office in Vancouver. The company is turning heads in the real estate and construction industries.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY

### T̓silhqot'in Nation Celebrates Grand Opening of its Solar Farm

**Source: The Rossland Telegraph**

The T̓silhqot'in Solar Farm is located 80 km west of Williams Lake on what is known as the Riverwest Sawmill. The 1.25-MW solar farm is the largest of its kind in British Columbia and is one hundred percent developed, built, owned and operated by the T̓silhqot'in Nation. It consists of 3,456 solar modules that will convert the sun's rays into electricity which will then be sent into the BC Hydro grid and generate economic profit for the Nation. Full operation will begin shortly with the solar farm generating about 1,500 megawatt hours of electricity per year during its 25-year expected lifetime.

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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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### Trans Mountain pipeline could fund \$500 million a year in clean-energy projects: Liberals

**Source: Vancouver Sun**

The Liberal government expects the expanded Trans Mountain pipeline to generate \$500 million for Ottawa annually. Finance Minister Bill Morneau said the government will spend that money on cleaner sources of energy and projects that pull carbon out of the atmosphere. According to Morneau, the expanded pipeline is a way to help finance Canada’s transition to a clean energy economy.

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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





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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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