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LOCAL NEWS

Minister's statement on B.C. ranking first in Canada for energy efficiency

Source: B.C. Government

"With our CleanBC plan, British Columbia is the leader in Canada for clean energy and climate action. Going forward, Efficiency Canada's scorecard will help us measure the positive impacts of the actions we are taking to increase energy efficiency in buildings, transportation and industry as we continue working toward a cleaner, stronger province," said Michelle Mungall, minister of energy, mines and petroleum resources.



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Rental Apartment Efficiency Program Do you want to make your residential rental properties more energy efficient? FortisBC's Rental Apartment Efficiency Program can help you get started, with a professional energy assessment of your building, installation of water-efficient fixtures in each suite and ongoing support for further upgrades. There's no cost, it's easy to sign up and hundreds of buildings in BC have already participated, saving an estimated 270 million litres of water annually.

Watch our short video to see what you could save.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Solar? Geothermal? Garbage? 6 climate-friendly ways to heat and cool buildings

Source: CBC News

One way communities can cut their greenhouse gas emissions is by using local energy to heat and cool buildings. These sources include lake water, wood waste or even garbage. In district energy systems, multiple buildings are hooked up to a central system instead of having an individual heating and cooling system for each building. This is similar to how buildings are connected to the municipal water service instead of individual wells as heat is distributed to buildings via pipes that typically carry water.

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BOMA Canada 100,000 Trees

Source: BOMA Canada



BOMA Canada has planted its first 4,500 trees. The organization was excited to launch its 100,000 Tree Program at BOMEX 2019. For every building

certified under BOMA BEST since September, 25 trees will be planted! The goal is for BOMA community to collectively plant at least 20,000 trees per year as they certify and recertify under BOMA BEST. BOMA Canada is excited to announce that the first 4,500 trees have already been planted. The association has started tracking the impact of the trees planted, down to the tree and/or building certification level and is looking forward to releasing its first report. Prior to the launch, BOMA Canada surpassed 3,000 active BOMA BEST certifications and expects to double that number by 2023 if not sooner. Click to learn more about the program.

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New Sudbury Centre says it making progress on sustainability

Source: The Sudbury Star

You may think a shopping mall is not the greatest example of environmental friendliness, but the New Sudbury Centre is working on changing that. The shopping centre said its ongoing sustainability efforts are leading to real results. These efforts include organic recycling, HVAC replacement, building automation system and LED lighting. Last year, the centre achieved BOMA BEST Gold certification.

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B.C. carbon tax fueling new clean industry fund

Source: Alaska Highway News

Harmac Pacific's new sludge treatment system, partially funded by the provincial government, is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of natural gas its boilers require to burn. Harmac is the first company to receive approval for CleanBC Industry Fund grants, which are funded through carbon tax revenue.

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Disclosure Challenge reveals need for transparent energy and carbon data

Source: Daily Commercial News

The Disclosure Challenge, an initiative created by the Canada Green Building Council has released the results for the Canadian commercial real estate market. The study demonstrates the essential need for energy benchmarking and data transparency.

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Canada's Zero Carbon Building Standard celebrates first 10 certifications

Source: Construction Links

The Canada Green Building Council's Zero Carbon Building Standard will help eliminate carbon emissions in Canada starting with 10 projects with the certification. The projects include office buildings, schools and warehouses, demonstrating that all types of buildings can achieve zero carbon emissions.

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TECHNOLOGY

Apple buys first-ever carbon-free aluminum from Alcoa-Rio Tinto venture

Source: Thomson Reuters Foundation News

Earlier this month, Apple Inc. announced that it has purchased the first-ever commercial batch of carbonfree aluminum from a partnership of two of the world's biggest aluminum suppliers. Elysis, a Montrealbased joint venture of Alcoa Corp and Rio Tinto, will manufacture the metal using \$144 million in funding from the two companies, Apple and the governments of Canada and Quebec. The move to carbon-free materials is a response to consumer, activist and investor demand that miners and manufacturers work to lessen their environmental impact.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Remote B.C. school gets most of its power from \$450K solar energy

Source: CBC News

A school in a remote part of B.C. is working to reduce its diesel consumption after investing \$450,000 into solar panel installation.

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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. Learn More

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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 <u>David Salsberg</u>.

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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



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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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