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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: New Energize Vancouver hub set to accelerate the shift to healthier, more climate resilient buildings (March 19, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will issue the below information bulleting announcing the launch of Energize Vancouver, a new multi-year initiative designed to reduce energy use and carbon pollution in Vancouver's large existing buildings, while making them more resilient to climate change.

As described in the memo from Doug Smith last week, Energize Vancouver supports requirements under the City of Vancouver's **Annual Greenhouse Gas and Energy Limits By-law**.

The City's new **Energize Vancouver** resource hub is designed to:

- Support building owners/property managers in reducing energy-use and GHG emissions
- Provide access to guides, videos and tools to ensure compliance with new energy and carbon reporting requirements
- Make buildings healthier and more resilient to climate change

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media account on Tuesday, March 19.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,
Karen

Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager (she/her)

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Information bulletin
March 19, 2024**

New Energize Vancouver hub set to accelerate the shift to healthier, more climate resilient buildings

The Energize Vancouver resource hub will support Vancouver's large existing building owners to track and improve energy performance and reduce building emissions

Owners and property managers of large office, retail and multi-family buildings in Vancouver can now access the **Energize Vancouver resource hub** to report their building's energy-use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, ahead of the June 1 deadline, while learning about future requirements to reduce emissions with how-to-guides, videos, resources and other support tools.

What is Energize Vancouver?

Energize Vancouver is a multi-year initiative dedicated to upgrading and retrofitting Vancouver's large existing commercial and multi-family buildings to provide healthier, safer, and more comfortable indoor spaces, while reducing emissions and improving energy performance. The new resource hub is designed to support building owners and managers in understanding and complying with current and upcoming requirements, including:

- **Energy and Carbon Reporting** (starting in 2024): Annual reporting of energy-use and carbon pollution for buildings larger than 100,000 square feet (9,290 square metres).
- **Greenhouse Gas Intensity (GHGi) Limits** (starting in 2026): Compliance with specified annual GHGi limits for office and retail buildings (100,000 ft. sq. and above), which will progressively lower over time.
- **Heat Energy Limits** (starting in 2040): Meeting specified limits for natural gas and district energy consumed by office and retail buildings (100,000 ft. sq. and above).
- **Future compliance:** Stay informed about upcoming regulations and proactively plan for retrofits, efficiency measures and investments in renewable energy sources to reduce GHG emissions.
- **Resources:** Energize Vancouver includes detailed reporting requirements, how-to-guides, videos, supports and help center access.

Energize Vancouver features

To avoid fines and penalties, building owners and managers need to plan ahead and report their energy use and GHG emissions on time. Visit Energize Vancouver to learn more, and sign-up to the mailing list for information and deadline reminders: <https://vancouver.ca/energize-vancouver>

Background

As part of the City's [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#) commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings by 50 per cent by 2030, Council approved the [Annual Greenhouse Gas and Energy Limits By-law](#) to:

- Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions produced by existing commercial and multi-family buildings.
- Accelerate the shift to healthier, more affordable, and more resilient homes, offices, and retail stores.

The City is phasing the bylaw's implementation to prioritize larger buildings with more capacity to retrofit and make energy-efficiency upgrades. Providing a clear regulatory roadmap and phasing implementation also provides building owners and managers time to understand the current performance of buildings, investigate incentives and financing, and plan any needed improvements or equipment replacement in their capital plans.

Learn more: <https://vancouver.ca/energize-vancouver>

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