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Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Energy Retrofitting the Envelope: Avoiding Surprises



Date & Time: February 24th, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Location: Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort, Cranbrook BC

Presenters: Hamid Heidarali, P.Eng. with Megan Lohmann, RDEK Community Energy Manager

Registration link: <https://energyretrofitsworkshop.eventbrite.ca>

Fee: \$50

In this newly created course, Hamid will lead us through best practices & common failures in energy retrofits, and as always, demonstrate how to approach a project with a holistic perspective to create true high-performance.

Hamid invites the audience to bring their own accounts of envelope retrofit challenges, so that these common problems can be worked through and solved during the session.

Who it's for: This workshop will be of interest to a broad audience, including: builders, designers, trades, building officials and DIY renovators looking to properly perform their own energy retrofit projects.

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Deep Dive into Energy Retrofits: Building Leaders Breakfast

Date & Time: February 25th, 8am to 10 am



Location: Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort,
Cranbrook BC

Facilitators: Megan Lohmann, RDEK Community Energy Manager
with attendance by Hamid Heidarali, P.Eng.

Registration link: <https://energyretrofitsbreakfast.eventbrite.ca>

Fee: \$15

Join us for a business development and networking opportunity for building industry leaders keen to transform and expand the East Kootenay market for energy retrofits and high-performance renovations.

Who it's for: We invite a breadth of stakeholders to attend, including builders, suppliers, sub-trades, Realtors, building officials, home inspectors, and developers. Seating limited to 20 participants, so get your ticket early.

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Prepare Your Team for New Energy Performance Rules

We are once again offering **BuildSmart Tailgate meetings** free-of-charge to builders in the Central and Elk Valley regions of the East Kootenay. These 1-2 hour, on-site, training sessions provide air tightness training at the critical mid-construction point of new builds. Teams learn about the BC Energy Step Code and the role that everyone involved in a build, from carpenters, to plumbers, to electricians, has in maintaining a building's energy performance through protecting the air barrier. Builder hosts receive a **FREE mid-construction air tightness test**, performed by a certified energy advisor during the session.



To learn more see this [video](#) of East Kootenay builder, Kipp Lester, explaining why he hosted a BuildSmart Tailgate last summer.

If you have a build underway in the Central or Elk Valley sub-regions of the East Kootenay, contact **Gaëtane Carignan**, to see if hosting a BuildSmart Tailgate session would be right for you (gcarignan@communityenergy.bc.ca or 250- 469-6783 ext 712).

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Transformation of a Mountain Town



Achieving an average of Step 3 for Part 9 builds in 2018, the City of Kimberley is a great example of a successful rural, early adopter of the BC Energy Step Code. The community now enjoys energy performance gains and an elevated building industry in all sectors including residential, commercial/industrial and energy retrofits.

Other rural communities and regions of the province are watching this East Kootenay mountain town to see how they did it.

The full the case study bulletin and video are on the East Kootenay Energy Hub website [here](#).



Building a Legacy is an initiative of the RDEK Energy Manager, with core support from the Regional District of the East Kootenay, Columbia Basin Trust and BC Hydro, and facilitated through the Community Energy Association.

The initiative is working to raise the energy performance literacy of five main stakeholder groups in the East Kootenay, namely builders/developers, trades, building officials, real estate professionals and consumers.

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