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## Regional Update

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## Breaking News



### BC Energy Step Code Adopted by Both RDEK and City of Fernie

Both the RDEK and City of Fernie have adopted [BC Energy Step Code](#) as a requirement beginning January 1, 2021. These East Kootenay local governments join the City of Kimberley, and Districts of Sparwood and Elkford in requiring Step Code.

As of January 1st, the RDEK is adopting Step 1 for all new part 9 builds. The City of Fernie is adopting Step 2 for all new part 9 builds and Step 1 for all part 3 builds.

This means the performance pathway, i.e. energy modelling and air tightness testing, will be required for new builds in these jurisdictions.

If you are a builder new to using the performance pathway and you are in need of an energy advisor, a directory of energy advisors working in BC can be found at [Better Homes BC](#).

## Workshops & Training

### Step Code and the Triple Bottom Line

**November 24th & 25th, 2-4 pm** This 2-hour online workshop will cover a breadth of topics relevant to high efficiency building including but not limited to: site location and planning, improving the building envelope, insulation methods & systems.

Presented by College of the Rockies instructor Dan Carmichael, in collaboration with the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce with support from Fortis BC.

[Register here](#)

## Quality Work Recognized for Insulation & Heat Pump Installers

Show customers that you stand behind the quality of your work - become a Program Registered Contractor (PRC) with the Home Renovation Rebate Program.

Coordinated by BC Hydro and Fortis BC, the Program offers established insulation and heat pump installers the opportunity to become a PRC and take advantage of multiple benefits such as:

- Having your company listed in a public directory where homeowners look to find contractors
- Use of the program logo to denote your company as a quality contractor
- Access to market-leading training, and more

**Learn more about the steps to becoming a PRC and submit an application in less than 10 minutes at [registeredbctractor.ca](http://registeredbctractor.ca)**

## New HVAC Training Online- FREE for a limited time

Interested in enhancing your skills in HVAC installations and staying ahead of the competition?

The High Performance Stakeholder Council (HPSC) is pleased to announce the release of a new training course for HVAC contractors: *Quality Installation of Forced Air Furnace and Air Source Heat Pump Retrofits in BC Homes*.

**[FREE for BC contractors for a limited time – a cost savings of \\$1,500!](#)**

Complete the training on your own time with a self-paced online format. Plus, earn up to 21.0 CPD credits through BC Housing.

## The BUILT*better* program

### Online | Fall 2020

FortisBC has been working with HRAI to offer some of their [online courses](#) at a highly subsidized rate. Open to residents of BC, the residential and small commercial courses below are eligible for an 80% reduced price.

- Basic Principles of Residential Ventilation (an Online Module and prerequisite for the Ventilation course at regular rate of \$79 or **subsidized rate of \$15.80 + GST**)
- Indoor Air Quality for Residential and Small Commercial (2-day course at regular rate of \$845 or **subsidized rate of \$169.00 + GST**)
- Residential Ventilation using Section 9.32 of the Building Code - BCBC Version (2-day course at regular rate of \$845 or **subsidized rate of \$169.00 + GST**)
- HRV/ERV Installation & Balancing Fundamentals (1-day course at regular rate \$600 or **subsidized rate of \$120 + GST**)
- Small Commercial Heat Loss/Heat Gain Calculations (3-day course at regular rate of \$1,065 or **subsidized rate of \$213.00 + GST**)
- Small Commercial Air System Design (3-day course at regular rate of \$1,065 or **subsidized rate of \$213.00 + GST**)

These courses are scheduled virtual classroom sessions.

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## East Kootenay Case Studies

### Step 4 Townhouse in Kimberley



We've just wrapped production of another East Kootenay case study, this time a multi-unit residential build in Kimberley that reached Step 4 of the BC Energy Step Code. Watch this [video](#) to see how this was achieved and learn the incremental cost to build above code.

View all our East Kootenay "Building A Legacy" case studies and more on our [YouTube channel](#).

# Rebates & Incentives

## Stay up-to-date on Incentives

You and your clients could be eligible for thousands of dollars of incentives by following the performance pathway of the Energy Step Code.

Consult with your energy advisor or check the following sites to stay current on the latest incentives. Your local government may also have its own rebate program.

BC Hydro rebates: [www.bchydro.com/homerebates](http://www.bchydro.com/homerebates)

FortisBC rebates: [www.fortisbc.com/homerebates](http://www.fortisbc.com/homerebates)

CleanBC Better Homes rebates: [www.betterhomesbc.ca](http://www.betterhomesbc.ca)



[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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