



Making Sustainability Profitable



DISTRICT OF
Vanderhoof
1926 – 2026

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How did we get here?

Security and card access



**Discussions about how
the building is operating**



Building assessment

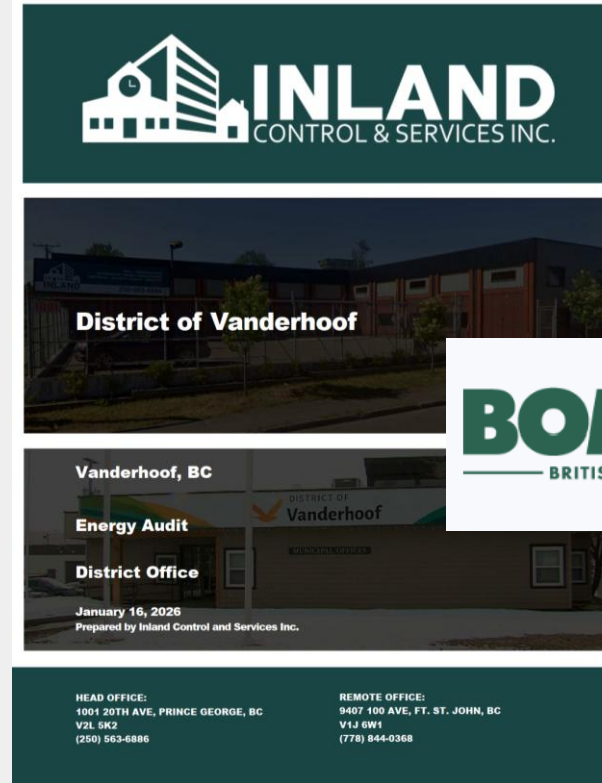


Grant support



Where are we now?

- Inland Control and Services helped secure funding from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) to complete a level two energy audit
- Highlighted opportunities to reduce operating emissions and costs, increase occupant comfort levels, and provided valuable data to support rebate and grant applications



In the process of securing rebates and grants to reduce the District of Vanderhoof's investment from \$175,000 to \$32,000!

What is sustainability and its impact to you?

Burden or Benefit?

Is it a provincial and federal mandate that you need to meet with out the resources to support you?

Or is it a provincial and federal mandate that can be used to leverage grants applications for critical upgrades like Will and the District of Vanderhoof?

Is it the “feel good” component that only works in warmer climates?

Or is it a way to increase climate resilience and energy security by offering multiple ways to heat and cool your buildings?

Sustainability is a relationship

- Not every solution works for every building and every climate. What works well for you?
- Do you need to invest money into it or time? Maybe both?
- Some buildings are higher maintenance than others, where does your attention need to go?
- Check yourself. Are you giving your building what you think it needs or are you giving it what it needs?

The key is finding balance and identifying what your building needs, not what other buildings need.

How can you make sustainability profitable?

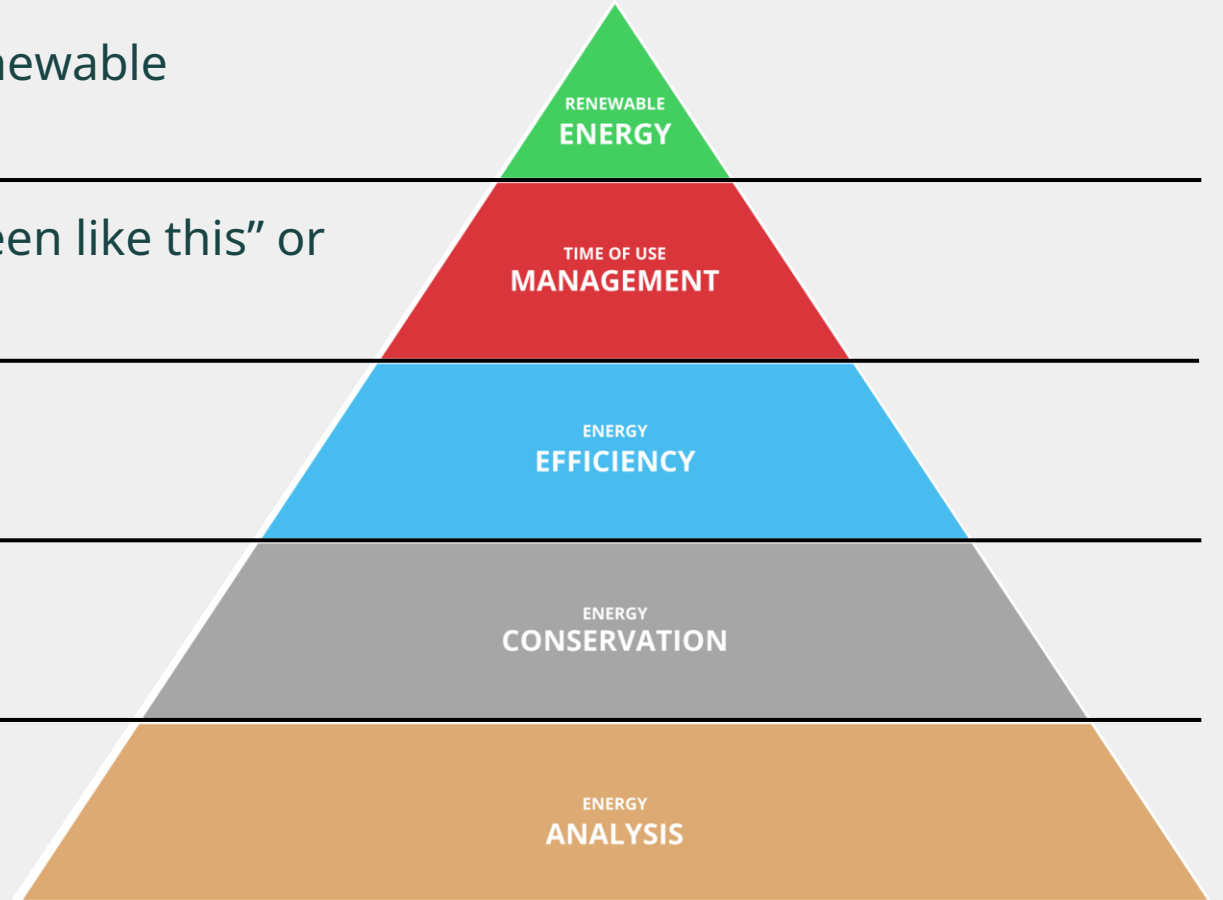
Ground source heat pumps are a great example of renewable energy in action in the north!

Are we operating with the mindset of “It has always been like this” or “How can we do better”?

Do you have assets ready to be retired that would benefit from planned replacement?

Be shameless, go for that low hanging fruit! Finance future projects with the benefits of easy wins!

Get to know your buildings through baselining your buildings performance. **GJ/m² or \$/m²**



You can not manage what you can not measure, a great foundation will set you up for success.



How do I start?



You already have by being here!



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