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### **Resources for improving business energy efficiency**

Wondering how you can reduce the operational costs and environmental impact of your business? BC Hydro and Fortis BC offer many resources and incentives for business owners looking to upgrade their buildings and equipment to improve energy efficiency.

Through the Business Energy Saving Incentives program, BC Hydro customers can receive rebates covering up to 75 per cent of the cost for retrofit projects. If your business is in the market for a lighting, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) or refrigeration energy efficiency upgrade, this program is for you.

FortisBC provides rebates when business owners upgrade to high-efficiency products, such as kitchen equipment, boilers and water heaters. Industrial customers can receive rebates when adding insulation to pipes and tanks for hot water and steam and when installing new air curtains to reduce heat waste and energy costs.

*“Upgrading to high-efficiency products can mean substantial savings for local businesses,”* notes Rose Klukas, the City’s economic development officer. *“It makes sense to investigate the opportunities for reducing energy costs and accessing grant money, as this can give your business a leg up over the competition.”*

To learn more about the different resources available, visit the City’s website ([campbellriver.ca/energy-efficiency-resources-for-your-business](http://campbellriver.ca/energy-efficiency-resources-for-your-business)).

*“With BC Hydro and Fortis BC both offering programs for businesses of all different sizes become more energy efficient, these incentives are good for the environment and will help reduce business utility bills,”* says Amber Zirnelt, the City’s manager of long range planning and sustainability.

Improving building energy efficiency aligns with the City’s Community Energy & Emissions Plan, and the target to retrofit two per cent of existing buildings annually to improve energy efficiency by 2020. Encouraging commercial and industrial building owners to improve the energy performance of buildings is an important step toward achieving this goal.

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