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# The Roles of Energy Advisors & Building Officials for Deep Energy Retrofits

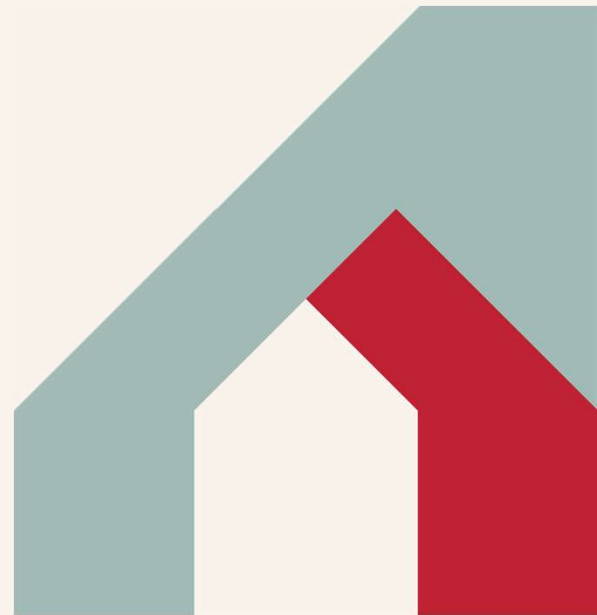


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Canadian Association of  
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**Community Energy**  
Association





- Intros & session purpose
- Policy & program context
- Role of local governments/ Building Officials
  - Role of Energy Advisors
- How BOs & EAs can work together to support retrofits in their communities

# Peer networks

- Over **1100** individuals attended at least one meeting from **132** different local governments and **15** Indigenous Communities
- **68 meetings** across **15 Peer Networks...** and growing

## Topics:

- Step Code
- Low Carbon Retrofits
- Electric Mobility
- Embodied Emissions
- Resilience
- Building Officials & energy

## Regions:

- NorthCAN
- Vancouver Island/Coast
- Thompson-Okanagan
- Kootenay
- Lower Mainland
- Alberta Staff Network

## Elected Officials

- Alberta Climate Leaders
- BC Climate Leaders
- Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership (VICC-CL)

# Policy & program context

## **Federal**

- National Building Code update
- Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program
- National Home Labelling Program

## **Provincial**

- BC Building Code update
- Highest Efficiency Equipment Standards
- CleanBC rebates
- Home Energy Planner

## **Municipal**

- Building bylaws & other regulations
- Incentives
- Industry capacity
- Education & outreach
  - Home energy retrofit concierge programs
- Advocacy

# Municipal role

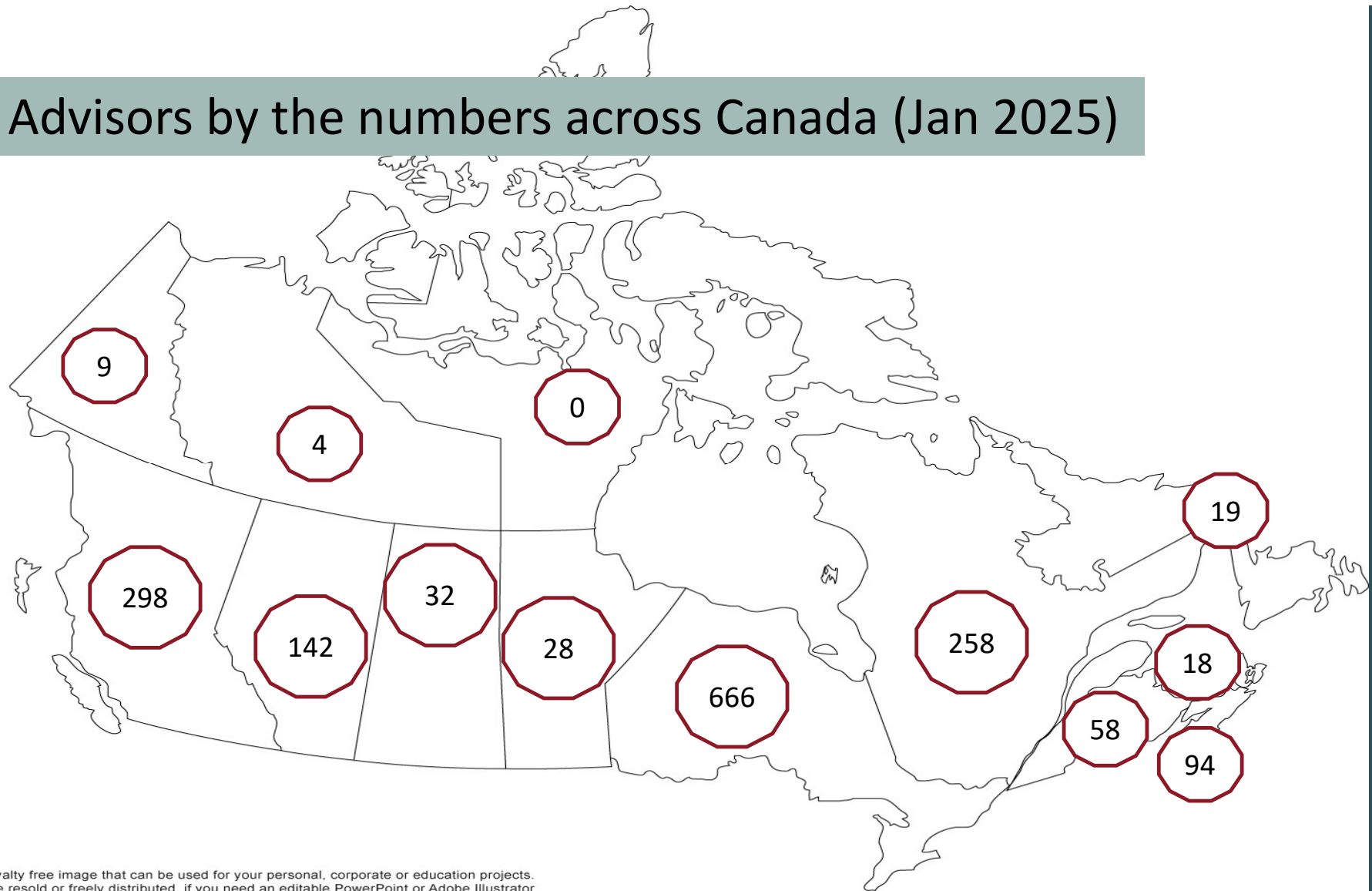
- Building bylaws & other regulations
  - BC Building Code, HEES when available
  - Building permits, mechanical permits, noise bylaws, siting guides, etc.
  - Energy & emissions reporting
- Incentives
  - CleanBC top-ups
  - On-bill financing
  - PACE-like programs
- Industry capacity
  - Offer and promote training
- Education & outreach
  - Home energy retrofit concierge programs
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# The Energy Advisor

...who are they and how can they help you?

- Tested and registered by Natural Resources Canada
- Fundamental skillset includes building science, residential (Part 9) construction principles, the EnerGuide Rating System and modelling (HOT2000) and onsite air leakage testing
- Existing and New Homes

# Energy Advisors by the numbers across Canada (Jan 2025)



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# CACEA

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## Our Mission

To support a sustainable profession of successful and credible Canadian Energy Advisors (EA).

## Our Mandate

Ensure credible, skilled members and be a valued, respected sector partner.

## Our Members

Includes EAs, suppliers, stakeholders and allies, and those in the process of becoming registered EAs.

Members across Canada access to:

- **knowledge and information;**
- a **supportive network;**
- a **unified voice** to influence change; and
- **discounts** to equipment, training, and more.

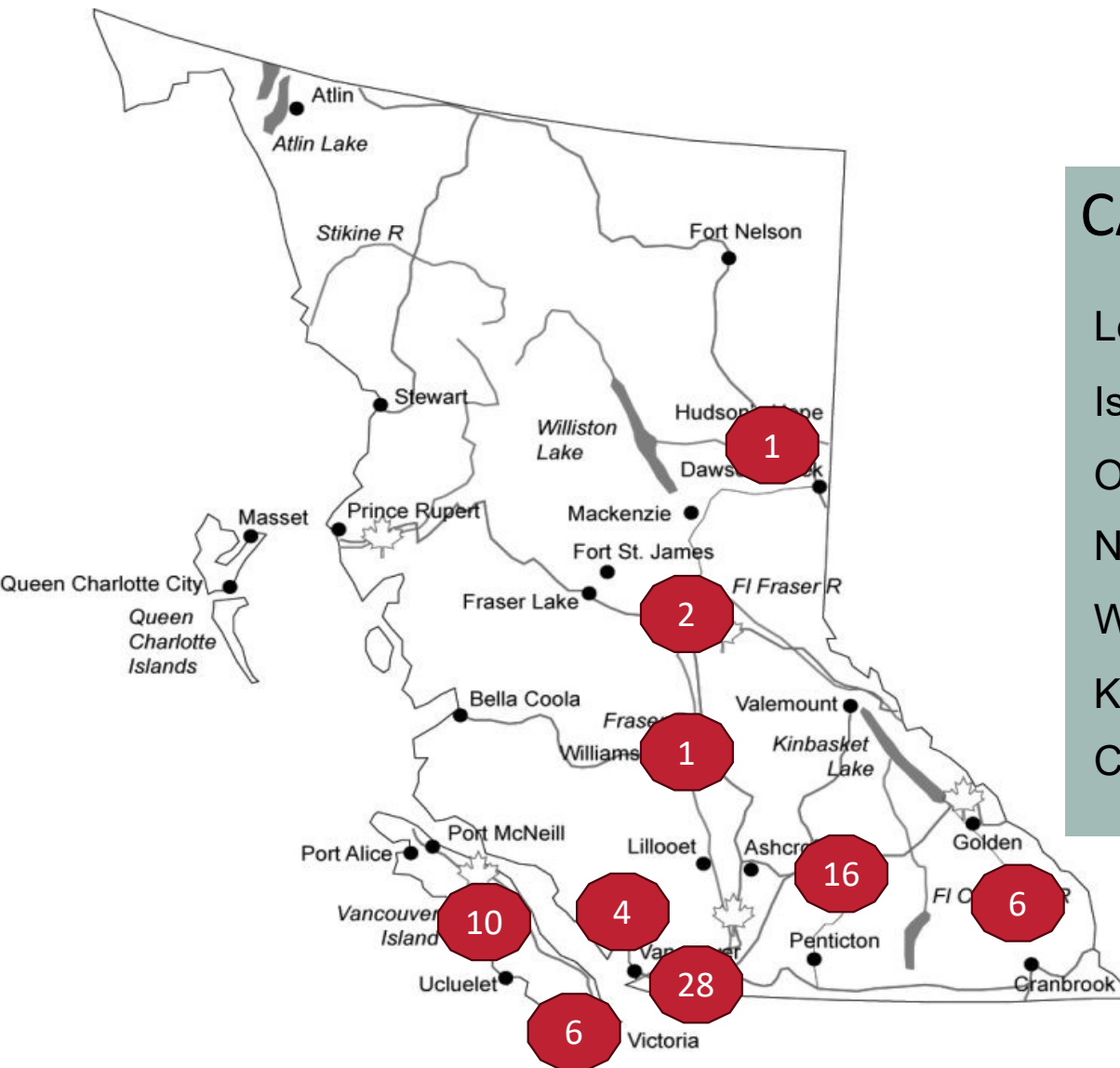
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*CACEA promotes sustainable building practices and contributes to the following Canadian Home Labeling Programs:*







## CACEA members across BC:

Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley:	28
Island:	16
Okanagan:	16
Northern BC:	3
Whistler/Sea to Sky:	4
Kootenays:	6
Chilcotin:	1

# EAs have diverse and unique skillsets



Bylaws, Standards,  
Codes & Regulations



Energy, Resiliency  
& Efficiency



IT, Geometry, Math  
& Modelling



Relationships, &  
Communication



Cost Savings &  
Incentives



Building Science  
& Whole House



Building Practices &  
Materials



Forensics,  
analysis & reports

- Knowledgeable efficiency and sustainability professionals
- Helping homeowners, renovators and builders make **GOOD** decisions – and where house components work together, and a home is safe, comfortable, efficient and durable.
- They are a partner to successfully navigate a challenging, ever-changing landscape.

## Typical Attributes:

- construction knowledge • building sector engagement • STEM skills (EXCEL) • analytical • environmentally focused • curious lateral thinker • communication skills • people skills



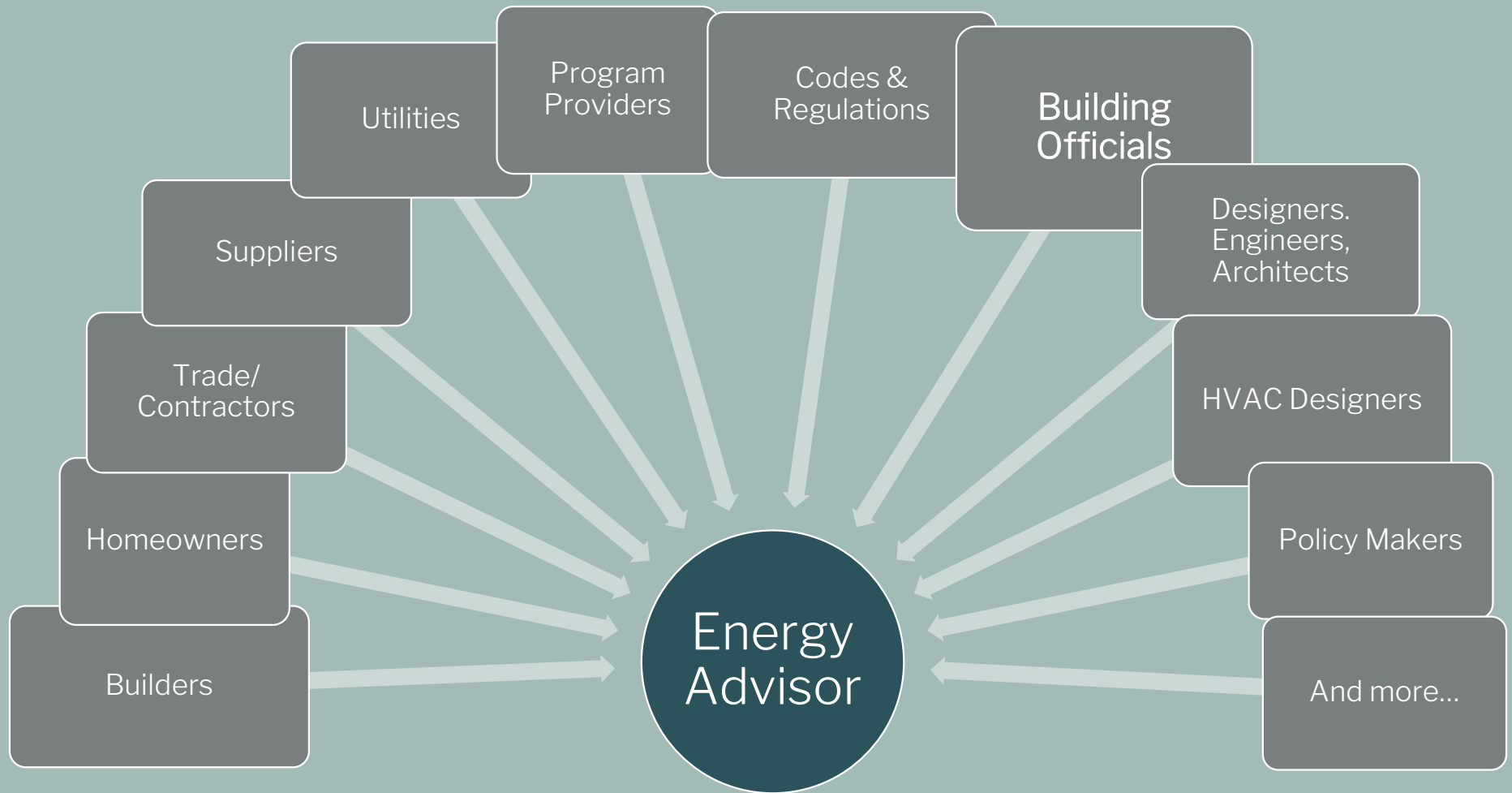
## What else can an EA do?

- Blower door testing
  - Part 9 buildings, Part 3 buildings
  - Passive House
  - Commercial/Industrial spaces
- Heat loss/Heat gain calculations (F280)
  - Whole-house and/or room-by-room
- Thermal imaging
- Backdraft testing (open combustion appliances)
- Duct Flow testing
- Net Zero, Passive House, R2000 certification
- Building Science education and outreach
- Integrated Design Process (IDP) meeting facilitation
- Resiliency discussion and planning

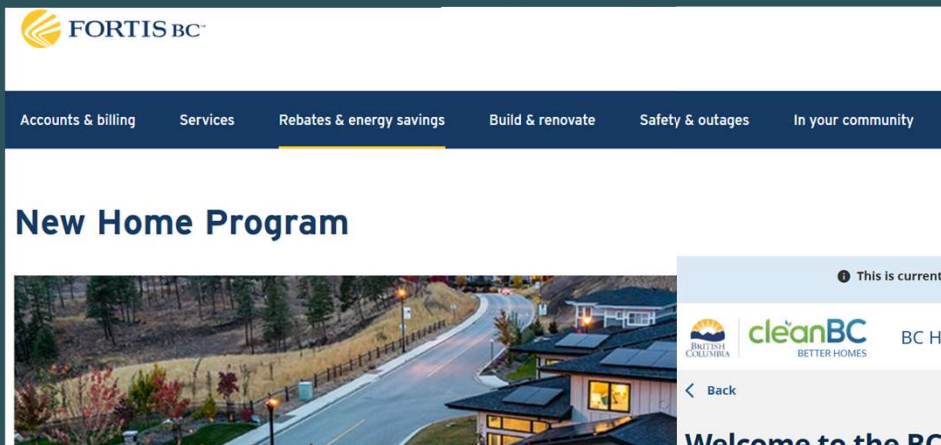
# Energy Advisors – the perfect deep energy retrofit liaison

- Avoid unintended consequences (think building science)
- Comfort and health considerations and outcomes
  - make sure all the space in a home can be utilized (no ‘cold spots’, sound transmission complaints, window condensation issues, etc)
  - discuss indoor air quality concerns
  - material and product use, ventilation considerations (including back-drafting)
- ‘Roadmap’ the planned upgrades to the home
  - think about the long-term picture and how all upgrades will work together – make sure the alterations are being made in the right sequence
- Electrical load considerations
- Resiliency
  - Fire, wind, heavy rain, hail – how can we design for these climate events?

# EAs are at the HUB of the Part 9 Sector



# Current and Upcoming Programs



## Dual fuel heating system rebate: electric heat pump combined with gas furnace



## Bonus rebates



## Plan your project to qualify for a bonus

The more upgrades you make, the more energy efficient your home will be. That's why we're offering you a choice between the Two Upgrade Bonus or the Home Energy Improvement Bonus. Bonus offers cannot be combined;

**This is currently a pilot program. Your address will only work if your home is in one of the pilot communities.**



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## Welcome to the BC Home Energy Planner!

The BC Home Energy Planner is a free online service that helps you understand and improve the energy efficiency of your home.

The Planner uses public data and information you provide to assess how well your home uses energy. You'll learn:

- Your home's energy score (measured in gigajoules per year or GJ/yr)
- What kinds of home energy upgrades will have the biggest impact for your home
- How home energy upgrades can help you prepare for extreme weather events
- Next steps to help you upgrade your home

Information you provide to the BC Home Energy Planner stays in the Planner. It is only used to provide you with an energy score and recommendations.

[Read the privacy policy to learn more.](#)

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### Where does the data come from?

We gather public data from [DataBC](#) and [Environment Canada](#).

This data includes things like:

- Year the home was built
- Size of the home
- Region the home is in

We use this data to help provide the energy score for your home.

### Why do we do this?

To help you make smart, informed choices to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home.

See the [data and privacy](#) page to learn more.

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# Thank you

**Please join us! CACEA Meet and Greet**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm**

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