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Welcome to Invest Vancouver's newsletter, your 5-minute read on economic news, updates, and activities across our region.

Cleantech: Insights & Opportunities in the Metro Vancouver region

Clean technology is growing in the Metro Vancouver region: from cutting-edge solutions in clean transportation to breakthrough renewable energy innovations, the region's 260 cleantech companies are fostering an interconnected ecosystem. Between 2020 and 2024, \$5.4 billion USD was raised by cleantech firms headquartered in the Metro Vancouver region, driving sustainable solutions to new heights. â€∢

Home to a world-class network of research and innovation centers, the region is a hub for talent as well as global partnerships, and the development of next-gen technologies.

- **260+ cleantech businesses** operating and providing a wide array of solutions
- 49,000 workers in BC's environmental and cleantech sector
 - 98% of electricity comes from clean or renewable sources
 the highest in western North America

To learn more, check out our recently published Cleantech Industry Snapshot on our <u>Cleantech webpage</u>.



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Recapping Web Summit Vancouver 2025

From tech innovators to investors and everyone in between, 15,000 people from the global tech community gathered at Web Summit Vancouver. At the largest North American tech conference, Invest Vancouver used the opportunity to engage with international investors throughout the week to promote investment opportunities in the region.



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Invest Vancouver also collaborated on several initiatives and activities including the Innovation and Investment Insider Tours with partners to promote and position the Metro Vancouver region as a global destination for investment by showcasing our innovation, talent, and supportive ecosystem.

Invest Vancouver at Web Summit Vancouver by the numbers:

- 100 investor meetings conducted by Invest Vancouver staff
- 200 people attended the Innovation and Investment Insider Tours
- 30+ keynotes, panel discussions, pitches, and presentations showcased at the BC Pavilion brought by the Naturally Innovative Alliance
- 9 collaborated projects executed with over 20 partnered organizations to promote the tech ecosystem
- 3,000+ participants visited the BC Pavilion each day at Web Summit Vancouver

Missed the conference? See it through our eyes with our Recap Video.

*New Announcement - Future Skills

Invest Vancouver received \$480,000 in grant funding from the national <u>Future Skills Centre</u> for Invest Talent, a workforce development initiative led by Invest Vancouver that will engage more than 60 employers on skills needs and provide training opportunities to 120+ people to enhance the region's talent pipeline.

The pilot project will offer hands-on learning opportunities and will use AI to create a flexible workforce development platform that matches available talent with industry needs as determined by regional industry champions.

Read the full Press Release

Doing Business in the Region

Looking to expand to the Metro Vancouver region? The <u>Doing Business in the Region</u> is a comprehensive and practical guide for prospective investors exploring the potential to expand business operations in the Metro Vancouver region. This guide provides a wide range of resources that can inform and support the different stages of your investment journey including:



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- **About the Metro Vancouver Region:** an overview of the area and opportunities including growing key industries, advantages, transportation networks, and real estate.
- Business & Investor Information: for details on establishing businesses in the Metro Vancouver region including licenses, structures, and application processes.
- Labour & Immigration: to understand the trends of the labour market including an overview of post-secondary schools, talent streams, and immigration programs for international workers.
- **Financial Resources:** to discover available funding resources including programs, loans, investments, tax credits, wage subsides, and other accessible incentives.

Events Coming Up...

Siggraph 2025

Siggraph 2025 is back in Vancouver from August 10 - 14, 2025. The premier conference for computer graphics and interactive techniques draws leaders from across the globe in digital art, visual effects, new realities, artificial intelligence, innovation, and research.

Everything Electric

For the second year in a row, Everything Electric is returning to Vancouver from September 5-7, 2025 to showcase the latest technology and innovation in electric vehicles and home energy products within the cleantech industry.

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Invest Vancouver is Metro Vancouver's economic development service for the region. By working to secure strategic investment, promote the region to a global audience, and advise decision-makers through forward-thinking economic research and policy analysis, Invest Vancouver is amplifying opportunity and advancing shared prosperity for residents of the region. Learn more about Invest Vancouver.

