



Musqueam Community Newsletter

Friday March 12, 2021

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MUSQUEAM A LIVING CULTURE

LUNCHTIME Qi Gong

e qi gong-inspired movement

e stress relief tools

e meditation

Thursdays - March 11th to April 15th

12:00 to 12:45 pm

zoom link - <http://bit.ly/3olxcuZ> Meet-
ing ID - 933

88409945

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**KEEP
CALM**

Youth Podcasting Project opportunity

Open to self-identifying
Indigenous youth ages 18-30.

All levels of experience welcome.
Training, mentorship
and honoraria provided.




The Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at UBC is looking for three self-identified Indigenous youth (ages 18-30) to participate in a new podcast pilot series. The podcast will bring together youth and Elders for intergenerational dialogue about the legacies of residential schools and the ongoing impacts of colonialism in Canada. Youth participants will receive training and support to work collaboratively to write and record the series, with support from RSHDC staff, Cited Media production company, an Indigenous Elder, and an emotional and cultural support worker.

Youth interested in media studies, storytelling, art, Indigenous activism and journalism, or podcasting are welcome to apply. All levels of experience are welcome, and all participants will receive training and mentorship. The project will take place over eight months from April to December 2021, with a time commitment of approximately 5 hours per week. All participants will receive an honorarium of \$22 per hour.

For eligibility criteria and specifics on how to apply, see the posting on the IRSHDC website: <http://ow.ly/8kkg50DK4zX> **Apply by April 2, 2021.**

For questions about the series or for additional information, contact Jess Boon, Project Lead, at jess.boon@ubc.ca.

My name is Ehsan Haghi and I am the Community Energy Specialist at Musqueam Indian Band. I am going to share tips on how we can maintain our homes more effectively and reduce our hydro and gas bills. Let's start with knowing our Fortis BC bill:



Name: ANNIE CUSTOMER
Service address: 12345 ANY STREET
CRANBROOK

Rate class: Residential
Billing date: January 1, 2021

NATURAL GAS

7 Customer Service: 1-888-224-2710
7 am - 8 pm Mon - Fri
fortisbc.com

Account number	Due date	Amount due	Amount paid
555555	January 22, 2021	\$91.65	

2 **Previous bill** 168.82
Less payment - Thank you 168.82 CR
Balance from previous bill 0.00

3 **Delivery charges**
Basic charge (30 days at 0.4261 per day) 12.78
Delivery (6.4 GJ at 5.024 per GJ) 32.15
44.93

4 **Commodity charges**
Storage and transport (6.4 GJ at 1.397 per GJ) 8.94
Cost of gas (6.4 GJ at 2.844 per GJ) 18.20
27.14

5 **Other charges and taxes**
Municipal operating fee (3.09% of * amounts) 2.23
Carbon tax (6.4 GJ at 1.9864 per GJ) 12.71
Clean Energy Levy (0.40% of * amounts) 0.30
GST (5% of * amounts) 4.35
Please pay 91.65


Gas usage calculation (Meter RCT673584)

Present reading	-	Previous reading	x	Conversion factor	=	Gas used in gigejoules (GJ)
Jan 1 '21		Dec 2, '20				
2,614		2,562 Est		0.1237279		6.4


Point of delivery: 1010157

Comparison to previous year

Billing period	Number of days billed	Average daily temp.	Average daily usage GJ	Total billing period usage GJ
Jan '21	30	2°C	0.21	6.4
Jan '20	30	1°C	0.24	7.2

GST #R100431592 

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ANNIE CUSTOMER
12345 ANY STREET
CRANBROOK, BC

NATURAL GAS

Payment return slip - Make cheques payable to FortisBC-Natural Gas

Account number	Due date	Amount due	Amount paid
555555	January 22, 2021	\$91.65	

00 000 459535 0 00008900 5

20-168.5 12/2020  96

1. Billing date

Billing date is the date your bill was issued. Transactions after this date will appear on your next bill. Billing period is the period of time in which charges are billed to your account.

2. Previous bill

Less payment is the last payment amount we received from you. Balance from previous bill shows the amount owing, if any, from your previous bill and any payments or adjustments since we issued your last bill.

3. Delivery charges

Delivery charges are made up of a basic charge and a delivery charge. Basic charge is a flat daily fee that recovers the fixed costs of THE NATURAL GAS system because you are connected to it, whether you are using gas or not. Currently the basic charge per day is \$0.4216. The basic charge amount up to about \$13 a month.

Delivery charge is based on consumption and is the cost of delivering gas through the natural gas system to your home. Delivery charge per GJ is \$5.024. (A Gigajoule, or GJ, is a measure of the energy in the gas. One GJ is roughly the amount of energy needed to heat a typical house for one day during cold winter weather. You pay for the gas you consume, measured in gigajoules.)

4. Commodity charges

Commodity charges reflect the costs of buying and transporting natural gas by Fortis BC. Natural gas is a commodity traded on the open market like oil, coffee or lumber. As with most commodities, the price is dictated by supply and demand. When demand is high, the price rises. When supply is high, the price drops. Storage and transport is what we pay to other companies to store and transport gas through their pipelines and infrastructure. These costs are reviewed by the BCUC annually. Cost of gas is the market price of natural gas itself.

5. Other charges and taxes

Other charges and taxes you may see on your bill are set by various levels of government. Fortis BC collects them on their behalf and doesn't gain any revenue from these taxes and fees, which include:

- Carbon tax: For homeowners, the carbon tax rate on natural gas is \$1.9864 per gigajoule and the carbon tax rate on propane is \$2.4072 per gigajoule.
- Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund levy: The ICE Fund levy was introduced by the provincial government to support investment in clean energy technology. The levy is 0.4 per cent of the purchase price on residential and commercial energy purchases of natural gas and propane. The levy does not apply to residential and commercial purchases of electricity.
- Municipal operating fee: An operating fee is a levy that FortisBC collects on behalf of some municipalities. This fee gets passed on to the district, municipality, city, town or village you live in. It may appear as a fee on monthly charges, excluding tax. When an operating fee is in place, the BC Utilities Commission has approved the fee. It doesn't result in additional revenue for us. For questions about operating fees in your area, contact your local government.
- Motor fuel tax: This tax applies to propane business customers only in Revelstoke, BC.
- GST and/or PST (Goods and Services Tax, Provincial Sales Tax): Fortis BC collects GST on behalf of the federal government and PST on behalf of the provincial government.

6. Amount/payment due/amount to be withdrawn

This is the balance outstanding on your account from your last bill plus new charges. If you've signed up for the Equal Payment Plan, this is the payment amount.

7. Contact information

We're here to help if you have questions about your bill. Call Fortis BC at 1-888-224-2710 or visit fortisbc.com.

8. Gas usage calculation

This shows how much gas you've used over the billing period. It lists your current meter reading, and subtracts your previous meter reading. The volume is multiplied by a conversion factor that accounts for your location's standard conditions of temperature and pressure to give your gas usage in gigajoules.

9. Comparison to previous year

This table shows how much natural gas you've used compared to the previous year and includes the average daily temperature. This type of information can help you understand how you use your natural gas and if there are opportunities to conserve and save money.

10. Average daily use over 13 months

This chart shows the trends in your monthly energy use. It can help you identify any changes in your total charges during different seasons or after installing energy-efficient appliances.

11. Payment return slip

This slip gives your account number, bill due date and total amount due. If you receive a paper bill and either mail your payment or pay in person at your financial institution, please include the return slip. For more information on how you can pay your bill, visit [Ways to pay your bill](#).