

Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island (Society) Annual General Meeting

Sunday January 16, 2011, at Brechin United Church, 1998 Estevan Road, Nanaimo (at the top of the Brechin hill that connects the Departure Bay ferry traffic and Highway 19 northbound)

Time: 1 p.m. for a pot-luck lunch (finger foods are best, microwave is available)

2 p.m. **Presenter: Ludo Bertsch**, *internationally involved engineer of smart grid, home automation, energy efficiency and environmental issues, and co-founder of ESVI*

4 p.m. AGM (about half an hour in duration)

Every home in BC will have smart meters by 2012. Some say these will be horrible, an intrusion into privacy, and an unneeded expense. Others say that they will make power more secure and lower bills for those who are wise enough to take advantage of them. What's the scoop on this emerging issue? Why are smart meters significant to Vancouver Island? Will your appliances love it? Are you ready for it?

Come to the ESVI AGM on January 16 to hear from the local leading pioneering expert, Ludo Bertsch, president of Horizon Technologies.



His vast experience includes participation in BC Hydro's Rates Working Group and intervening in BCUC hearings into the plans of BC Hydro (on our's and others' behalf) and FortisBC. For Canada, Mr. Bertsch is on the Standards Council of Canada Smart Grid Task Force, mapping its direction in Canada. He also is active on the International front, being recently appointed as the chair of the Canadian Advisory Committee for IEC/ISO international standards work on Home Electronic Systems, with a focus on Smart Grid and Energy Management.

Ludo was our speaker last year. His presentation was fascinating and those present were rewarded. Don't miss him this year!

There may also be further details (and how to get involved) at the AGM about an possible major project that our organisation will be taking part of here on the Island. The announcement of the project has to be withheld until the green light is given, hopefully before our meeting!

Do bring along someone who is interested in energy issues. If you come for lunch do bring along something to share! We'll see you on the 16th!

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