# Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility ("NEU")

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# **History**



- 2003 City of Vancouver Awarded 2010 Winter Olympic Game
- 2006 Council made decision to establish NEU in overarching goal to minimize GHG emissions in the Olympic Village and SEFC Neighbourhood
- 2010 Started Commercial Operation in time for Olympics



### **Current Customer Base**



- 27 Building Connected
- 4,250,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of floor area connected (7,770,000 ft<sup>2</sup> at current build-out forecast)



# **Ownership/Finance Model**



### Ownership

 Owned and Operated by the City of Vancouver

### Governance oversight:

 City Council with independent expert Rate Review Panel

## Funding:

\$40M invested to date

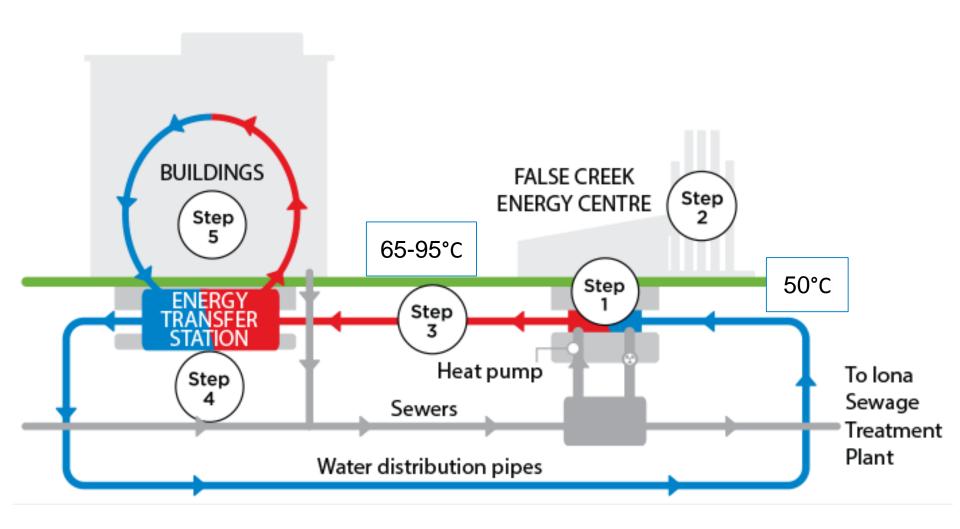
#### Rates:

 Financially self-sufficient, recovering capital/operating costs and ROI with competitive customer rates



# **NEU System**





## **NEU Infrastructure – Energy Centre**



Centralized thermal energy (hot water) production facility

- Sewage Pumping Station
- Sewage Heat recovery supplies 70% of the SEFC annual energy demand
- Natural gas boilers used for back-up and peaking heat



## NEU Infrastructure – Distribution System

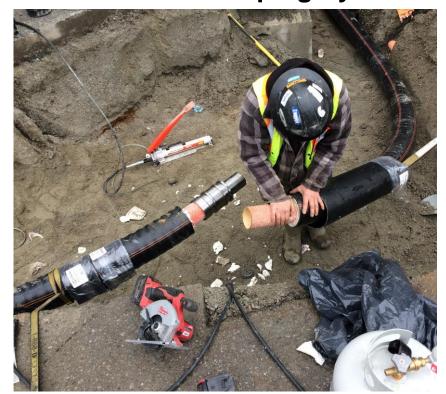


- Two-pipe closed loop system delivers thermal energy to customer buildings
- Max Operating Parameters: 95°C, 1,034 kPa (150 psi)

#### **Logstor Piping System**



#### **Kelit PEX 115R Piping System**



## NEU Infrastructure – Energy Transfer Stations

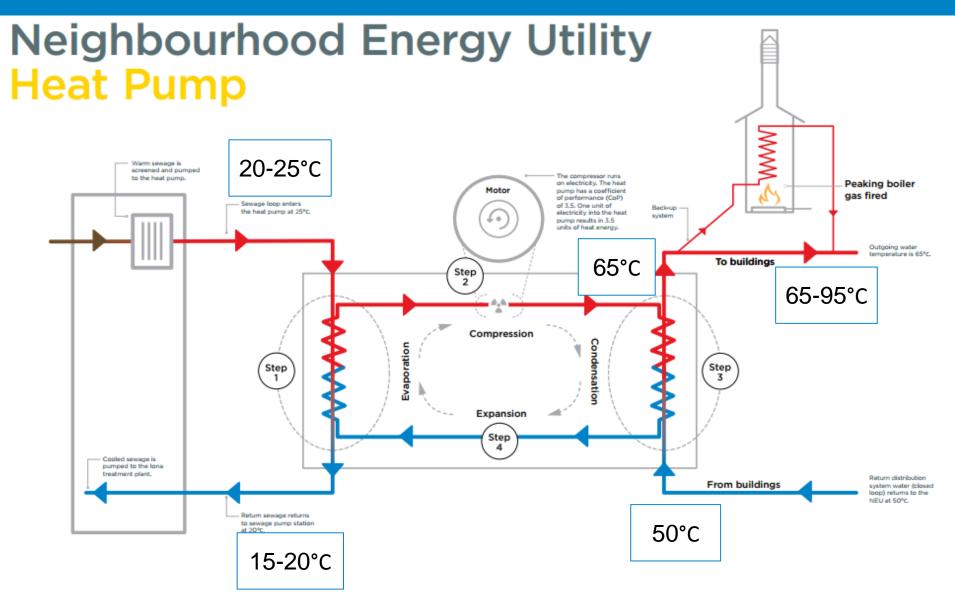


- Each building has an Energy
   Transfer Station owned by
   the NEU that produces space
   heat and domestic hot water,
   and meters consumption.
- Automated controls and remote monitoring to ensure reliability.
- Heat and domestic hot water is delivered to occupants by the building mechanical system, which is property of the customer.



# Renewables – Sewage Heat Recovery





## Renewables - Other



### **Solar Thermal**

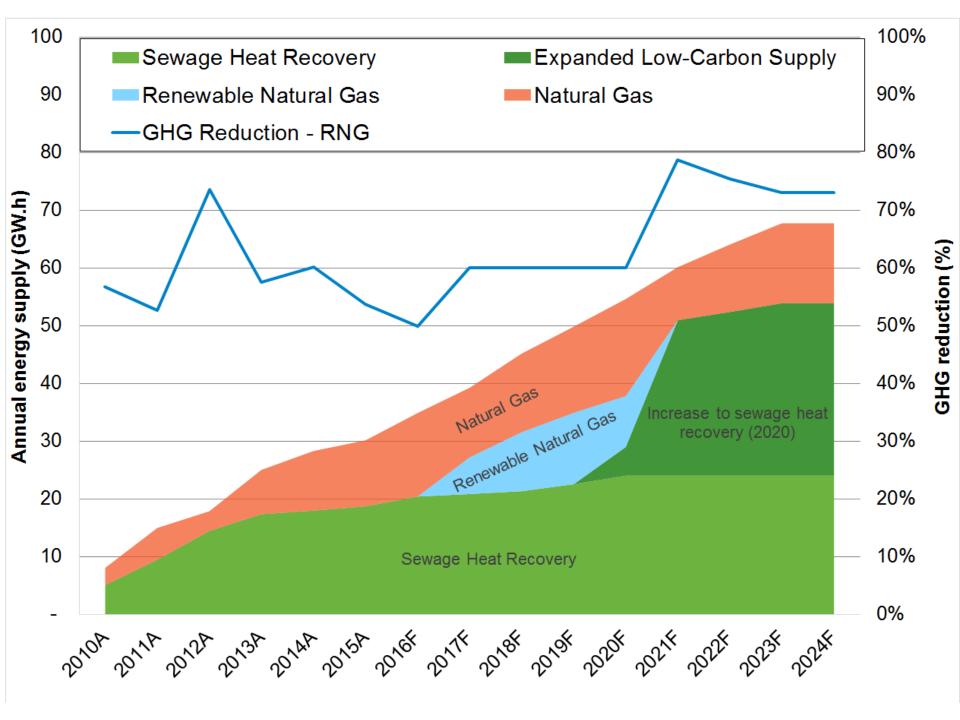


**Renewable Natural Gas** 



**Building Waste Heat** 





# **Key Stats**



#### Environmental Performance:

 Eliminates building boilers and >60% of GHG emissions (using waste heat recycled from sewage system)

#### Customer Base:

 Has grown 260% since 2010 (4.2M square feet of buildings now connected)

## Reliability

Highly reliable, near zero downtime

#### Customer Rates:

Competitive with traditional forms of heating



#### GOAL

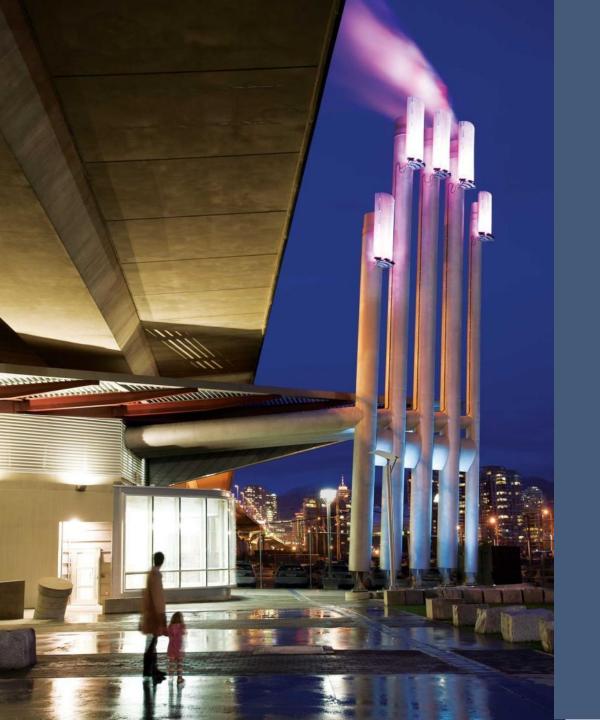
# VANCOUVER IS A CITY THAT USES ONLY RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

naturally replenished as it is used

#### **TARGETS**

Derive 100% of the energy used in Vancouver from renewable sources before 2050

All new buildings to be zero emissions by 2030 (or sooner)



# Discussion