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## Facilities Notice

**Title:** Emergency on Gas Transmission Lines – Interruption in Service

**Location:** Gordon Head Campus

**Description:** There has been an incident with a natural gas transmission pipeline north of Prince George that feeds the Fortis Gas system.

Our supplier states:

“As a result of the incident affecting the Enbridge pipeline that feeds our system, we are anticipating decreased energy flow and potential loss of service. FortisBC is requesting all of our natural gas customers across the province to turn off their thermostats as well as reduce use of all other natural gas appliances. We appreciate your assistance and patience.” (Fortis BC)

As a result of this incident, the University of Victoria has switched to an alternative fuel source for the boilers on the District Heating Loop. However, in order to conserve fuel, we will lower the temperature in all buildings on the District Heating Loop which includes all buildings inside Ring Road as well as the Fraser, Michael Williams Building, Lansdowne Residence, Craigdarroch Residence and South Tower. Most buildings outside of Ring Road are on stand-alone systems that may use Natural Gas Heat.

As well, all users of natural gas, such as autoclaves, research labs and gas furnaces, should reduce their capacity as much as possible and be prepared to lose all gas service without notice.

It is advised to bring an extra sweater to work as the building temperature may be a little cooler than normal while repairs are being undertaken.

Facilities Management will provide updates to the campus community as we receive them.

**Time frame:** Unknown at this time

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