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## 2018 CARE AWARDS

CARE Awards sponsorship info is now available! 2018 will be another great year for the CARE Awards and you will want to be a part of it by entering your project or becoming a sponsor. Contact the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca) for more info!

Thank you FortisBC and Hourigan's Flooring for early renewal of Gold Sponsorship for the 2018 CARE Awards.  
*Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

### 2017 Gold Sponsors



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## VRBA ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL FORECAST – THURSDAY JAN 18

Highest housing starts since 1976 in 2017! What are the projections for 2018? Find out at VRBA's Crystal Ball Housing Forecast. Learn about interest rates, employment, new household formation numbers, building permits, development approvals, pre-construction data.

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave

6:00 pm – reception

7:00 pm- dinner

7:30 pm - presentations

Presentations by

- Kyle Kerr, 2018 President, Victoria Real Estate Board
- Cameron Muir, Chief Economist, BC Real Estate Association
- Braden Batch, Senior Market Analyst, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Steven Hurst, VP, Analytics, Yellow Sheet Construction Data

Don't miss this opportunity to plan for your business in 2018!

VRBA & VREB Members: \$50, includes dinner

Future Members: \$75

Book your tickets early- [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). This is VRBA's most popular dinner meeting and may sell out!

This presentation has been approved by Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 2 CPD credits for licensed builders.



## VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 14

Thursday, June 14 has been confirmed for VRBA's annual golf tournament at



Mark your calendars, enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA's contractors, designers, trades & suppliers! Stay overnight at the Westin & enjoy the spa & mountain!

Registration forms and sponsorship information will be distributed closer to the date.

## VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

We will review proposed changes to the BC Building Code available here

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/the-codes/public-review>

These include Area Calculation of Exposing Building Face, Asbestos, Energy Efficiency Standards, Fenestration, Heritage Buildings, Radon, Stairs - Dimensions of Tapered Treads, Stairs - Handrails in Curved Stairs, Plumbing Fixtures, Smoke Alarms.

The Canadian Wood Council has made the following recommendations re: mid-rise combustible construction:

- Retention of the 2012 BCBC provisions for mid-rise combustible buildings, without change
- Application of the new 2015 National Fire Code provisions only to buildings of 5 or 6 storeys in height regulated under the 2012 BCBC provisions, and
- Adoption of two new alternatives to the 2015 NBCC provisions related to the 25% perimeter access rule for all mid-rise combustible buildings used for residential, office, and mixed use occupancies.

More information is here [http://media.campaigner.com/media/58/581120/WWBC%20Banners/CWC\\_BRIEF\\_Mid-RiseChanges2018BCBCLEWJan18.pdf](http://media.campaigner.com/media/58/581120/WWBC%20Banners/CWC_BRIEF_Mid-RiseChanges2018BCBCLEWJan18.pdf)

This meeting has been submitted to Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 1 CPD credit for licensed builders.

All are welcome, there is no charge to attend and pizza and pop will be served. If you are planning to attend, RSVP Debra [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## VANCOUVER ISLAND CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE – APRIL 27

The Vancouver Island Construction Conference will take place Friday, April 27 at the Victoria Conference Centre. This one-of-a-kind island-industry event will focus on construction industry trends and information suitable for contractors, developers, architects, trades and suppliers.

Mark your calendars! VRBA will have an exhibitor's booth and we will be providing more info to our members as it becomes available. <https://vicaconference.ca/home>

## JOIN BCCA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Does your company need a benefits program? VRBA partners with BCCA Employee Benefit Trust, (formerly called bClear Benefits) to take advantage of a great flexible package designed for the construction industry. Plans are affordable and easy to set up and employees can customize with options like additional life insurance or critical illness insurance. Contact Charlene da Cruz or Laura Bonney at [info@bccabenefits.ca](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca).

*Let them know you are a member of the Victoria Residential Builders Association!*

## JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH PERFORMANCE ENERGY ADVISORS

Located in Victoria BC, Performance Energy Advisors has openings for full and/or part time Energy Advisors/Modelers. Performance Energy Advisors is a leading company in the Building Energy Modeling industry and has been providing energy modeling services for new and existing housing, MURBs and Part 3 residential buildings in South Vancouver Island for over 10 years. We always strive to remain at the forefront of the industry in terms of depth of knowledge and the variety of modeling services we provide. With the growth of demand for our services, we are excited to be adding to our growing team of energy modelers.

The successful candidate(s) will:

- Be certified, or be willing to be certified, as an Energy Advisor under the federal EnerGuide Rating System® program.
- Be comfortable with science and applying scientific principles.
- Work cooperatively and have proven record of professional conduct and work habits.
- Have solid written and verbal communication skills and be fully conversant with Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel. Experience with Bluebeam an asset.
- Handle administrative tasks (up to 20% of their time).
- Have knowledge of construction basics.
- Conduct final blower door tests.
- Remain up to date on changes to modeling guidelines, Energy Codes and programs.

And satisfy some combination of the following:

- Is proficient, or wants to be mentored to become proficient, at high-efficiency building modeling (R2000, Net Zero). This candidate must enjoy learning and continually evolving their skill set. They will be scientifically curious with strong problem-solving skills and will have or develop a strong knowledge of applied building science principles.
- Enjoy production type modeling for developments where speed, rhythm and accuracy are important.
- Enjoy custom house modeling, creating a base model and working with clients to develop upgrade options to reach targets.
- Interested in doing existing house energy assessments and modeling.
- Comfortable creating markups, takeoffs, and model-set-up for large Part 3 modeling projects

(envelope only unless a P.Eng.).

- Have a good administrative aptitude, playing a key role in keeping administrative systems up to date.
- Comfortable in construction environments.
- Able to converse knowledgeably with builders.
- Perform mid-construction blower door tests.

Please submit applications to [niels@performanceadvisors.ca](mailto:niels@performanceadvisors.ca) All applications will be held in strictest confidence.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 14 – 21 – CPD at Sea with Murray Frank, Building It Right <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>
- Jan 18 – Crystal Ball Housing Forecast [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)
- Jan 23 – Best Practices for Designing Safe & Durable Wood Decks & Balconies Webinar with CPD Credits <https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowRegistrantInfo?ID=1881&EID=24729>
- Jan 24 – Builders Council
- Feb 1 - Nanaimo - Building Smart Session for High Performance Homes
- Feb 14 & 15 - Buildex Vancouver Convention Centre West
- Feb 21 & 22 - Nanaimo – Building It Right Course, 14 CPD credits
- March 11 – 18 CPD at Sea with Murray Frank, Building It Right <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>
- May 15 – Victoria – Understanding Insulation Performance - Building It Right – 7 CPD Credits <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/115231>
- June 14 – Golf Tournament @ Bear Mountain

## FESTIVAL OF TREES – BC CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Congratulations VRBA members! VRBA placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the BCCHF Festival of Trees - People's Choice! Thank you to all those participating with donations to BCCHF:

**KW Doors & Windows**  
**Genco Construction**  
**Piluso Construction**  
**Ron Egli Construction & Design**  
**Rayn Properties**  
**Amity Construction**  
**Alpine Insulation**  
**Terry Johal Developments**  
**Mike Geric Construction**  
**K2 Stone**  
**KB Design**  
**Reed Pope Business Lawyers**  
**NZ Builders**  
**Kang & Gill Construction**  
**R. Parsons Construction**  
**Jenny Martin Design**  
**Splinters Millworks**  
**West Coast Appliance Gallery**



**New West Development Corp.**  
**Jason Good Custom Cabinets**  
**Spaciz Design Studio**  
**Ardmore Construction**  
**Design District Access**  
**James' Joinery**  
**Abstract Developments**  
**FloForm Countertops**  
**Good Grade Plumbing**  
**Windcrest Developments**  
**Butler Brothers Supplies**  
**Tidman Construction**  
**Yellow Sheet Construction Data**  
**Homewood Constructors**  
**Integral Design**  
**Darren Marquis Construction**  
**Step One Design**

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING



**Licensing & Consumer Services Branch of BC Housing** approved offerings for CPD builder licensing [click here](#)

### Best Practices for Designing Safe & Durable Wood Decks and Balconies

- Structural design considerations for framing, lateral support, guards, and stairs
- Moisture considerations such as slope and drainage, drying and ventilation and detailing at key interfaces
- Material choices
- Maintenance and renewals best practices

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Cost: \$80.00 (including GST)

CPD Points: This workshop is eligible for 3 Continuing Professional Development Points

<https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowRegistrantInfo?ID=1881&EID=24729>



**Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses** [www.buildingitright.com](http://www.buildingitright.com)

Nanaimo 14 CPD Fall/Winter Series 3,4,5,6

Wed Feb 21, 2018 - Thur Feb 22, 2018

This series is pre-approved by BC Housing and is part of the series "Top Tier Methods to Net Zero Houses: Lowest Risk for Highest Return Approaches". The seminar is scheduled as follows:

Day 1 – Feb 21, 2018 – Seminar begins at 10 AM with Check-In starting at 9 AM. Lunch will be served and the seminar is scheduled to finish at 6 PM.

Day 2 – Feb 22, 2018 – Seminar begins at 8 AM with Check-In starting at 7 AM. A light Breakfast and Lunch will be served and the seminar is scheduled to finish at 4 PM. Fees for Course:

2 Day 14 CPD Credit Course – \$625 (Pricing from Sept 1, 2017 to 1 Week Prior to Event)

2 Day 14 CPD Credit Course – \$645 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$355 (Pricing from Sept 1, 2017 to 1 Week Prior to Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$375 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

Understanding Insulation Performance Fact vs. Fiction

Victoria 7 CPD Spring Session 2018

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | 8AM - 4PM

This 7 hour, 7 CPD credit course is an in-depth examination of the extensive insulation testing undertaken at our Centre of Excellence in Port Coquitlam. There are many choices for builders to consider as they explore their options for advanced energy performance in basements, walls and roofs necessary for conformance with the targets set by the Step Code for Part 9 homes and buildings. Builders must avoid unintended consequences that can arise from the reduction in energy flow through the building enclosure and the resultant reduction in drying potential that has always helped to protect structures with lower energy performance. It is also important to note that some changes in the manufacturing of some insulation materials in response to environmental impact has apparently altered the performance of some old, familiar materials.

Sandman 2852 Douglas St Victoria, BC, V8T 4M5

Fees for Course:

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$355 (to 1 Week Prior to Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$375 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/115231>

**VICA:** Offerings from the Vancouver Island Construction Association available at the [VICA Calendar](#). To get VICA Member prices contact: **Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator**, Ph: 250.388.6471 [education@vicabc.ca](mailto:education@vicabc.ca) View courses at <http://mailchi.mp/vicabc/your-biweekly-course-listing-sept5>

## CONSTRUCTION LAW

Jan 25 & 26 - Victoria

Gain practical skills to effectively and proactively deal with conflict situations and avoid litigation.

Course topics include the Builders Lien Act, collecting debts, bonding, insurance, environmental law, safety law and more! <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=2289&EventInstance=33971>

## BUILDERS LIEN ACT

Jan. 30 | VICA **Nanaimo** | [INFO & REG](#)

Feb. 6 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

*"Answered my questions about what the requirements are for certificates of completion."*

The Builders Lien Act is a useful tool if used properly; however, if misunderstood, it can lead to serious financial and legal consequences. This course will provide participants with the knowledge and background to understand the rights, remedies, and processes created by the Builders Lien Act.

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## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS

Feb. 21 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

You face ethical grey areas every day and this course will give you the tools you need to respond effectively! Through practical, hands-on examples, you will learn the core principles of ethical behaviour

and gain the skills to evaluate situations and make decisions using an ethical framework.

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### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Feb. 22 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

From estimating to projecting your ROI, this course will develop your skills and knowledge of how to manage a construction project.

We'll use the PMBoK (5th Ed) approach to gain an understanding of the processes and constraints that project managers face on the job. You will also learn how to successfully manage a complex project, and receive essential project planning tools to avoid risk and benefit your bottom line.

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**Our last course sold out!**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE MASTERCLASS**

Feb. 28 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This highly-focused workshop reviews foundational best practices in procurement and highlights issues relevant to today's unique construction market challenges. Take advantage of an opportunity for a tangible return on training dollars, measured by reduced risk of litigation and scope creep, achieved timelines, and more in-budget bids.

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### **CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS MGMT**

Apr. 5 & 6 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

Are your Business Management skills up to scratch? Build valuable skills in finance, marketing, and personnel management, and learn how to improve your business and management systems!

This two-day course will give you the tools you need to apply strategic planning in your workplace and become a more efficient and effective leader.

### **SUPERVISORY & MGMT SKILLS**

Apr. 16 & 17 | **VICA Nanaimo** | [INFO & REG](#)

Expand your leadership capacity and experience valuable training in communication, negotiation and conflict management. By the end of the course you will know how to deliver a successful toolbox talk, deal with difficult people, and more! Join us for this two-day course designed to provide you with the tools you need to be a more effective leader.

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