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2018 CARE AWARDS

Save the date of **Saturday September 29** to attend the 2018 CARE Awards at the Fairmont Empress Hotel! Tickets will be available in August. This will be another outstanding event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable west coast design and construction. The deadline for CARE Awards entries is **Monday, June 11 at 4 pm**. The Call for Entry guidelines now online.

You can receive the sponsorship info by contacting the VRBA office at admin@vrba.ca

Thank you to the following sponsors for 2018:

2018 Gold Sponsors



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**Only a dozen spots remaining – don't end up on the wait-list!
Many VRBA builders are registered – are you?
Book now for VRBA's annual golf tournament on Thursday June 14!**



Thank you 2018 Golf Sponsors



Enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA's contractors, designers, trades & suppliers!
Bring a foursome, threesome, pair or come on your own – we will find a place for you!

[Registration Form](#)

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Registration & Practice Range – 11:30 am – 1:15 pm; Shotgun Start – 1:30 pm

Enjoy a great day:

- “Scramble” format – always play the best shot!
- 18 holes of golf
- Power cart w/ GPS & Real-time scoring
- Buffet dinner
- NHL playoff game on the big screen (if scheduled)!
- Hole-in-One Prizes
- Hockey Playoff Challenge
- Longest Drives
- Closest to the Pin
- Closest to the Keg
- Stay overnight at the Westin & enjoy the spa & mountain biking (contact Westin for rates)

NEW VRBA MEMBERS

Welcome New VRBA Members:

Maison Victoria Homes – Nanon de Gaspé Beaubien-Matrick and Melanie Smith
Westeck Windows and Doors – Jason Vaartstra
Flashhouse Built Design Inc. – Ian Roberts
Wheaton Chevrolet Buick Cadillac GMC Ltd. – Kayla Thomas

New Member Applicants:

M.D.R.N. Built Ltd. – Adam Fryatt
MGB Construction – Carly and Dan Hoshal and Gord Baier
Stride Properties Ltd. – Matt Peulen and Steven Hurst
Carly Sanderson Interiors – Carly Sanderson
Northridge Excavating Ltd. – Tracie and Mark Cownden
The Brick – Domingo Daniels

SAANICH DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REVIEW – JUNE 11

Working with Saanich Councilor Fred Haynes, VRBA has worked on achieving a Development Permit Review in Saanich which will appear before council on June 11. VRBA Builders Council reviewed the staff report available [here](#) and developed recommendations. We will be sending a letter to council and appearing on June 11 to reinforce the importance of establishing improved efficiency. A Building Permit Review will take place after this review. If you have any questions feel free to contact the VRBA office.

VRBA ELECTION & DINNER MEETING – TUESDAY SEPT 11

VRBA's September Dinner meeting is Tuesday Sept 11 at Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave.

6:00 pm – Meet & Greet
6:45 pm – Board Election
7:00 pm - Dinner
7:30 pm – Speaker: TBA
VRBA Members: \$40
RSVP: admin@vrba.ca

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS NEED A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

Anti-development groups & some of their supporters on municipal councils are obstructing new housing and driving up home prices as evidenced in a recent C.D. Howe study https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/regulations-cost-single-family-home-buyers-in-victoria-an-extra-264-000-study-1.3930484#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=twitter&_gsc=SPINoLI We can do better. Here are the deadlines and info for the upcoming municipal elections in October <http://elections.bc.ca/political-participants/local-elections-campaign-financing/2018-general-local-elections/> We need elected representatives with an actual interest in how building codes, development permit processes and zoning impact house prices. If you have the time and interest in these issues, please consider running.

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.

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

BUILDERS COUNCIL ADVOCACY UPDATE

VRBA outlined the pitfalls of the BC gov't's Step Code to municipalities. Langford & the CRD Board opted not to adopt the Step Code which protects 25% of new home construction in Greater Victoria from an ill-conceived change to the building code. We support Built Green, a successful market program and the National Building Code process which is reviewing energy efficiency via cost/benefit study & public consultation. VRBA is also battling the Speculation Tax, School Tax and Payroll Tax which undermine business, BC's overall economy & employment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11 – Deadline for CARE Awards Entries admin@vrba.ca
June 14 – VRBA Golf Tournament @ Bear Mountain admin@vrba.ca
Sept 11 - VRBA Election & Dinner Meeting @ Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca
Sept 29 – CARE Awards Gala, Fairmont Empress hotel admin@vrba.ca
Nov 5 & 6 – South Island Safety Conference - <https://southislandsafety.com/>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



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

Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses www.buildingitright.com 65 CPD points available online!

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 View courses at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/>

Project Management <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=2855&EventInstance=34140>

June 5 & 6, Victoria

Planning for Foremen <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3050&EventInstance=34601>

June 6, 13 & 20 Nanaimo

Supervisory & Mgmt Skills <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=2856&EventInstance=34144>

June 19 & 20, Victoria

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