



*Community Builders – Building Communities*



## APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## CARE AWARDS

The 2021 CARE Awards Call for Entry is underway! The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 30 at 4 pm. Visit <https://careawards.ca/2021-care-awards/> for more info. Thank you all of our 2020 sponsors returning for the 2021 CARE Awards! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards* - the premier industry event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast design and construction.

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## BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED MAY 19

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday, May 19 at 12 noon via Zoom.

The BC Archaeology Branch's Heather Chia, Manager, Policy and Engagement and Eric Forgeng, Supervisor of Permitting will provide an overview of the Heritage Conservation Act (archaeologically significant property) as it applies

to home building including local government and builder responsibilities. Saanich appears to be exercising more regulation in this area.

This webinar has been submitted for one hour of CPD credit to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services.

RSVP [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca) to receive the Zoom link.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## NEW MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

**New Members:**

Ocean Concrete – Dave Buchanan & Mauricio Curbelo

**New Member Applicant:**

Bidgood Strong Projects Inc. dba Strong Built – Abbey Freedman

## WHEN TRAVEL PERMITTED - PREFERRED GOLD CORPORATE RATES FOR VRBA MEMBERS AT ACCENT INNS AND HOTEL ZED

Non-essential travel is not recommended as per orders by Dr Bonnie Henry, BC's Public Health Officer in the battle against COVID-19. However, if travel is necessary for medical reasons or when travel again opens up, we have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at [accentinns.com/](https://accentinns.com/) & Hotel Zed [hotelzed.com/](https://hotelzed.com/)

Vaccinations are underway, and at some point, travel will be permitted and many will need a well-deserved vacation!

Attached are the hotel rates from now to April 30 & from May 1 to June 24, 2021.

For the promo code, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)



## JOIN BCCA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Does your company need a benefits program? VRBA partners with BCCA Employee Benefit Trust, to take advantage of a great flexible package designed for the construction industry. Plans are affordable and easy to set up. Contact Laura Bonney at [info@bccabenefits.ca](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca).

## BC GOVT BUDGET

The BC govt announced its budget and ministry service plans. The budget includes low-interest loans to build affordable housing. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs' service plan "will encourage effective community planning" including "continued progress on a Development Approvals Process Review to streamline & modernize development approvals."

## SAANICH DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS REVIEW

Saanich asked for a letter from VRBA to support a grant application to the BC government for a review of their Development Approval Process. We provided a letter which also requests a performance review as part of their grant application.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

June 16 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

June 30 – CARE Awards Entry Deadline

July 1 – VRBA Membership Renewal

## EDUCATION & 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](http://www.buildingitright.com) 65 CPD points available online! Also have a look at Course in a Box for 20 CPD points <https://buildingitright.com/course-in-a-box.html>

**Building It Right** has a wide range of courses including **Building the House of Tomorrow** at <https://buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html>

They are launching a **new ICF series** coming to **Victoria Nov 2 & 3**. More info at <https://buildingitright.com/icf-series.html>

**Professional Home Builders Institute: Online courses for BC Builder Licensing** are available at the **Professional Home Builders Institute** at <https://www.phbi.ca/bc/programs-and-courses/builder-core-competency/#?browseby=346241cb-1a6e-ea11-a811-000d3af33756> VRBA is now recognized as an exam proctor for the Professional Home Builders Institute. Members are able to take exams that qualify for CPD and BC Builder Licensing at our office. There is no charge for this service – it is another benefit of VRBA membership.

**VICA:** A wide selection of Builder Education Courses is available from the Vancouver Island Construction Association. To get the VRBA member discount contact: Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator, Ph: 250-388-6471 [education@vicabc.ca](mailto:education@vicabc.ca) The course list is below and at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2020-2021-course-listing/>

### APRIL

TENDER, CONTRACT & BUILDERS LIEN LAW | April 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT ACCOUNT & COST CONTROL | April 26 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING CONTRACTS TO MINIMIZE CONFLICT w/ ICI TRAINERS | April 27, 28 & 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS 101 | April 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERS | April 27 & 28 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

FREE! CCDC 2 CHANGES & WHAT THEY MEAN FOR YOU | April 28 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | April 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

### MAY

EFFECTING MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | May 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT | May 3 - 6 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING CHANGE IN CONSTRUCTION | May 04 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

NON-STANDARD CONTRACT CLAUSES | May 04 - 06 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | May 04 & 05 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS & SUBMITTALS | May 11 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CCDC 5A + 5B: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT KEYS TO SUCCESS | May 11 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | May 11 - 13 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | May 13 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

READ THE FULL CONTRACT | CCDC 2 DEEP DIVE | MAY 18 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS | MAY 18 - 20 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERVISORS | May 18 & 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: SITE MGRS, FOREPERSONS, BUSINESS MGRS | May 18 - 20 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | May 26 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS LIEN ACT | May 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | MAY 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT | May 31 & June 1 - 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

## SUMMER 2021

MANAGING CHANGE IN CONSTRUCTION | June 1 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | June 1 - 4 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | June 8 - 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS AND SUBMITTALS | June 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

EFFECTING MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | June 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTS | June 9 & 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | June 10 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS 101 | June 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | June 14 & 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION LAW | June 14 - 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: SITE MGRS, FOREPERSONS, BUSINESS MGRS | June 15 - 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

RESPONDING TO AN RFP | June 17, 18 & 21 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CCDC 2 DEEP DIVE | June 22 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | June 23 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | June 29 - 30 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTS | July 6 - 7 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | July 6 - 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | July 08 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | July 13 - 14 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | August 10 - 13 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | August 12 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | September 09 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | October 14 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

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