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## CARE AWARDS

The 2020 CARE Awards Call for Entry is back and underway! You can find the criteria and entry forms at <https://careawards.ca/2020-care-awards/>. The deadline for entries is 4:00 pm Tuesday, Sept 1, 2020 at the VRBA office. The event will be held in November online unless the province has established safe guidelines for larger gatherings. Thank you sponsors for supporting Canada's leaders in sustainable residential design and construction! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

Sponsorship is still available – contact [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

### 2020 Gold Sponsors



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## VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT – POSTPONED TO THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

Thursday, June 3, 2021 has been confirmed for VRBA's annual golf tournament at



Mark your calendars for next year, enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA's contractors, designers, trades & suppliers!

Registration forms and sponsorship information will be posted at a later date.

Thank you **Gold Sponsors!**



## PREFERRED GOLD CORPORATE RATES FOR VRBA MEMBERS AT ACCENT INNS AND HOTEL ZED

If you are planning a staycation or holiday further in BC this year, we have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at <http://www.accentinns.com/> & Hotel Zed <https://www.hotelzed.com/>

Members that have renewed their membership for 2020/21 will receive a promo code and Rates Sheet for room rates valid from now through Sept 30, 2020. These rates will be updated periodically by email.

Accent Inns and Hotel Zed is a family owned-and-operated British Columbia chain with 7 hotels: Victoria, Richmond, Burnaby, Kelowna, Kamloops and Tofino.

Accent Inns at Vancouver Airport (Richmond), Burnaby, Victoria, Kelowna and Kamloops offer Frequent Guest Reward Program: stay 10 nights in total, and your 11th night is free.

All Accent Inns feature the following COMPLIMENTARY facilities and amenities:

- High Speed WiFi
- Local calls, no access fee for toll free and credit card calls
- Hairdryer, iron and ironing board, in-room coffee-maker and tea kettle with coffee & tea, etc.
- Shuttle service at Accent Inn Vancouver Airport to/from YVR Vancouver Airport
- Shuttle service at Accent Inn Burnaby to/from within 10 minutes driving distance in Burnaby (excluding Metrotown)
- Bag-to-go continental breakfast at Accent Inns Kelowna and Kamloops
- On-site parking including oversized vehicles (\* Please note that long term or extended parking are subject to an additional charge)
- Daily newspaper and our signature Accent Inns duck
- Bike rentals, fitness room; hot tubs (exclusive to Richmond & Burnaby) & outdoor swimming pools (exclusive to Kelowna & Kamloops)

Hotel Zed in Victoria, Kelowna and Tofino feature the following **COMPLIMENTARY** facilities and amenities:

- High Speed WiFi
- Local calls, no access fee for toll free and credit card calls
- Coffee/tea and daily newspaper in hotel lobby
- Fun items such as vinyl listening station, board games, comic book, yo-yo & etc.
- Bike rentals, longboard rentals, and Disco roller skate rentals (exclusive to Hotel Zed Kelowna)
- Classic Volkswagen shuttle service (exclusive to Hotel Zed Victoria)
- Activity entertainment lounge (ping pong tables, Wii, 50" TVs); and Disco lounge (exclusive to Hotel Zed Kelowna)
- Swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna; and waterslide (exclusive to Hotel Zed Victoria)

In addition, all Accent Inns and Hotel Zed have rooms and suites with kitchenette suitable for long stays. Discounted weekly rates are available and VRBA has a contact for availability and quotes.

Health and safety is a priority and Accent Inns has developed Health & Safety Protocols.

For more info, contact the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

*Enjoy your summer and stay at Accent Inns/Hotel Zed!*

## NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

**Welcome New Members:**

- **Sevenbeams Contracting** – Shengwei Li
- **Red Dove Developments** – Rick Gilley
- **Heat Savers Fireplace & Patio Co.** – Darrel Degelman, Sheldon Morris and Brett Krisjanson
- **Torrell Brothers Construction** – Cam Torrell
- **MAAX Bath Inc.** – Rob DeLong
- **Climate Custom Homes** – Matthew Turnbull

**New Member Applicants:**

- **Adapt Design** – Josh Collins
- **Beacon-Carmanah Developments Ltd.** – Gurpal (Paul) Atwal and Jasminder Bhandal

We have distributed membership renewal letters and hope you will continue your support of VRBA! We have created an extensive COVID-19 resources list for members at <https://www.vrba.ca/covid-19-info/> We are the leading industry voice challenging unnecessary federal, provincial and municipal regulations and fees.

For more info on the benefits of VRBA membership, contact [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## BUILT GREEN WEBINAR AND MORE

1. Built Green Canada is holding a webinar on August 11 called Energy & Envelope, Part 1. Part 2 will be held in September.

“This webinar will look at construction methods and types of products that contribute to lower energy consumption, as well as alternative heating and electrical systems, and improved building envelope. As part of our webinar, we will review benefits and provide practical, affordable suggestions to build better and to earn points towards BUILT GREEN® home certification.”

**When:** Tuesday, August 11, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PST

**Where:** Webinar – must RSVP [kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca](mailto:kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca)

**Cost:** No charge

2. The schedule for more online education with Building it Right and upcoming courses including Victoria Super Week, November 3 – 5, is available here <https://buildingitright.com/schedule.html>
3. VICA's upcoming courses are available here <https://www.vicabc.ca/meetings-and-events/upcoming-events-and-meetings/>

4. 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 BUILDERS COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING: WED AUGUST 19

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday August 19, speaker to be announced.

The meeting will be submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval for 1 CPD credit.

#### SAANICH HOUSING STRATEGY & UPTOWN-DOUGLAS CORRIDOR PLAN

Saanich is developing a housing strategy and task force. The deadline for task force applications is Friday, July 31. There is also a survey available For more info visit <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events/news-archives/2020-news/saanich-initiates-housing-strategy-and-task-force.html>

In addition, the Uptown-Douglas Corridor Plan goes to Saanich council on Monday, Aug 10. More info here <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/community-planning/centre-corridor-plans/uptown-douglas-corridor-plan.html>

#### 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).

#### VRBA GENERAL MEETING LUNCH – WEDNESDAY SEPT 9

IF VRBA is able to safely hold a lunch meeting, we will have a speaker/presentation TBA at Gorge Vale Golf Club.

Date: Wednesday, Sept 9  
Gorge Vale Golf Club, 1005 Craigflower Rd  
11:45 am – reception  
12:00 noon - lunch  
12:15 pm - presentation

VRBA Members: \$35 plus GST, includes lunch  
Future Members: \$60 plus GST  
Tickets- [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

IF it is not possible to safely hold a meeting in person, we will hold a meeting via Zoom. We will send a notice out closer to the date.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 11 – Built Green Webinar - [kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca](mailto:kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca)
- Aug 19 – Builders Council Zoom Meeting [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)
- Sept 1 – Deadline for CARE Awards Entries [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)
- Sept 9 – VRBA Lunch Meeting (if possible) [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)
- Nov 3–5 – Victoria Super Week with Building It Right <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/164477>

#### 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** announces the BC Employer Training Grant is now available For more info visit

<https://buildingitright.com/applying-for-grants.html>

Also learn about **Victoria Super Week** Nov 3 to 5, 2020 at <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/164477>

**VICA: Builder Education Courses from the Vancouver Island Construction Association**

The list is at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2019-20-course-listing/>

#### AUGUST & SEPT

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | August 13 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

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

MS TEAMS MASTERY | August 21 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWING, SAMPLES & SUBMITTALS | August 25 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | September 1 & 2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | September 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | September 15, 16, 17 & 18 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING MULTIPLE PRIORITIES | September 16 & 23 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWING, SAMPLES & SUBMITTALS | September 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | September 29-30 & October 1-2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

To get the VRBA member discount contact: Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator,

Ph: 250-388-6471 [education@vicabc.ca](mailto:education@vicabc.ca)

**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>

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