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CARE AWARDS – NOV 13

Public health guidelines permitting, the 2021 CARE Awards gala is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 13 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. We are excited to again hold a gala event to announce the Gold winners. Tickets not yet available. Finalists will be announced in early September with projects displayed online to launch voting for the People's Choice Award. Our CARE Awards display featuring the Finalists will again take place at Hillside Center from October 18 to 31. Thank you 2021 sponsors! Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

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BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED AUGUST 18

Saanich's draft Housing Strategy will be reviewed at our Builders Council Zoom meeting on Wed, August 18 from 12 noon to 1 pm. The strategy includes improvements to the development application and building permit process.

Greg Gillespie, Mike Geric Construction was a member of the panel developing the strategy and will provide a presentation. The draft strategy is here and goes to Saanich council August 23.

<https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/housing-strategy-web.pdf>

All are welcome to attend. Contact admin@vrba.ca for the Zoom link.

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

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

The BC Centre for Disease Control reports recreational travel within BC is now permitted. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/travel>

We have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/
Attached are the hotel rates from June 25 to September 30, 2021. For the promo code, contact Debra at 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.

BC GOVT SICK LEAVE SURVEY

The BC govt has launched a survey looking for input on paid sick leave legislation. Unfortunately, the survey lacks flexibility in terms of reflecting the way many small companies operate – an environment of mutual interest and consideration between employer and employee. Take the survey here <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/paidsickleave/learn-more/>

VRBA GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION & VICTORIA ROYALS GAME DRAW – WEDNESDAY SEPT 8

The Gorge Vale Golf Club is not yet open for lunches and our priority is health and safety so we are continuing with Zoom meetings at this time. VRBA will hold our Sept meeting and board election via Zoom on Wednesday, September 8 from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

Agenda

11:45 am - board election

12:00 noon – Wendy Jones, speaker

1:00 pm – adjourn

Wendy Jones, BC Employers' Advisors Office will provide information on employers issues including COVID and increasing site inspections by WorkSafeBC. If you have additional challenges in the workplace, send them to admin@vrba.ca and we will ask Wendy to address them. RSVP admin@vrba.ca to receive the zoom link.

The Victoria Royals are back and VRBA has two club seat tickets for the season. *Public health guidelines permitting*, we will draw for two tickets to the Sept 25 pre-season game. Members must attend the meeting to be eligible for this game draw. The regular season starts Oct 2. <https://victoriaroyals.com/schedule/275/227>

FEDERAL ELECTION IN THE AIR

There is talk of a federal election being called soon. Housing issues range from the erosion of the GST New Home Rebate due to inflation to speculation of a capital gains tax on principal homes. The latter was being reviewed by CMHC via a \$250,000 study conducted by a group at UBC called Generation Squeeze. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation did a recent column in the Toronto Sun, <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/sims-homeowners-should-have-tough-questions-for-campaigning-politicians> and VRBA ran a column in the TC <https://www.vrba.ca/news/taxing-principal-homes-unprincipled/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18 – Builders Council, Saanich Housing Strategy, Greg Gillespie, Mike Geric Construction

Sept 8 – VRBA General Meeting, Election & Victoria Royal Tickets Draw
Sept 15 - Builders Council with Murray Frank, Building It Right
Oct 20 – Builders Council
Nov 2 & 3 – ICF Series by Building it Right <https://buildingitright.com/icf-series.html>
Nov 10 - VRBA AGM
Nov 13 – CARE Awards Gala, Fairmont Empress Hotel

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 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 [here](#).

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. VRBA members can now use the **PROMO code VRBA2021** at checkout to save \$100 off of the public registration fee on all eligible training. For all courses and dates, and to register [visit](#).

COURSES:

[CCDC 2 Deep Dive: Read the Full Contract, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: July 15, August 17, September 21
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Getting Paid & Managing the Cash Flow, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: July 20, August 18, September 16
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Project Planning for Success, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: June 29-30, August 17-18
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Trade Contracts, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: July 6-7, October 6-7
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Managing Shop Drawings, Samples and Submittals, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: July 13, August 11, September 9
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Project Close-Out, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: July 13-14, September 28-29
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction 101, LIVE-Online](#)

30 Min Orientation & 4 days, 8:00am-12:15pm | Upcoming Sessions: August 5 + 10-13, September 9 + 14-17
16 CPD Points (Informal)

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