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## 2022 CARE AWARDS

The 2022 CARE Awards Finalists have been announced! The People's Choice Award display at Hillside Centre is Aug 29 to Sept 11 and the CARE Awards gala is set for Friday, Sept 23 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Tickets on sale now! Visit [here](#) for more info. Thank you 2022 sponsors! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards* - the premier industry event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast home design and construction.

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## HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC - VRBA GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

VRBA will hold our General Meeting/Board Election Lunch at the Hotel Grand Pacific on Thursday September 15th. Speaker to be announced. This is the first in-person lunch meeting since the start of the pandemic, so we hope to get a great turn-out!

### Agenda

11:45 am - Board Election  
12:00 noon – Speaker: TBA  
1:00 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$45 + GST

Non-members: \$75 + GST

To reserve your seat, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – GINGERBREAD SHOWCASE SPONSORS

VRBA member Habitat for Humanity-Victoria holds an annual Gingerbread Showcase fundraiser at the Parkside Hotel and Spa. They are looking for sponsors, so if you want to raise your company's profile and contribute to home ownership for lower-income families, contact them at [info@habitatvictoria.com](mailto:info@habitatvictoria.com).

## FORTISBC SPONSORS ENERGY EFFICIENCY WEBINAR – WED OCTOBER 19

FortisBC is sponsoring an energy efficiency webinar via Zoom called *Understanding and Achieving Step Code 5* on October 19, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Municipalities like Victoria and Saanich are continuing to fast-track Step Code and builders must be prepared.

The presentation by Tessa Hall, Licensed Energy Advisor will include:

- What are the targets for Step Code 5
- Where do builders struggle reaching Step Code 5
- How and Integrated Design Process (IDP) can help
- Case Study / Example
- Q&A

Everyone is welcome to attend this webinar! To receive the Zoom link, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

There is no charge to attend and the webinar has been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one CPD credit.



## BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED AUGUST 17

A webinar on Customer Service for Builders will be held on Zoom on Wed, August 17 from 12 noon to 1 pm. Presenter Pilar Bonilla, teaches a Customer Service class at BCIT and previously worked at Polygon Homes as an operations and construction manager, as well as at Mosaic Homes.

To attend this webinar and receive the Zoom link, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca) Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend. This webinar has been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one CPD credit.

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN VICTORIA CONTINUES SEPTEMBER 1

A public hearing held on August 4 to review Victoria's Missing Middle Housing initiative has carried over to Thursday, September 1 due to the large turnout. VRBA wrote a letter in support of pre-zoning for duplexes, townhomes, small multi-family to help address efficiency and affordability.

## VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY: SEPTEMBER 7 TO MAY 31

VRBA duffer hockey is looking for a couple of players and a goalie. We play at Oak Bay Recreation on Wednesdays from 9:15 pm to 10:30 pm. Fun hockey up and down the ice for a workout. We don't keep score, but the red light goes on and

the horn blasts to provide some glory. You never know, there may be an NHL scout in the stands. Average age is about 45 and skill level is intermediate to advanced. Cost is \$685 for 39 games Sept 7 to May 31. For more info, contact Casey at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)



## BC HOUSING EDUCATION

BC Housing has announced new education requirements for the mandatory Step Code 3 being planned throughout the province by the end of 2022. BC Housing is compiling a list of education equivalencies which may be available at the end of August. Exemptions are here: [General Contractors and the BC Energy Step Code | BC Housing](#)

- Exemptions

Licensees who can demonstrate they have previously built energy efficient homes or have taken equivalent training may be exempt from taking BC Energy Step Code training.

- **Previously built energy efficient homes:** to be granted this exemption, you must demonstrate that you have built a minimum of three Part 9 buildings that meet Step 3 or higher of the BC Energy Step Code within the last five years. You will need to provide the energy compliance report for the home to verify you've achieved this standard. If the home is not registered under your licence, you will need to provide evidence to demonstrate you were the general contractor.
- **Equivalent training:** to be granted this exemption, you must provide completion certificates for courses that BC Housing has reviewed and determined is equivalent to the eight training modules. We are working with education providers who offer relevant training to review existing courses that may satisfy the BC Energy Step Code training modules. Please note that some courses may only cover a few modules but not all eight. In that circumstance, you may be eligible to a partial exemption and would only be expected to take training in the modules you haven't covered. A list of equivalent courses and the modules they cover will be posted to the website shortly.

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

We have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at Accent Inns [accentinns.com/](https://accentinns.com/) & Hotel Zed [hotelzed.com/](https://hotelzed.com/)

Attached are the hotel rates from June 17 to Sept 10, 2022. 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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 – VRBA Membership Renewal [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)  
August 17 - Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)  
Aug 29 to Sept 11 – CARE Awards People's Choice Award Display at Hillside Centre  
Sept 15 – VRBA General Meeting and Election (Lunch at Hotel Grand Pacific) [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)  
Sept 23 – CARE Awards Gala [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)  
Oct 19 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca) (FortisBC webinar)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING



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

**Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses** [buildingitright.com](http://buildingitright.com) 65 CPD points available online! Also have a look at Course in a Box for 20 CPD points [buildingitright.com/course-in-a-box.html](http://buildingitright.com/course-in-a-box.html)

**Building It Right** has a wide range of courses including **Building the House of Tomorrow** at [buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html](http://buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html)

Also book a cruise with their CPD at Sea! [buildingitright.com/featured-cruise.html](http://buildingitright.com/featured-cruise.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 VRBA\$100 at checkout to save \$100 off of the public registration fee on all eligible training.** For all courses and dates, and to register [visit the VICA website](#).

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