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## 2023 CARE AWARDS

The 2023 CARE Awards Finalists have been announced! The People's Choice Award display is at Hillside Centre from Sept 11 to Sept 24 and voting will be online at [www.careawards.ca](http://www.careawards.ca). (Members and their employees are ineligible to vote.) The CARE Awards gala is set for Friday, October 20 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Tickets on sale now at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). Thank you sponsors for your continued support! A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist. The Gold winners slide presentation will be online at CTV/Vancouver Island. If you would like to sponsor the CARE Awards, contact [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

### Gold Sponsors



### Silver



### Bronze



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## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new VRBA members:

Blackline Home Design – Jeff Causton  
Unity Developments Ltd. – Stephen Scott  
Ocean Ave. Developments Ltd. – Lindsay Myron  
Chard Developments Ltd. – Aislinn Hicks and Katlyn Euler  
Aryze Developments – Melanie Ransome  
Frontera Homes – Taylor McCarthy and Brodie Marshall  
Refind Builders Inc. – Stefan and Helena Roodbol

## VRBA GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION – SEPT 12

VRBA will hold our General Meeting/Board Election Lunch at the **Cedar Hill Golf Course**, Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1400 Derby Road in Saanich. **FREE PARKING!**

Our speaker is Jim Baker, Senior Codes Analyst, BC Building & Safety Standards on the latest changes to the BC Building Code.

### Agenda

11:45 am – Welcome

11:50 am - Election

12:00 noon - Roundtable Introductions & Lunch

12:30 pm – Speaker: Jim Baker, Senior Codes Analyst, BC Building & Safety Standards

1:30 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$40 + GST

Non-members: \$75 + GST

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

## FORTISBC NEW HOME REBATE PROGRAM CHANGES

The FortisBC New Home Program is set to undergo a program change for 2024. To ensure rebate eligibility for the rebates available under the 2023 New Home Program, builders must:

1. [Pre-register](#) their project by December 31, 2023. This will ensure the builder is eligible to apply for the rebates after completing construction.
2. Have the building permit issued prior to December 31, 2023.
3. Complete the project by December 31, 2025 and apply for rebates within six months of project completion. For builders pursuing the Step Code pathway rebates, an energy advisor will apply on your behalf.

FortisBC will be hosting two information sessions to give a rundown of the program changes and answer questions. Both sessions will cover the same content so please feel free to register for your preferred date/time using the following link: <https://webforms.fortisbc.com/forms/view.php?id=1673221>

- Session 1: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Session 2: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. to noon.

Please visit [fortisbc.com/newhome](https://fortisbc.com/newhome) for more information or contact [newhome@fortisbc.com](mailto:newhome@fortisbc.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 6 to May 29 - VRBA duffer hockey [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 11 to 24 - People's Choice Award display at Hillside Centre & online voting [www.careawards.ca](http://www.careawards.ca)

Sept 12 - VRBA Lunch Meeting and Election at Cedar Hill Golf Course [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 13 & 20 - FortisBC New Home Rebate Program Webinar [Pre-register](#)

Sept 18 to 22 - Union of BC Municipalities Convention / Vancouver [2023 Convention | Union of BC Municipalities \(ubcm.ca\)](#)

Sept 21 to 24 - Interior Design Show / Vancouver [IDS Vancouver - Interior Design Show](#)

Sept 27 - Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

October 20 - CARE Awards Gala at Fairmont Empress Hotel [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## INDEPENDENT CONCRETE LAUNCHES REDI-GREEN

Redi-Green® eco-concrete annually repurposes over 2 million kilograms of aggregate and 3 million litres of fresh water through an open-loop recycling process. Supplementary cementitious materials, such as fly ash or slag, are used to replace 32% of the cement, saving approximately 6 million kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO2). Redi-Green® uses GUL cement, a portland-limestone blend, to achieve an additional 5% reduction of emissions: the equivalent of 240,000 trees. The eco-concrete pumps, places, finishes, and cures just like traditional concrete, and the reduction in carbon emissions – 25% more than the BC average and 45% more than the Canadian average — enables the product to comply with the new carbon reduction requirements stipulated by local municipalities. More information at [Ready Mix Concrete Suppliers Victoria BC | ICL Independent Concrete \(iconcrete.ca\)](http://Ready Mix Concrete Suppliers Victoria BC | ICL Independent Concrete (iconcrete.ca))

## VRBA HOCKEY

There are still a couple of spots still available for VRBA hockey which runs from Sept 6 to May 29, Wednesdays 9:15 pm to 10:30 pm at Oak Bay Recreation. The cost is \$685 for 39 games. This is non-contact, fun hockey and we don't keep score. It's a great work-out! If you are interested, contact Casey or Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca).



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

VRBA members get Preferred Gold corporate rates at [accentinns.com/](http://accentinns.com/) & Hotel Zed [hotelzed.com/](http://hotelzed.com/)

Attached are the hotel rates from June 23 to September 9, 2023. 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)

VRBA's next Builders Council webinar on Zoom is Wednesday, Sept 27 from 12 noon to 1 pm.

Speaker TBA.

All VRBA members are encouraged to attend. RSVP Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

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## 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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