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CARE AWARDS

We are working on the Call for Entry for the 2025 CARE Awards. Thank you FortisBC for already returning as a **Gold** sponsor! We have not yet distributed our sponsorship request/package, but all are welcome to contact us to renew for 2025! Prices will remain the same. The 2024 CARE Awards gala was held Friday, September 27 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by 280 VRBA builders, designers, trades and suppliers. On Thursday, Oct 24, The CARE Awards event was featured on the front page of the Times Colonist with a four-page wrap. The CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners was distributed in the TC on Saturday, Nov 2 and online at careawards.ca. Our marketing program is unmatched! Thank you for supporting Canada's leaders in West Coast residential design and construction!

Gold Sponsors



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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new VRBA members:

A1 Trusses Ltd. – Jonathan Gardiner
Coastal Heat Pumps – Ashley Gulevich and Jordan Caton
Beimers Project Management – Andrew Beimers
Blaze Construction Ltd. – Don Blais

ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST- WED JAN 15

Are you ready for 2025? Hear from industry experts at VRBA's Annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast on Wednesday, January 15 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Gorge Vale Golf Club, 1005 Craigflower Road.

Agenda

11:30 am – reception
12 noon - lunch
12:30 pm - presentations

Speakers include:

- Dirk Vanderwal, Chair-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
- Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist, British Columbia Real Estate Association
- Shiva Moshtari Doust, Lead Economist, Canada Mortgage and Housing
- Casey Edge, Executive Director, Victoria Residential Builders Association

They will offer their views to help contractors, realtors, designers, trades, and suppliers make important decisions for 2025. The presentations will provide local, provincial and national data to help plan for a successful year.

[To reserve a seat, including lunch, register here.](#)

Or fill out the attached registration form and submit to Debra at admin@vrba.ca

Cost: \$65 for members of VRBA, VREB

\$85 for future members

Seating is limited to 80 attendees and we expect a full house.

Sponsored by:



This presentation has been sent to BC Housing for approval of 1.5 CPD credits.

FESTIVAL OF TREES – NOV 15 TO JAN 5

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway! Promote your company's name on the tree for only \$25 viewed throughout the holiday season at the Bay Centre from Nov 15 to Jan 5. Presently, VRBA's tree is at the top of the fundraising leadership board. Thank you to our donors!

1. Victoria Residential Builders Association - \$3,000.00
2. Hutcheson & Co. - \$1,981.00
3. Bishop's Family Cycles - \$1,608.00
4. Tri- X Excavating Ltd. - \$1,439.00
5. StarFish Medical - \$1,115.00



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Red Dove Developments
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Fayze Contracting
Ardmore Construction
Oak Bay Construction
Birch Bark Builders
Green Island Builders
Amity Construction
Independent Concrete
Villamar Construction
Güte Renovations

Donate today and get your name on our tree! Minimum donation \$25.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 15 to Jan 5 – Festival of Trees, The Bay Centre [BC Children's Hospital Foundation - Victoria Residential Builders Association \(bcchf.ca\)](#)

Nov 22 to Jan 5 – [Habitat Victoria's Gingerbread Showcase, Hotel Grand Pacific](#)

Dec 20 – Jan 5 – VRBA office will be closed. Casey and Debra will be available via email.

Jan 15 – Annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast, Gorge Vale Golf Club [register here](#)

Jan 22 – Builders Council on Zoom - Speaker TBA admin@vrba.ca

HABITAT VICTORIA GINGERBREAD SHOWCASE - NOV 22 TO JAN 5

Habitat Victoria's Gingerbread Showcase is Nov 12 to Jan 5 at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Help families achieve home ownership by voting for your favourite at [Habitat Victoria's Gingerbread Showcase, Hotel Grand Pacific](#)



Happy Holidays!

BUILDERS COUNCIL

Builders Council on Dec 11 featured a presentation by Jonathan Layton, Layton Consulting on solar heat gain and proposed fenestration changes in the National Building Code. https://cbhcc-cchcc.ca/eng/public-review/2024_3/pcfs/nbc20_divb_09.36.02.07_001823.html

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

VRBA members get **Preferred Gold** corporate rates at accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/
Attached are the hotel rates from Oct 13 – Dec 31, 2024. 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

EDUCATION & TRAINING



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

Murray Frank's Building It Right Courses 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

Murray's new course called The Phoenix – Designing and Rebuilding Our House of Tomorrow

On August 17th, 2023, the House of Tomorrow Net Zero Demonstration Home on the Ashnola River was completely consumed by the Crater Lake forest fire. The rebuilding project is called The Phoenix. This series follows the process from the design to the final reveal, including lessons learned from building the original home, through to the construction and the final tally of 'How Long & How Much'. Register here [Phoenix via ThunderTix](#)
Also book a cruise with their CPD at Sea! 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 Licencing at our office. There is no charge for this service – it is another benefit of VRBA membership.

ICBA: A wide selection of online courses, many CPD approved, from the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association including Construction Law, Drawings, Profitable Contracting, Construction Management, Employment Standards, etc. Visit [Upcoming Courses & Events - Independent Contractors and Businesses Association \(arlio.co\)](http://arlio.co)

VICA: A wide selection of courses 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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