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CARE AWARDS

We're back! The 2021 CARE Awards event was held Saturday, Nov 13 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by VRBA's builders, designers, trades and suppliers. Visit careawards.ca for the media release. Thank you to all of the entrants, finalists, and sponsors for making this event possible during another challenging year.

A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist on December 31 and online at careawards.ca. Thank you for supporting Canada's leaders in West Coast residential design and construction!

If you missed the event, and would like to view the winners presentation, stream the show at CTV/Vancouver Island here vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/more/2021-care-awards

Here are a few photos from the event:







Thank you, 2021 sponsors! Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

2021 Gold Sponsors



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FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway at The Bay Centre from Nov 17 to Jan 4, 2022. Thank you all, donations are still welcome!



Donors include:

EnViroTec General Contracting
White Wolf Homes
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Integral Design
Verity Construction
K2 Stone (Victoria)
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Cancer can be beaten!

Your membership in VRBA helps support a variety of important causes including Threshold Housing Society, BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Goldstream Chums, CFA Santa's Anonymous, TC Christmas Fund, Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Christmas Showcase. You help make our community a better place for all!

VRBA CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

VRBA's Annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast will present what to expect for 2022. Topics include employment, interest rates, housing sales and starts and much more.

This free event will be held online on Zoom:
 Wednesday, January 19
 11:45 am to 1:15 pm

Speakers are:

Karen Dinnie-Smyth, President-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
 Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist, British Columbia Real Estate Association
 Pershing Sun, Senior Analyst, Economics, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp

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

Cost: No charge for VRBA & VREB members

Please contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca for the Zoom link.

Generously sponsored by:



BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Builders Council will feature a presentation by Rory Kulmala, CEO of the Vancouver Island Construction Association on their Tailgate Toolkit program addressing addiction issues in the construction industry. vicabc.ca/advocacy/tailgate-toolkit-project/

The meeting is Wednesday Dec 15 at 12 noon. To register and receive the Zoom link contact admin@vrba.ca

This webinar has been sent to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit.

NEW VRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AWARD WINNERS

The new Board of Directors is represented by:

President: Norm Verbrugge, Norman Homes Inc
Past President: Dusty Delain, Amity Construction Inc
First Vice-President: Ellie Sercombe, Limona Construction Ltd and TEKloch Homes Ltd
Second Vice-President: Mike Dalton, Città Group
Treasurer: Russ Barry, Interactive Construction Inc
Builders Council Chair: Ellie Sercombe, Limona Construction Ltd and TEKloch Homes Ltd
Suppliers and Trades Council Chair: Paul Smith, K2 Stone (Victoria) Inc

Directors:

- Tony Aindow, Goodison Construction Ltd
- Darrell Ell, Independent Concrete Ltd
- Amandeep Gill, Patriot Homes Ltd
- Jamie Gill, Seba Construction
- Rob Mickelberry, Prodigy Development Services Ltd
- Dan Olive, SeaFirst Insurance Brokers Ltd
- Paul Smith, K2 Stone (Victoria) Inc
- Brian Trenchard, EnViroTec General Contracting Ltd
- Christopher Walker, Christopher Developments

The following President's Awards were presented by 2020/21 President Dusty Delain:

President's Award for outstanding service – Norm Verbrugge, Norman Homes

Jerry Hepburn Award Memorial Award for integrity and professionalism – Tim Schauerte, James' Joinery

Mike Kipot Award for contribution to the industry – Reed Pope Law Corporation

Sponsors Appreciation Award for supporting the CARE Awards and housing excellence – Victoria Real Estate Board

Marilyn Ann Lee Award for service and innovation – Dan Olive, SeaFirst Insurance Brokers Ltd

Service Award for delivering builder education – John Heaney, Reed Pope Law Corporation; Anton Van Dyk, Centra Construction Group; Murray Frank, Building It Right; and Greg Gillespie, Mike Geric Construction

Service Award Derek Ballman, FloForm Countertops for his valuable service on the Board of Directors

BC INCREASED EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2021

Applications for the B.C. Increased Employment Incentive must be received by December 31, 2021.

The B.C. Increased Employment Incentive is a one-time refundable tax credit for employers which encouraged the creation of new jobs for B.C. workers or increases in payroll for existing low- or middle-income employees in the last quarter ending December 31, 2020.

The tax credit is calculated at 15% of the amount that the employer's eligible remuneration for the last quarter ending December 31, 2020 exceeds the employer's eligible remuneration for the quarter ending September 30, 2020.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and access to the application, visit gov.bc.ca/employertaxcredit

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. 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 Oct 1 to December 31, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 17 to Jan 4 - Festival of Trees at The Bay Centre bcchf.ca/fundraiser/festival-of-trees-victoria/

Nov 20 to Jan 2 – Gingerbread Showcase, Habitat for Humanity trellis.org/habitat-for-humanity-gingerbread-showcase-2021

Dec 15 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca

Jan 19 – Crystal Ball Housing Forecast on Zoom admin@vrba.ca

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 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

Building It Right has a wide range of courses including **Building the House of Tomorrow** at buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html

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 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](#).

COURSES:

****NEW & FREE! - 13 CPD Points****

[Supervisor Training: Tailgate Toolkit](#)

4 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: December 14-17
13 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction Drawings 101, LIVE-Online](#)

4 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: December 1, January 5
4 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: December 7, January 11
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Bluebeam Revu: Basics, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: December 9-10, January 11-12
7 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: December 14, January 18
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Bluebeam Revu: Estimating Quantities & Costs, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: December 14-15, January 18-19
7 CPD Points (Informal)

[FREE! Supervisor Training: Tailgate Toolkit](#)

4 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: December 14-17
13 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: December 15, January 19
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Managing Change in Construction, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: January 4, February 1
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Effective Construction Meetings & Meeting Minutes, LIVE-Online](#)

3 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: January 10
3 CPD Points (Informal)

[Planning for Forepersons & Crew Supervisors, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: January 13-20, February 10-17
8 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction 101, LIVE-Online](#)

45 Min Orientation + 4 Days, 4 hours each day | Upcoming Session: February 10 + 15-18
16 CPD Points (Informal)

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