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CARE AWARDS

We are already planning for the 2021 CARE Awards starting with sponsorship partners! Thank you **FortisBC (Gold)** and **Coast Capital Savings (Silver)** for confirming their early commitment to sponsorship. *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!* We will announce more sponsors in the coming weeks. Through their support, the CARE Awards is the premier industry awards showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast design and construction.

2020 Gold Sponsors



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BUILDERS COUNCIL – (tomorrow) WED FEB 17

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday, February 17 at 12 noon via Zoom.

The speaker is Jim Baker, Senior Codes Administrator for BC Building and Safety Standards providing a presentation on upcoming changes to seismic/lateral loads for Part 9 homes. He will also address any other code questions.

RSVP admin@vrba.ca to receive the Zoom link.

This meeting has been sent to BC Housing for review for 1 hour of CPD Builder Licencing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

New Member:
Four Point Exteriors Ltd. – Dylan Solecki and Ross Mackay

New Applicant:
White Wolf Homes Ltd. – Kyle Velikovsky

VRBA's COLUMN IN CANADIAN CONTRACTOR MAGAZINE

Recent data from the Victoria Real Estate Board reveal housing demand is mostly local. Of 8,224 sales in 2020, 90.9% involved buyers already living in BC. 73.43% were from Greater Victoria. Only 1.2% of all sales were to buyers residing from outside of Canada. The federal and BC govts' insistence that rising prices are the result of foreign buyers and speculators is debunked in our column in this month's Canadian Contractor magazine.

<https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=53927&i=692596&p=24>

WHEN TRAVEL PERMITTED - PREFERRED GOLD CORPORATE RATES FOR VRBA MEMBERS AT ACCENT INNS AND HOTEL ZED

Non-essential travel is not recommended as per orders by Dr Bonnie Henry, BC's Public Health Officer in the battle against COVID-19. However, if travel is necessary for medical reasons or when travel again opens up, we have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/

Members that have renewed their membership for 2020/21 receive a Promo Code and Rate Sheet for rooms valid from now through to February 28, 2021.

Stay in Kelowna for as low as \$70 per night and Tofino for as low as \$129 per night! More on Hotel Zed in Tofino here
<https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/travel/hotel-zed-tofino-bc-open-2695565>

For the promo code & rate sheet 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.

SAANICH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Once again, Saanich is going through a Development Process Review. They will be contacting VRBA shortly to discuss our concerns. The last Saanich review was in 2018, yet the process has become slower and more costly. If you have recommendations, please send them to admin@vrba.ca.

61% NEW HOMES IN LANGFORD

Despite their lack of multiple Development Process Reviews, Langford continues to lead the CRD in new housing. The region's total was 216 and 132 were in Langford, representing a cross-section of single detached, semi-detached, row, and apt/condos. The recent Housing Needs Report says, "Langford's strong working relationship with developers in creating communities is seen as a strength and could be worth replicating or exploring in other communities."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 17 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca
March 3 – VRBA Board Meeting
March 17 – Builders Council

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>
Here is their course schedule for 2021 - <https://buildingitright.com/schedule.html>

Professional Home Builders Institute: Online courses for BC Builder Licensing are available at the Professional Home Builders Institute at <https://www.phbi.ca/bc/programs-and-courses/builder-core-competency/#?browseby=346241cb-1a6e-ea11-a811-000d3af33756> 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. To get the VRBA member discount contact: Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator, Ph: 250-388-6471 education@vicabc.ca The course list is below and at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2020-2021-course-listing/>

FEBRUARY

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | February 18 - 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERS | February 23 - 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

EFFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | February 25 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MARCH

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING: ROLE OF AN ESTIMATOR | March 1,3,8,10,15,17,22 & 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CM-LEAN PROGRAM | March 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | March 2 - 5 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | March 11 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

EFFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | March 22 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | March 23 & 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

RESPONDING TO AN RFP | March 25, 26 & 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING | March 29 - 31 & April 01 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MASTERING CHANGE ORDER MANAGEMENT | March 30 - 31 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

SPRING 2021

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | April 08 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | April 13, 14,15 &16 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED w. 1-1 COACHING | April 13, 15, 20 & 22 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
EFFECTING MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | April 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | April 19 - 20 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT ACCOUNT & COST CONTROL | April 26 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERS | April 27 & 28 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
MASTERING CHANGE ORDER MANAGEMENT | April 28 & 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
EFFECTING MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | May 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT MANAGEMENT | May 3 - 6 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | May 04 & 05 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | May 13 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)
PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERVISORS | May 18 & 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | May 26 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT | May 31 & June 1 - 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

SUMMER 2021

CONSTRUCTION 101 | June 1 - 4 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
TRADE CONTRACTS | June 9 & 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | June 10 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | June 14 & 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
CONSTRUCTION LAW | June 14 - 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
RESPONDING TO AN RFP | June 17, 18 & 21 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
TRADE CONTRACTS | June 9 - 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
MASTERING CHANGE ORDER MANAGEMENT | June 23 - 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | July 08 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | August 12 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | September 09 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)
GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | October 14 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

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