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CARE AWARDS

We are already planning for the 2020 CARE Awards starting with sponsorship partners! Thank you to **FortisBC**, **Hourigan's Flooring**, **McLaren Properties**, **Victoria Real Estate Board**, **BC Housing**, **Slegg Building Materials**, **Travelers Insurance Company of Canada**, and **Built Green Canada** for confirming their early commitment to Gold Sponsorship. Also thank you to **Trail Appliances** for returning as a Silver Sponsor! *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.

2019 Gold Sponsors



Silver



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CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST LUNCHEON POSTPONED

Our annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast was postponed due to inclement weather; however it has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan 29. Registered members will have the option of attending or contacting us to receive a full refund.

The speakers remain the same covering housing sales, starts, interest rates, employment, and the economy.

Date: Wednesday, Jan 29

Gorge Vale Golf Club, 1005 Craigflower Rd

11:30 am – reception

11:45 noon - lunch

12:15 pm - presentations

Presentations by

- **Sandi-Jo Ayers**, 2020 President-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
- **Brendon Ogmundson**, new Chief Economist, BC Real Estate Association & 2 time Crystal Ball Award winner, Professional Economists of BC
- **Rudy Nielsen**, Founder & **Jeff Tisdale**, CEO of Landcor Data Corporation

Don't miss this opportunity to plan for your business in 2020!

VRBA & VREB Members: \$50, includes lunch

Future Members: \$75

Book your tickets early- admin@vrba.ca

Sponsored by:



This presentation has been approved for 2 CPD credits by Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing.

FESTIVAL OF TREES RESULTS

VRBA members raised \$9,050 for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation at the Annual Festival of Trees, placing 2nd in the "Spirit of Giving" category. VRBA also donated to CFAX Santa's Anonymous, Habitat for Humanity, TC Christmas Fund, Threshold Housing Society and Goldstream Chums. Thank you for support!



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Langdon Weir Construction
Amity Construction
Oak Bay Construction
Ron Egli Construction & Design
Ardmore Construction
Carly Sanderson Interiors
Highline Design



CANADA VS USA HOCKEY GAME TICKETS – MONDAY FEBRUARY 3

VRBA is giving away two pairs of Canada vs USA. women's hockey tickets. The game is Monday, February 3 at Save On Foods Memorial Arena, Section 104, Row S. Draw takes place next week – watch your email!

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22

On Wednesday January 22 from 12 noon to 1 pm at the VRBA office, there will be a presentation by Steve Pearce, Seafirst Insurance on Course of Construction Insurance including liability, summary of coverages on a typical COC and common claims.

We will also review the City of Victoria's proposed home conversion policy intended to promote older single detached homes to multi-unit. The city has asked VRBA for our feedback. More info at

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/development-services/house-conversions.html>

This meeting has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one hour of CPD.

Pizza and pop will be served at the meeting at no charge.

RSVP 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.

TALL WOOD DESIGN WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 10

Tall Wood Design: Getting into the details

Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street

Registration: \$199 Regular | \$149 Early Bird till January 25th! Includes continental breakfast & hot lunch.

[Click here to register](#)

This workshop will provide participants with innovative ideas and solutions to take best advantage of the new opportunities for tall wood structures in BC ahead of the early adoption of the 2020 National Building Code by BC.

The workshop brings experts from Europe and across Canada to share insights, innovative approaches and ideas to avoid problems - often thought difficult for tall wood and mass timber structures. These experts will present on the latest innovations in acoustics, curtain wall designs, and fire considerations for these new building types to achieve high levels of comfort, performance and safety for occupants all in a cost-effective manner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBA – Crystal Ball Housing Forecast Lunch at Gorge Vale Golf Club admin@vrba.ca

Jan 22 – Builders Council at VRBA admin@vrba.ca

Feb 10 – Tall Wood Design Workshop - [Click here to register](#)

Feb 12 & 13 – Buildex at Vancouver Convention Centre West www.buildexvancouver.com

April 8 – General Meeting Lunch at Gorge Vale Golf Club admin@vrba.ca

April 16 – Vancouver Island Construction Conference; [Details](#)

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!

Here is the upcoming course schedule including CPD at Sea; The Mechanicals; Your Design, Your Way; 10 Foot Wall Challenge; Windows and Details and more!

[Feb 4-5, 2020](#) | Nanaimo | 14 CPD | [The Mechanicals Series 3-6](#)

Visit <https://buildingitright.com/schedule.html>

VICA: Builder Education Courses from the Vancouver Island Construction Association

Courses include Construction Estimating; Introduction to Blueprint Reading; Project Management; Construction Industry Ethics, COR Safety Training and more! View courses at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/> To get the VRBA member discount contact: Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator,

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