



Community Builders – Building Communities



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CARE AWARDS

The 2021 CARE Awards Call for Entry deadline is Wednesday, June 30 at 4 pm. Visit <https://careawards.ca/2021-care-awards/> for more info. Thank you 2020 sponsors returning for the 2021 CARE Awards! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards* - the premier industry event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast design and construction.

2021 Gold Sponsors



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BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED JULY 22

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday, July 22 at 12 noon via Zoom.

Speaker TBA. RSVP admin@vrba.ca to receive the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

New Member:
Novus Properties – Mark Whitney

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. <http://www.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 June 25 to September 30, 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.

ISLAND PROSTATE CENTRE

The Island Prostate Centre is asking for donations to support their services which are free. Find out more at <https://www.islandprostatecentre.com/familytreeprogram/>

BC HOUSING WEBINAR ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SMALL COMMUNITIES

Housing, community development, and economic opportunity in non-metropolitan BC
June 1 to October 28.

Each webinar will focus on a specific region of the province with detailed information about population trends, housing stock, and the housing market. A discussion will follow about the opportunities for the housing industry, the challenges of meeting this demand, and the strategies that can result in more housing on the ground. Based on research conducted by the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia, this presentation provides data that can be used by developers, builders, planners, architects, and government in developing business models and strategic plans. NOTE: Each event is tailored to the listed audience and may involve guest speakers from specific regions or sectors.

More info at: <https://www2.unbc.ca/community-development-institute/building-knowledge-webinar-series>

Cost: Free

Vancouver Island Region

October 26, 10 to 12 pm: Register <https://unbc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lpdeuqrzgvGNzyYyVTq8DfyXmvKsv-p2dR>

October 28, 10 am to 12 pm: Register <https://unbc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wuduuurj8tGdMfFqxL1eIFbjxuE89iMP5o>

2 CPD credits are available from BC Housing by completing one session.

ESQUIMALT & SAANICH REPORTS

Esquimalt has approved Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs) or garden suites in RS-5, RS-6 and RD-4 zones. For more information, visit <https://www.esquimalt.ca/business-development/community-planning/detached-accessory-suites>

Saanich council's review of a new Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) policy was postponed until July 12. They are considering rezoning CAC's of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per door if within OCP.

For rezonings beyond the OCP a 50% to 75% land lift will apply. More information is available here: Agenda Item G7: https://saanich.ca.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=553

VRBA sent a letter opposing the CAC policy, which also conflicts with the province's new report on housing affordability. The report called "Opening Doors" says CAC's should be phased out:

"Zoning-based charges (CACs) discourage proactive zoning for more homes"

"CACs are negotiated in exchange for rezoning property to accommodate more homes. As a result, local governments that proactively increase zoned capacity or update zoning codes to better reflect anticipated growth and community priorities (as outlined in regional growth strategies and official community plans) lose that revenue opportunity. Indeed, local governments can generate CAC revenue by keeping zoning below levels that make redevelopment possible, and selling additional 'air rights' through the zoning powers they have been delegated. Consequently, the additional costs, time, and uncertainty associated with the rezoning process—including their negative impacts on housing supply—persist."

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/588/2021/06/Opening-Doors_BC-Expert-Panel_Final-Report_Jun16.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30 – CARE Awards Entry Deadline

July 1 – VRBA Membership Renewal

Nov 2 & 3 – ICF Series by Building it Right <https://buildingitright.com/icf-series.html>

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>

They are launching a **new ICF series** coming to **Victoria Nov 2 & 3**. More info at <https://buildingitright.com/icf-series.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 Licencing 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

New courses are being added through the summer and a partial list is below. For all courses and dates, and to register visit <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2020-2021-course-listing/>

PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | June 29 - 30 | LIVE-ONLINE

TRADE CONTRACTS | July 6 - 7 | LIVE-ONLINE

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | July 6 - 8 | LIVE-ONLINE

TRADE CONTRACTS / July 6 / LIVE ONLINE

CCDC 5A/5B / July 7 / LIVE ONLINE

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS, SAMPLES & SUBMITTALS / July 13 / LIVE ONLINE

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | July 08 | WEBINAR

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | July 13 - 14 | LIVE-ONLINE

CCDC 2: DEEP DIVE: READ THE FULL CONTRACT / July 15 / LIVE ONLINE

GETTING PAID AND MANAGING CASH FLOW / July 20 / LIVE ONLINE

CCDC2-2020: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & WHAT THEY MEAN FOR YOU / July 21 / LIVE ONLINE

MANAGING CHANGE IN CONSTRUCTION / August 4 / LIVE ONLINE

CONSTRUCTION 101 / August 5 / LIVE ONLINE

LEAD TO SUCCEED / August 10 / LIVE-ONLINE

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