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## 2023 CARE AWARDS

The Call for Entry deadline for the 2023 CARE Awards is June 5, and the entries are coming in. The CARE Awards Gala at the Fairmont Empress Hotel is Friday, October 20. Thank you sponsors for your continued support! A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist - last year's magazine [is still available online](#). If you missed the event, and would like to view the winners presentation, stream the show at CTV/Vancouver Island [here](#). If you would like to sponsor the CARE Awards, click [here](#).

*Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

### Gold Sponsors



## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Please welcome new members:

Fayze Contracting Inc. – Graeme Connelly

## Blackline Design – Jeff Causton

### New membership applicants:

Unity Developments Ltd. – Stephen Scott  
Ocean Ave. Developments Ltd. – Lindsay Myron  
Chard Developments Ltd. – Aislinn Hicks and Katlyn Euler  
Aryze Developments – Melanie Ransome  
Frontera Homes – Taylor McCarthy and Brodie Marshall

## TRADES DE FRANCE

Trades de France is a competitive event aimed at improving fitness, team building and raising money for charity. Coordinated by VICA Member Heritage Masonry, the challenge begins on June 1st, with the first team to run, bike, or walk the length of the Tour de France (3328 km) getting their choice of charity to donate to.

For more information and registration, visit [tradesdefrance.com](http://tradesdefrance.com)

## BUILDERS COUNCIL – TUES JUNE 6

On Tuesday, June 6, from 12 noon to 1 pm, Jun'ichi Jensen, Director, Codes and Standards, Building and Safety Standards Branch, Ministry of Housing and staff - including Jim Baker, Senior Codes Analyst - will provide a Zoom presentation/Q & A on the BC code review presently underway at [B.C. Public Review - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://B.C. Public Review - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca))

Proposed BC Building Code changes:

[Accessibility \(PDF, 1.2 MB\)](#)

[Accessibility plain language summary \(PDF\)](#)

[Combustible penetrations \(PDF\)](#)

[Earthquake design \(PDF\)](#)

[National proposed change 1475 structural design \(Part 9\) lateral loads \(PDF 1.65 MB\)](#)

[Overheating \(PDF\)](#)

[Radon \(PDF\)](#)

[Steel storage racking \(PDF\)](#)

[Ventilation](#)

[Windows, doors, skylights \(PDF\)](#)

The public review is open until June 16, 2023. This presentation has been sent to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit. All VRBA members are encouraged to attend. To receive the Zoom link, RSVP Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 – CARE Awards Entry Deadline [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

June 6 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

June 21 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

July 1 – VRBA Membership renewal

October 20 – CARE Awards Gala at Fairmont Empress Hotel [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you all for a great golf tournament on May 24 at Olympic View! Here are a few photos:



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Golf Tournament Gold Sponsors



Putting Contest - **Coast Capital Savings**  
Stanley Cup Hockey Playoff Challenge - **Island ICF Foundation Supplies**  
Closest to the Keg - **FloForm Countertops**  
Men's Longest Drive - **Victoria Speciality Hardware**  
Ladies Longest Drive - **Victoria Speciality Hardware**  
Men's Closest to the Pin - **James' Joinery**  
Ladies Closest to the Pin - **Travelers Canada**

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**Harbour City Kitchens**  
**Independent Concrete Ltd.**  
**K2 Stone**  
**Latoria Terrace (Langdon Weir Construction)**

Limona Construction  
McLaren Lighting  
McLaren Properties  
Oak Bay Construction  
Ruffell & Brown | Pacific Awnings  
Starline Windows  
Tidman Construction  
Trail Appliances

## VRBA HOCKEY

This week VRBA hockey wrapped up another season! Hockey Day in Canada is in Victoria January 20, 2024 and perhaps there will be a few NHL scouts in the stands next year! <https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/victoria-will-host-hockey-day-in-canada-broadcast-on-jan-20-2024-7069791>



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

VRBA members get Preferred Gold corporate rates at [accentinns.com/](http://accentinns.com/) & Hotel Zed [hotelzed.com/](http://hotelzed.com/)  
Attached are the hotel rates from June 23 to September 9, 2023. For the promo code, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto: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](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca)

## BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED JUNE 20

On Wednesday, June 20 from 12 noon to 1 pm, Jack Lilly, Canada Revenue Agency, will provide an online presentation on the new Underused Housing Tax. There is a lack of information on this new tax and they are doing a series of webinars to create some clarity.

The webinar will be held on Microsoft Teams, not Zoom. The program and link will be distributed to those signing up for the presentation. This is the meeting that was postponed in April.

All VRBA members are encouraged to attend. To receive the Microsoft Teams link, RSVP Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html)

Also book a cruise with their CPD at Sea! [buildingitright.com/featured-cruise.html](http://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.

**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 the VICA website](#).

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