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CARE AWARDS

The 2025 CARE Awards Finalists will be announced in August. The People's Choice Award Contest display at Hillside Centre is Sept 1 to 14 with promotions in the Times Colonist & CFAX1070. The CARE Awards gala is at the Fairmont Empress Hotel on Friday, October 3. Thank you Built Green Canada (**Gold**), Cantu | Phylrich (**Gold**), FortisBC (**Gold**), Hourigan's Flooring (**Gold**), ICBA (**Gold**), McLaren Properties (**Gold**), Slegg Building Materials (**Gold**), Trail Appliances (**Gold**), Travelers Insurance Company of Canada (**Gold**), Victoria Real Estate Board (**Gold**), Centra Windows (**Silver**), Coast Capital Savings (**Silver**), Professional Home Builders Institute (**Silver**), Times Colonist (**Media**), CFAX1070/CTV (**Media**), Yellow Sheet Construction Data (**Media**) for sponsoring in 2025! There is still time! Take a moment to consider sponsoring the industry's premier housing awards! The popular and industry-leading CARE Awards magazine featuring Gold winners will be distributed by the Times Colonist. Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

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NEW MEMBERS / APPLICANTS

Please welcome new VRBA members:

Cantu Bathrooms & Hardware – Shaun Krahn and Simone Robinson

Edit Design Co. – Melissa Orton

Upward Elements Contracting Inc. – Ryan Ward and Laurie Melis

Bedrock Granite Sales Ltd. – Steve Lovering and Nathan Raymond

Area 250 Renovations Inc. – Jason Geniole

Commercial Lighting Products Ltd. – Loren Brody and Matt Pankhurst

VRBA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you all for a great golf tournament on May 28 at Olympic View! Congrats to Rishi Mahal for scoring a hole-in-one which earned him a special trophy & \$200 prize! Here are some photos:







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Golf Tournament Gold Sponsors



VRBA GENERAL MEETING – WED SEPT 10

VRBA will hold our General Meeting/Election Lunch, Wednesday, September 10 at the Gorge Vale Golf Club, 1005 Craigflower Rd. FREE PARKING!

Our speaker is Jock Finlayson, Chief Economist, ICBA and Senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute. He was the long-serving Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer for the Business Council of British Columbia. He directed the Council's work on economic, fiscal, tax, environmental, regulatory, and human capital issues. Jock will discuss the economic conditions for new housing in BC.

Agenda

11:30 am – Registration

11:45 am – Welcome

11:50 am - Election

12:00 noon - Roundtable Introductions & Lunch

12:30 pm – Speaker: Jock Finlayson, Chief Economist, ICBA

1:30 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$65 + GST incl lunch

Non-members: \$95 + GST incl lunch

To reserve your seat, fill out the attached registration form and submit to Debra at admin@vrba.ca

VRBA / ICBA BENEFITS PLAN

VRBA has partnered with the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association ICBA to launch our own group benefit plan providing competitive rates and great service in group health, dental, retirement and other benefits.

The VRBA Benefits Plan is powered by ICBA Benefits, a company specializing in benefits for the construction industry, with customized options to meet your company's needs.

Need a plan? We can help you find a cost-effective option. Already have a plan? We can review the performance of your current benefit plan to find opportunities for improvement and cost savings. Email sales@icbabenefits.ca to learn about next steps.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August – 2025 CARE Awards Finalists Announced

Sept 1 – People's Choice Award Contest Display at Hillside Centre

Sept 3 – VRBA Duffer Hockey Starts

Sept 10 – VRBA General Meeting/Lunch at Gorge Vale Golf Club: Speaker ICBA

Oct 3 – CARE Awards Gala at Fairmont Empress Hotel – tickets go on sale in August!

BC GOVT ANNOUNCES DCC PAYMENT CHANGES

The BC govt has announced changes to the payment of development cost charges, amenity cost charges and school-site acquisition charges. The changes are expected to come into effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

"The changes will apply to qualified developers in communities with a development cost charge, amenity cost charge or a school-site acquisition charge. Also, homebuilders will have four years, rather than two, to pay the charges. They will be able to pay 25% at permit approval and the remaining 75% at occupancy or within four years, whichever comes first."

Here is the news release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025HMA0056-000638>

NORTH COWICHAN ADOPTS PROVINCIAL TIMELINE

North Cowichan councillor Bruce Findlay introduced a motion to adopt the BC govt's mandated timeline for the Zero Carbon Step Code in the interests of affordability and consistency. Council voted to follow the BC govt's mandated energy levels. <https://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/home/north-cowichan-votes-to-downscale-policy-on-reducing-ghg-emissions-from-new-buildings-8088412>

HERB HALDANE ELECTED TO SOOKE COUNCIL



Congratulations VRBA member Herb Haldane, Haldane Homes on being elected to Sooke Council! Herb's goals include "advocating for property rights, contributing to road infrastructure and reducing property taxes." The TC story is [here](#).

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

VRBA members get **Preferred Gold** corporate rates at accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/. For the promo code, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca.



VRBA HOCKEY

There are a couple of spots available for VRBA hockey which runs from Sept 3 to May 27, Wednesdays 9:15 pm to 10:30 pm at Oak Bay Recreation. The cost is \$650 for 37 games. This is non-contact, fun hockey and we don't keep score. It's a great work-out! If you are interested, contact Casey or Debra at admin@vrba.ca.



EDUCATION & TRAINING



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

Murray's latest new course is called The Phoenix – Designing and Rebuilding Our House of Tomorrow. Register here [Phoenix via ThunderTix](#) [Also book a cruise with their CPD at Sea!](#)

Professional Home Builders Institute: [Online courses](#) and core competencies approved for BC Builder Licensing are available at the Professional Home Builders Institute. **VRBA members get a 15% discount!**

ICBA: A wide selection of online courses, many CPD approved, from the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association including Construction Law, Drawings, Profitable Contracting, Construction Management, Employment Standards, etc. Visit [Upcoming Courses & Events - Independent Contractors and Businesses Association](#)

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