



Community Builders – Building Communities



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CARE AWARDS

The 2021 CARE Awards Call for Entry is underway! The 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.

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BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED JUNE 10

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday, June 10 at 12 noon via Zoom.

Colin Dumais from Radon West will do a presentation on the latest findings re: radon. Colin tests homes and discovered foundation dimple wrap, intended to draw moisture away from footings, has the unintended consequence of increasing radon in

homes by causing high slab pressure. While the BC govt claims the Victoria region and the lower mainland are low radon zones, high levels of radon have been found in Duncan, Salt Spring Island and the North Shore in Vancouver. Every home has some level of radon and high levels are often site specific. Studies show new, very energy efficient homes draw in more radon unless there is mitigation.

This webinar has been submitted for one hour of CPD credit to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services.

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

New Members:

Bidgood Strong Projects Inc. dba Strong Built – Abbey Freedman

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/

Vaccinations are underway, and at some point, travel will be permitted and many will need a well-deserved vacation!

Attached are the hotel rates from May 1 to June 24, 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.

BUILDERS COUNCIL - GLASS SHORTAGE & HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT

Anton Van Dyk, Vice President of Sales and Business Development, Centra Construction Group provided an excellent discussion at Builders Council on the glass shortage. This is the result of housing demand and the shortage exists despite glass manufacturers increasing their production significantly. Anton recommends contacting your supplier well-in-advance to acquire windows. In fact, the same could be said for many products.

The second part of Builders Council was a presentation by Heather Chia, Manager, Policy and Engagement and Eric Forgeng, Supervisor of Permitting from BC's Archaeology Branch. They provided an overview of the Heritage Conservation Act as it applies to home building including local government and builder responsibilities. It is clear some municipalities such as Saanich are creating a backlog and costly process for identifying archaeological sites. VRBA is working with the branch to achieve a solution.

DECONSTRUCTING HOMES BACKGROUNDER

The City of Victoria plans to enact a bylaw requiring the deconstruction of older homes only for single detached and townhome projects – already the most expensive housing. VRBA wrote a letter to council suggesting the city support programs such as Built Green and track the already extensive recycling efforts by builders. We also suggested the city offer a permit discount based on builders' invoices from recycling companies. This is a simple and effective solution suggested by VRBA's builder members. The city's own report admits there is a single deconstruction company, which would create a bottleneck, and an additional eight skilled workers would be required to complete the task over weeks.

City staff estimated a cost of \$30,000, however there have been costs up to \$300,000. In addition, many old materials would not be reusable, including those that do not meet the building code and those with asbestos.

We received a single response to our letter prior to the council meeting from Councilor Geoff Young, who agreed with us and opposed council's motion due to the lack of effectiveness, added time and cost.

The City of Victoria did not publish our letter with their council agenda and report, preventing transparency and the public receiving our opinion. Subsequently, the city put out a news release promoting their plan, much of what was covered in a cut and paste style by some news media.

However, credit goes to the Times Colonist and CFAX1070 for their diligence checking with VRBA to get our view.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca

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 The course list is below and at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2020-2021-course-listing/>

MAY

BUILDERS LIEN ACT | May 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | MAY 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT | May 31 & June 1 - 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

SUMMER 2021

MANAGING CHANGE IN CONSTRUCTION | June 1 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | June 1 - 4 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | June 8 - 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS AND SUBMITTALS | June 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

EFFECTING MEETINGS & MEETING MINUTES | June 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTS | June 9 & 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | June 10 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS 101 | June 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | June 14 & 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION LAW | June 14 - 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: SITE MGRS, FOREPERSONS, BUSINESS MGRS | June 15 - 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

RESPONDING TO AN RFP | June 17, 18 & 21 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CCDC 2 DEEP DIVE | June 22 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID & MANAGING CASH FLOW | June 23 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | June 29 - 30 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTS | July 6 - 7 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE TRAINING: OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECS | July 6 - 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION | July 08 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | July 13 - 14 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | August 10 - 13 | LIVE-ONLINE | [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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