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2023 CARE AWARDS

The 2023 CARE Awards gala was held Friday, October 20 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by 280 VRBA builders, designers, trades and suppliers. Visit careawards.ca for the media release. Thank you to all of the entrants, finalists, and sponsors for making this event possible. You can view the slide show presentation at [2023 VRBA CARE Awards Presentation Video - YouTube](#)

A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners was distributed in the Times Colonist on Saturday, November 18. A copy will be mailed to each member. You can also view the magazine at the TC's website at [CARE Awards 2023 by Times Colonist - Issuu](#) Thank you for supporting Canada's leaders in West Coast residential design and construction!

Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

Gold Sponsors



Silver



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Media



NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new VRBA members:

Trestle Millwork Ltd. – Abbey Freedman
Colliers Macaulay Nicholls Inc. – Tyler Dolan and Peter Fast
Harbour City Kitchens – Samer Akouri and Mike Martin
Güte Renovations Ltd. – Graham Frick
Highland Stoneworks – Ewan Mill

ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST- WED JAN 17

VRBA's Crystal Ball Housing Forecast is Wednesday January 17 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. Learn about housing sales, starts, interest rates, employment, and the economy.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Royal Colwood Golf Club
11:30 am – reception
11:45 noon - lunch
12:15 pm - presentations

Presentations by

- Laurie Lidstone, Chair-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
- Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist, British Columbia Real Estate Association
- Braden Batch, Senior Economist, CMHC
- Casey Edge, Executive Director, VRBA

Don't miss this opportunity to plan your business for 2024!

VRBA VREB VICA Members: \$60, includes lunch

Future Members: \$80

Book your tickets early- <https://www.vrba.ca/events/2024-crystal-ball-housing-forecast/>

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This presentation has been sent to BC Housing for approval of CPD credits.

FORTISBC NEW HOME PROGRAM CONSULTATION

On December 5 and 6, Tanya Rumak from Ecovantage Consulting will be holding consultation workshops to collect feedback on the proposed redesign of FortisBC's New Home Program as well as to collect general feedback on your current experience with the Program.

Follow the links below to register, and select the date that works best for you. The same content will be covered in both sessions.

December 6, 9 am: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/768850080287?aff=oddtcreator>

If you are unable to attend the workshops, but would like to provide your input, please email tanyarumak@gmail.com to coordinate a time for a follow up call.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 16 to Jan 3 – Festival of Trees, The Bay Centre [BC Children's Hospital Foundation - Victoria Residential Builders Association \(bcchf.ca\)](http://bcchf.ca)

Nov 25 to Jan 4 – Habitat Victoria's Gingerbread Showcase, Hotel Grand Pacific Habitat Victoria Gingerbread Showcase — Habitat for Humanity Victoria

Jan 17 – Annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast, Royal Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca

Jan 24 - Builders Council Speaker TBA admin@vrba.ca

FESTIVAL OF TREES – NOV 16 TO JAN 3

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway! Buy a house decoration with your company's name for only \$25 on our tree viewed throughout the holiday season at the Bay Centre from Nov 16 to Jan 3.

Thank you donors:



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TEKloch Homes
Stillwater Design Build
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PJF Construction
Terry Johal Developments
Ardmore Construction
EnerTech Solutions

Donate today and get your name on our tree! Minimum donation \$25.



HABITAT VICTORIA GINGERBREAD SHOWCASE - NOV 25 TO JAN 4

Habitat Victoria's Gingerbread Showcase is Nov 15 to Jan 4 at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Help families achieve home ownership by voting for your favourite at Habitat Victoria Gingerbread Showcase — Habitat for Humanity Victoria



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



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

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 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

Building It Right has a wide range of courses including **Building the House of Tomorrow** at buildingitright.com/houseoftomorrow.html

Also book a cruise with their CPD at Sea! 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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