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STREAM THE 2020 CARE AWARDS – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 8 PM

The 2020 CARE Awards online event will be held Saturday, Nov 28 at 8:00 pm online at www.cfax1070.com and www.ctvnewsvi.ca, hosted by Al Ferraby. The CARE Awards Chair is Gordon English, Genco Construction, a past President of VRBA. This is the first time the public will be invited to view the CARE Awards presentations. The CARE Awards program will be sent to all VRBA members as a pdf a few days before the event and will also be available at www.careawards.ca. We hope you will tune in!

A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist and online at careawards.ca. Thank you sponsors for supporting Canada's leaders in sustainable residential design and construction!

Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

2020 Gold Sponsors



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TIDMAN CONSTRUCTION FEATURED IN CANADIAN CONTRACTOR MAGAZINE

Congratulations to VRBA member Tidman Construction for making the cover of Canadian Contractor Magazine last month! The article is called: *“Back to legacy: Tidman Construction building quality homes and lifelong relationships”* and can be viewed at <https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=673207>

VRBA was covered in the March/April 2019 edition

<https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=53927&i=576607&p=14> Our association, contractors, designers, trades and suppliers have a national profile and strong industry presence.

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 <http://www.accentinns.com/> & Hotel Zed <https://www.hotelzed.com/>

Members that have renewed their membership for 2020/21 receive a Promo Code and Rate Sheet for rooms valid from now through to February 28, 2020.

Stay in Kelowna for as low as \$70 per night and Tofino for as low as \$129 per night! More on Hotel Zed in Tofino here <https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/travel/hotel-zed-tofino-bc-open-2695565>

For the promo code & rate sheet contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca



VRBA AN EXAM PROCTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL HOME BUILDERS INSTITUTE

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 a benefit of VRBA membership. For more information, visit <https://www.phbi.ca/bc/programs-and-courses/builder-core-competency/#?browseby=346241cb-1a6e-ea11-a811-000d3af33756>

A special shout out and thank you to Wilf Gorter, Gorter Construction & past VRBA President, and Michelle Hayes, Deputy Registrar, BC Housing for their assistance making this happen!

VRBA CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST- WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13

This has been a challenging year, and VRBA's Annual Crystal Ball Housing Forecast will present what to expect for 2021. Topics include employment, interest rates, housing sales and starts and much more.

The event will be held online on Zoom:
Wednesday, January 13
11:45 am to 1:15 pm

Speakers are:

David Langlois, President-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist, British Columbia Real Estate Association
Hemesh Parbhu, Senior Manager & Pershing Sun, Senior Analyst, Economics, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp

This meeting will be submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval for 1 CPD credit.

Please contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca for the Zoom link.

HOUSING NEEDS REPORTS

Housing Needs Reports for municipalities are required every 5 years by BC's Local Govt Act. The reports for municipalities such as Oak Bay, Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich all identify slow permit processes and high costs as obstructions to new housing and affordability. The cost of the BC Step Code was also identified as a disincentive to create new supply. <https://www.vrba.ca/news/central-saanich-housing-report-cites-step-code-as-barrier-to-affordability/> Canadian Contractor magazine has an interesting story on the "Unintended Consequences" of fast-tracking energy efficiency as done in BC. <https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=53927&i=680586&p=18>

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.

FESTIVAL OF TREES – Nov 19 to Jan5

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway at The Bay Centre from Nov 19 to Jan 5, 2021. Thank you all, donations are still welcome!



Abstract Developments
Ardmore Construction
EnViroTec General Contracting
Genco Construction
Goodison Construction
Highline Construction
Integral Design
Jenny Martin Design
KB Design
K2 Stone
Limona Construction
MacMinn Contracting
McLaren Properties
Mike Geric Construction
Patriot Homes
Piluso Construction
R. Parsons Construction
Seba Construction
Slegg Building Materials
Sorensen Trilogy Engineers
Spaciz Design Company
Splinters Millworks
Tidman Construction
Travelers Insurance
Verity Construction



Cancer can be beaten!

Your membership in VRBA helps support a variety of important causes including Threshold Housing Society, BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Goldstream Chums, CFA Santa's Anonymous, TC Christmas Fund, Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Christmas Showcase. You help make our community a better place for all!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 19 to Jan 5 - Festival of Trees, The Bay Centre

Nov 28 - CARE Awards Gold Winners Announced at www.cfax1070.com and www.ctvnewsvi.ca

Dec 31 - CARE Awards magazine published in the Times Colonist

Jan 13 - Crystal Ball Housing Forecast, online. Contact admin@vrba.ca for Zoom link

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 Windows and Details, Walls of Tomorrow, Today and What's On Top available at <https://buildingitright.com/schedule.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>

VICA: A wide selection of Builder Education Courses is available from the Vancouver Island Construction Association. To get the VRBA member discount contact: Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator, Ph: 250-388-6471 education@vicabc.ca The course list is below and at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2019-20-course-listing/>

NOVEMBER

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | November 24 & 25 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT PLANNING FOR SUCCESS | November 26 & 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

DECEMBER

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | December 1 & 2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERVISORS | December 1 & 3 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MS TEAMS MASTERY | December 2 & 9 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID AND MANAGING CASH FLOW | December 2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE: WORKSITE CULTURE TRAINING FOR OWNERS, HR MANAGERS & EXECUTIVES | DECEMBER 8 - 11 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS LIEN ACT | December 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL INFORMATION SESSION | December 9 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDERS CODE: WORKSITE CULTURE TRAINING FOR SITE MANAGERS, FOREPERSONS & BUSINESS MANAGERS | December 14 - 18 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | December 15, 16, 17 & 18 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CCDC 2 DEEP DIVE: READ THE FULL CONTRACT | December 16 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

BIDCENTRAL: HOW TO FIND & WIN OPPORTUNITIES | December 17 | WEBINAR | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS, SAMPLES AND SUBMITTALS | December 17 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

JANUARY & WINTER 2021

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | January 14 & 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED w. 1-1 COACHING | January 19, 21, 26, 28 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

NON-STANDARD CONTRACT CLAUSES | January 27 - 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | February 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2021 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS | February 09 - 11 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS | February 18 - 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION 101 | April 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2021 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED w. 1-1 COACHING | April 13, 15, 20 & 22 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

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