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2022 CARE AWARDS

The 2022 CARE Awards Gold winners were announced on Friday, September 23 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by VRBA's builders, designers, trades and suppliers. Thank you to CARE Awards Chair & VRBA Past President Norm Verbrugge, the CARE Awards committee, judges and our valued sponsors. The annual CARE Awards magazine was distributed November 5 in partnership with the Times Colonist. This is the ONLY publication supported by VRBA and the CARE Awards. Visit careawards.ca for the media release. Thank you entrants, finalists, and sponsors for making this event possible.

If you missed the event, and would like to view the winners presentation, stream the show at CTV/Vancouver Island here <https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2533580>

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VRBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

VRBA's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9 at the Hotel Grand Pacific. The event speaker was Jim Baker, Senior Codes Administrator, BC Building and Safety Standards.

The new Board is represented by:

President: Ellie Sercombe, Limona Group and TEKloch Homes

Past President: Norm Verbrugge, Norman Homes

First Vice-President: Mike Dalton, Città Group

Second Vice-President: Russ Barry, Interactive Construction Inc

Treasurer: Brian Trenchard, EnViroTec General Contracting Ltd

Builders Council Chair: Mike Dalton, Città Group

Suppliers and Trades Council Chair: Darrell Ell, Independent Concrete Ltd

Directors:

- Tony Aindow, Goodison Construction Ltd
- Darrell Ell, Independent Concrete Ltd
- Amandeep Gill, Patriot Homes Ltd
- Jamie Gill, Seba Construction
- Dani Metzmeier, Times Colonist
- Rob Mickelberry, Prodigy Development Services Ltd
- Dan Olive, SeaFirst Insurance Brokers Ltd
- Christopher Walker, Christopher Developments

At VRBA's Annual General Meeting, Norm Verbrugge presented the following awards:

President's Award for outstanding service – Ellie Sercombe

Jerry Hepburn Award Memorial Award for integrity & professionalism – Mike Dalton, Città Group

Mike Kipot Award for contribution to the industry – Allan McLaren, McLaren Properties

Sponsors Appreciation Award for supporting the CARE Awards – BC Employee Benefit Trust

Marilyn Ann Lee Award for service and innovation – Dani Metzmeier, Times Colonist

Service Award - Brendan Bobby, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada for delivering builder education and Dusty Delain, Amity Construction for his many years on the Board.

Outgoing President Norm Verbrugge received the Executive Achievement Award from the Board for leadership.

VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT – WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Wednesday, May 24 has been confirmed for VRBA's golf tournament and we are returning to Olympic View Golf Course! (www.OlympicViewGolf.com) Mark your calendars, enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA's contractors, designers, trades & suppliers! Registration info will be available in the New Year.



Thank you **Gold** sponsors McLaren Properties and FortisBC! To sponsor this popular event contact admin@vrba.ca



2022 FESTIVAL OF TREES

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 27 to Jan 3.



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



HOUSING SUPPLY ACT

The BC govt announced the Housing Supply Act and plans to create a stand-alone Ministry of Housing. The Housing Supply Act creates housing targets in consultation with each municipality, which must provide progress reports to the province.

If the BC government decides the municipality is not making efforts to meet the targets, they can override the municipality.

However, this is very government-process driven. There is no mention of enabling secondary suites throughout BC, and no mention of enabling up to 3 units in single family zones, which Premier Eby proposed while running for the NDP leadership.

Compare this with Ontario's recently announced legislative changes:

- Up to 3 units permitted "as of right" in single family zones without needing a municipal by-law amendment;
- Removal of site plan controls for most projects with fewer than 10 units. This reduces approvals for small projects such as missing middle housing;
- More certainty on inclusionary zoning, a maximum 25-year affordability period, 5% cap on the number of units, and standardized price or rent;
- A reduction on fees for affordable and inclusionary zoning units, as well as non-profit housing developments

Ontario's More Homes Built Faster Act should have an immediate impact, while BC's Housing Supply Act may be mired in government reports and red tape.

As always, VRBA will monitor the progress.

SEMINAR: COMMUNICATING THE VALUE OF ENERGY EFFICIENT, HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES – NOV 29

The Victoria Residential Builders Association and FortisBC are pleased to present *Communicating the Value of the Energy Efficiency Elements of High-Performance Homes*.

This full day workshop will include topics ranging from "A Technical Review of the BC Code and Energy Requirements" to "Identifying the Many Features and Benefits of High-Performance Homes."

About the speaker: Gord Cooke is the president of Building Knowledge Canada. He is a professional engineer, trainer, author, and industry consultant. For over 35 years, Gord has helped builders and HVAC contractors implement innovative technologies and build better homes.

When: Tuesday, November 29th, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria

Cost: \$40 for the first VRBA member & \$25 for each additional member of your crew/office/sales team

Cost: \$100 for non-members.

This seminar qualifies for 5 CPD credits and includes lunch.

To reserve your seat, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca

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VRBA CRYSTAL BALL HOUSING FORECAST- MONDAY, JANUARY 16

VRBA's Crystal Ball Housing Forecast is Monday, January 16 at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Learn about housing sales, starts, interest rates, employment, and the economy.

Monday, January 16, 2023

Hotel Grand Pacific

11:30 am – reception

11:45 noon - lunch

12:15 pm - presentations

Presentations by

- Graden Sol, 2023 President-Elect, Victoria Real Estate Board
- Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist, BC Real Estate Association & Crystal Ball Award winner, Professional Economists of BC
- Pershing Sun, Senior Analyst, Economics, Canada Mortgage and Housing
- Casey Edge, Executive Director, VRBA

Don't miss this opportunity to plan your business for 2023!

VRBA & VREB Members: \$60, includes lunch
Future Members: \$75
Book your tickets early- admin@vrba.ca

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Support Habitat for Humanity Victoria's premier fundraiser, the [14th Annual Gingerbread Showcase!](#)



Located in the atrium of the Parkside Hotel & Spa, the Showcase will run from November 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023. Stop by to view the fantastic 100% edible creations made by our volunteer bakers and don't forget to donate to vote for your favourite!

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

We have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at Accent Inns accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/
Attached are the hotel rates from January 1 to February 28, 2023. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 17 to Jan 3 – Festival of Trees at the Bay Centre
Nov 26 to Jan 2 Gingerbread Showcase at Parkside Hotel and Spa
Nov 29 – Communicating the Value of Energy Efficient Homes at Hotel Grand Pacific admin@vrba.ca
Jan 16 – Crystal Ball Housing Forecast at Hotel Grand Pacific admin@vrba.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 Licensing 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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