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CARE AWARDS

The Finalists have been announced for the 2020 CARE Awards! The public is invited to select the winner of the popular People's Choice Award from Finalist photos displayed at Hillside Centre and www.careawards.ca. (VRBA members not eligible). Gold winners will be announced at 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 28 by CFAX host Al Ferraby during the CARE Awards first virtual event on the websites of CFAX and CTV Vancouver Island. 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! Sponsorship is still available – contact admin@vrba.ca

2020 Gold Sponsors



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NEW MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

Welcome new VRBA members:

Little Crow Projects Inc. – Ryan and Sabrina Gregory

New Applicants are:

Maxwell Shepherdson Developments – Max Shepherdson
Khataw Development – Mohammed Mehdi Khataw

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

If you are planning a staycation or holiday in BC this year, 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



THRESHOLD HOUSING SOCIETY – SHINE A LIGHT ON YOUTH

VRBA is again sponsoring the Threshold Housing Society's annual Shine a Light on Youth Homelessness campaign.



Housing for youth is a critical part of addressing homelessness in our community!

Your membership in VRBA helps support a variety of important causes including BC Children's Hospital Foundation,

Goldstream Chums, CFX Santa's Anonymous, TC Christmas Fund, Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Christmas Showcase. You help make our community a better place for all!

VRBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

VRBA's Annual General Meeting will be on ZOOM – Tuesday, November 10.

Agenda:

11:45 am – 2019/20 Financial Report; President's Awards; 2020/21 Board of Directors

12:00 noon – Presentation by Greg Gillespie, Mike Geric Construction – Break-Down Costs of Constructing a Multi-Family Project/ Update on Saanich Housing Strategy

1 pm – Adjourn

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.

SAANICH STORM DRAIN CONTROVERSY

VRBA has received thanks from a young Saanich family for our support in their quest to build a new home. Saanich is seeking \$300,000 for a storm drain a controversy covered in the media. VRBA has been working with them to achieve a reasonable resolution from Saanich. The story is here <https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2061541>

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 STARTS NOV 19

The Annual Festival of Trees supporting the BC Children's Hospital Foundation is underway! Buy a house decoration with your company's name for a minimum \$25 donation on our tree viewed throughout the holiday season at the Bay Centre!

Last year we mentioned Lily Lecinana, a 10 year-old girl from Sooke battling cancer

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/heartwarming-halloween-sooke-girl-battling-cancer-dresses-as-her-oncologist-1.4666778>



This year a healthy Lily launched her own fundraiser - <https://www.vicnews.com/community/sooke-girl-who-battled-cancer-hosting-bottle-drive-for-tour-de-rock/>



Cancer can be beaten!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 3–5 – Victoria Super Week with Building It Right <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/164477>
Oct 26 – Nov 8 - People's Choice Award Contest at Hillside Centre & www.careawards.ca
Nov 10 – VRBA AGM (virtual event on Zoom)
Nov 18 – Builders Council (virtual event on Zoom) admin@vrba.ca
Nov 28 – CARE Awards Gold Winners Announced (virtual event on CFAV & CTVVI Facebook) 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 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> Also learn about **Victoria Super Week** Nov 3 to 5, 2020 at <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/164477>

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

TENDER, CONTRACT & BUILDERS LIEN LAW | November 2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

Sold Out CONSTRUCTION 101 | November 3, 4, 5 & 6 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID AND MANAGING CASH FLOW | November 10 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING CONTRACTS TO MINIMIZE CONFLICT | November 10 - 13 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

SUPERVISORY & MANAGEMENT SKILLS | November 12 & 13 | IN-PERSON - VICTORIA | [INFO & REG](#)

SUPERVISORY & MANAGEMENT SKILLS | November 17 & 18 | IN-PERSON - NANAIMO | [INFO & REG](#)

RESPONDING SUCCESSFULLY TO RFP | November 17 - 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED w. LIVE 1-1 TRAINING | November 17, 19, 24, 26 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING MULTIPLE PRIORITIES | November 18 & 25 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREPERSONS & CREW SUPERVISORS | November 18 & 19 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

CCDC SEMINARS - CCDC 2, 31 & DIVISION 01 | November 19 & 20 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

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

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

CONSTRUCTION LAW | November 26 & 27 | IN-PERSON, VICTORIA | [INFO & REG](#)

DECEMBER & WINTER 2021

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

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

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

CONSTRUCTION 101 | December 15, 16, 17 & 18 | 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](#)

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

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

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