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CARE AWARDS – NOV 13 – TICKETS AVAILABLE!

The People's Choice Award contest is underway at Hillside Centre and online at www.careawards.ca. (Members are ineligible to vote.)

Tickets are available for the 2021 CARE Awards gala scheduled for Saturday, Nov 13 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. We are excited to again hold a gala event with CFA's Al Ferraby announcing the Gold winners. There will be a mandatory vaccination requirement and social distancing in the interests of health and safety. For tickets contact admin@vrba.ca

Thank you, 2021 sponsors! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

2021 Gold Sponsors



NEW VRBA MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

New members:

VRBA LEADERSHIP ADVOCATING HOUSING SUPPLY

VRBA provided a presentation to BC's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on September 27 at the legislature. There was great interest and many questions from committee members. Much of what we presented is here in our TC column <https://www.vrba.ca/news/bc-policy-of-municipal-self-determination-fails-millennials/>

VRBA has led the advocacy to boost housing supply and challenge obstructive municipalities. From news stories in the TC <https://www.timescolonist.com/real-estate/despite-challenges-greater-victoria-homebuilders-are-on-a-record-pace-1.24365496> to interviews on CFX <https://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/shows/adam-stirling-1.1896160>

For the first time in recent memory, federal election candidates proposed supply solutions, and the provincial government is feeling pressure to address supply. Even though much of what they propose represent placebos, it is important the conversation has transitioned to creating more housing. It started with VRBA's TC columns, interviews and social media posts catching the attention of mainstream media educating the general public and voters on real housing challenges. This has always been VRBA's focus. Thank you, VRBA members for your support and membership enabling this dialogue shift to take place!

VRBA AGM LUNCH - WEDNESDAY NOV 10 AT GORGE VALE GOLF CLUB

With appropriate health and safety measures in place, VRBA will hold our Annual General Meeting Lunch at Gorge Vale Golf Club on Wednesday, November 10 from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

AGM Agenda

11:45 am - Financial Report; President's Awards; 2021/22 Board of Directors sworn in

12:00 noon – Jim Baker, Senior Codes Administrator, BC Building and Safety and Standards

1:00 pm – Adjourn

RSVP: admin@vrba.ca

Cost: \$40 plus GST

The Victoria Royals are back and VRBA has two club seat tickets for the season. *Public health guidelines permitting*, we will draw for two games. Members must attend the meeting to be eligible for the draws.

<https://victoriaroyals.com/schedule/275/227>

BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY NOV 17

Builders Council will feature a webinar on Wed Nov 17 from 12 noon to 1 pm on Zoom re: “A Business Case for Sustainability” by Built Green Canada.

To register and receive the Zoom link contact admin@vrba.ca

The webinar will be sent to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit.

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

The BC Centre for Disease Control reports recreational travel within BC is now permitted. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks/travel>

We have secured Preferred Gold corporate rates for VRBA members at accentinns.com/ & Hotel Zed hotelzed.com/
Attached are the hotel rates from Oct 1 to December 31, 2021. For the promo code, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca



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

Oct 31 –People’s Choice Award contest closes
Nov 2 & 3 – ICF Series by Building it Right <https://buildingitright.com/icf-series.html>
Nov 10 - VRBA AGM – Jim baker - Senior Codes Administrator, BC Building and Safety and Standards
Nov 13 – CARE Awards Gala, Fairmont Empress Hotel
Nov 17 – Builders Council
Nov 17 – Festival of Trees, Bay Centre

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>

Murray's **new ICF series** is 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 [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 VRBA2021** at checkout to save \$100 off of the public registration fee on all eligible training. For all courses and dates, and to register [visit](#).

COURSES:

****NEW & FREE! - 13 CPD Points****

[Supervisor Training: Tailgate Toolkit](#)

4 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 23-26, December 14-17
13 CPD Points (Informal)

[Managing Change in Construction, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 2, November 30
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Trade Contracts, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 2-3
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction Drawings 101, LIVE-Online](#)

4 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 3, December 1
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Effective Construction Meetings & Meeting Minutes, LIVE-Online](#)

3 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 8
3 CPD Points (Informal)

[Managing Shop Drawings, Samples and Submittals, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 8, December 7
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Project Planning for Success, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 9-10
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Getting Paid & Managing the Cash Flow, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 16, December 14
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[CCDC 2 Deep Dive: Read the Full Contract, LIVE-Online](#)

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: November 17
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[Project Close-Out, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 18-19
6 CPD Points (Informal)

[Planning for Forepersons & Crew Supervisors, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 18 & 25
8 CPD Points (Informal)

[Responding Successfully to RFPs](#)

3 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 22-24
9 CPD Points (Informal)

[FREE! Supervisor Training: Tailgate Toolkit](#)

4 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 23-26, December 14-17
13 CPD Points (Informal)

[Bluebeam Revu: Basics, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 23-24, December 9-10
7 CPD Points (Informal)

[CCDC2-2020: Significant Changes & What They Mean for You, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Hour Webinar | Upcoming Sessions: November 25
1.5 CPD Points (Informal)

[Bluebeam Revu: Estimating Quantities & Costs, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: November 25-26, December 14-15
7 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction 101, LIVE-Online](#)

45 Min Orientation + 4 Days, 4 hours each day | Upcoming Session: Dec 6 + 14-17
16 CPD Points (Informal)

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