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2022 CARE AWARDS

The 2022 CARE Awards gala was held Friday, September 23 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by VRBA's 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.

A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist on Saturday, November 5 and online at careawards.ca. Thank you for supporting Canada's leaders in West Coast residential design and construction!

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>

Here are a few photos from the event:





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VRBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

VRBA's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9 at the Hotel Grand Pacific.

Notice is Hereby Given that the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Association will be held at the Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St, Victoria, BC on November 9, 2022 at 11:15 am for the following purposes:
to receive and consider the report of the directors, and the financial statements of the Association for the financial year ended June 30, 2022;

1. to swear-in previously elected directors;
2. to conduct the following special business:
 - to propose a membership fee increase of \$50 effective July 1, 2023; and
3. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Agenda:

11:15 am – Reception
11:30 am - Welcome and Review 2021/22 Financial Report
11:45 am - Round Table Intros & Lunch
12:15 pm - President's Awards; Swear-In Board of Directors
12:30 pm – Speaker TBA
1:30 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$45 + GST

Non-members: \$75 + GST

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

BUILDERS COUNCIL: FORTISBC ENERGY EFFICIENCY WEBINAR – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

Builders Council presents an energy efficiency webinar via Zoom called *Understanding and Achieving Step Code 5* on October 19, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Municipalities like Victoria and Saanich are continuing to fast-track Step Code and builders must be prepared.

The presentation by Tessa Hall, Licensed Energy Advisor will include:

- What are the targets for Step Code 5
- Where do builders struggle reaching Step Code 5
- How and Integrated Design Process (IDP) can help
- Case Study / Example
- Q&A

Everyone is welcome to attend this webinar! To receive the Zoom link, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca

There is no charge to attend and the webinar has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one CPD credit.



FUNDAMENTALS OF BUILDING SCIENCE FOR HIGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY HOMES: – OCT 25 - 27

Coming to Victoria Oct 25 – 27: The Fundamentals of Building Science for High Energy Efficiency Homes by Murray Frank – Building It Right

This course describes how to develop overall designs using the underlying science and practical implementation of systems, technology and craftsmanship to achieve success. 21 CPD points. Registration at

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/196851>

MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16

VRBA builders, trades & suppliers will hold their first industry roundtable on Zoom from 12 noon to 1 pm to discuss:

1. Material Supply Shortages

2. Labour Shortages & Wages
3. Housing Market Demand

To attend this webinar and receive the Zoom link, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca
Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend. This is in lieu of Builders Council this month.

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

A full day seminar and lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29 at the Hotel Grand Pacific sponsored by FortisBC.

The seminar is called *“Communicating the Value of the Energy Efficiency Elements of High-Performance Homes.”*

The presentations review the upcoming Step Code 3 changes and how to communicate the value to homebuyers, including Steps 4 & 5. This will be of interest to home builders, sales teams, designers and realtors.

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

This seminar will be sent to BC Housing for approval of CPD credits.

VRBA members: \$50

Non-members: \$175



DISCOUNTS ON SIGNS FOR VRBA MEMBERS

Tran Sign is under new ownership and is providing a discount for members of the Victoria Residential Builders Association. For your first custom sign order, get 10% off, followed by 15% off for the next three orders. Custom signs include company signage, promotional signs, information signs, for sale signs and more. Inquire for specifics. Make sure to mention the code VRBA10 when you inquire to receive the discount.

For more information, visit transign.com/custom or email info@transign.com



BC ELECTIONS OCTOBER 15 – VRBA MEMBER RUNNING IN SOOKE

Municipal Elections are October 15th so remember to review the platforms of your local candidates. VRBA builder Herb Haldane is a council candidate in Sooke. His contact info is herbhaldane@yahoo.ca. Candidates experienced in the housing industry are needed on councils.

Candidates without experience often make claims about supporting housing, but when they get into office, they often enact policies driving up costs and undermining supply. This happened in Saanich where costs increased, approvals slowed, and starts declined by 40%.

Here is a the list of candidates interviewed by the Times Colonist - <https://www.timescolonist.com/2022-civic-election-colwood/colwood-candidates-for-mayor-and-council-in-the-2022-civic-election-5896155>

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 October 9 to December 31, 2022. 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

Oct 19 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca (Sponsored by FortisBC) via Zoom
Oct 25 to 27 – Fundamentals of Building Science for High Energy Efficient Homes by Building it Right
Visit <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/196851>
Nov 9 – VRBA AGM at Hotel Grand Pacific admin@vrba.ca
Nov 16 – Members Roundtable via Zoom admin@vrba.ca
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

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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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