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2023 CARE AWARDS

The 2023 CARE Awards gala was held Friday, October 20 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel attended by 280 VRBA 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 18 and online at careawards.ca. Thank you for supporting Canada's leaders in West Coast residential design and construction! Here are a few photos from the event:





Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new VRBA members:

HD Horne Sprayfoam & Insulation Ltd. – Kiera Cantryn and Harley Horne
Abode Energy Advising – Geordan Lynk

New Membership Applicants:

Coltart Construction Ltd. – Keenan Coltart and Jeremiah Coltart
Trestle Millwork Ltd. – Abbey Freedman

VRBA AGM / LUNCH – TUES NOVEMBER 7 AT ROYAL COLWOOD GOLF CLUB

VRBA will hold our Annual General Meeting / **Lunch at Royal Colwood Golf Club, Tuesday, November 7** at 629 Goldstream Ave. This includes reviewing the annual financial statements, presentation of the President's Awards, followed by swearing-in of the 2023/24 Board of Directors.

Our speaker is Paul Sullivan, Principal, Regional Leader, Property Tax Complex for Ryan ULC. Paul provides tax advice for the housing/real estate industry. He is often quoted in the Vancouver Sun and other major media on the regulatory challenges to new construction. [Paul Sullivan: How city permits and fees help create unaffordable housing - Commentary | Business in Vancouver \(biv.com\)](#)

Agenda:

11:30- am – Reception
11:45 am - Welcome and Review 2022/23 Financial Report
12:00 - Round Table Intros & Lunch
12:25 pm - President's Awards; Swear-In Board of Directors
12:30 pm – Speaker Paul Sullivan, Ryan ULC
1:30 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$49 + GST
Non-members: \$75 + GST

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

FORTISBC NEW HOME PROGRAM CHANGES

The FortisBC New Home Program is set to undergo a program change for 2024. To ensure rebate eligibility for the rebates available under the 2023 New Home Program:

1. Homes **MUST** have their building permit issued prior to December 31, 2023.
2. Builders will need to [Pre-register](#) their project by December 31, 2023. This will ensure the builder is eligible to apply for the rebates after completing construction.
3. Complete the project by December 31, 2025 and apply for rebates within six months of project completion. For builders pursuing the Step Code pathway rebates, an energy advisor will apply on your behalf.

Please visit fortisbc.com/newhome for more information or contact newhome@fortisbc.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 7 - VRBA AGM with speaker/tax expert Paul Sullivan, Ryan ULC admin@vrba.ca

Nov 16 – Festival of Trees, The Bay Centre admin@vrba.ca

Nov 18 – 2023 CARE Awards Magazine in Times Colonist

Nov 22 – Builders Council – Review of Proposed Changes to National Building Code admin@vrba.ca

BUILDERS COUNCIL – WED NOV 22

Builders Council will review proposed changes to the National Building Code. The public review runs from October 23 to December 18, 2023.

To view the changes and provide feedback, visit

[Public review of proposed changes to the 2020 National Model Codes \(cbhcc-cchcc.ca\)](https://cbhcc-cchcc.ca)

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.

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For the promo code, contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca



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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

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 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 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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