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## CARE AWARDS

The entries have been submitted for the 2020 CARE Awards and the Finalists will be announced in late October. The public will be invited to select the winner of the popular People's Choice Award from Finalist photos displayed at [www.careawards.ca](http://www.careawards.ca). 2020 CARE Awards Gold winners will be announced and viewed online in November during an event featuring Victoria's popular radio show host Al Ferraby, CFX. A full colour CARE Awards magazine highlighting the Gold winners will be distributed in the Times Colonist and online at [careawards.ca](http://careawards.ca). This year's CARE Awards Chair is Gordon English, Genco Construction, a VRBA Past President and winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award. 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](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

### 2020 Gold Sponsors



### Bronze



### Media





[www.careawards.ca](http://www.careawards.ca)  
[www.vrba.ca](http://www.vrba.ca)

## INNOVATIVE REZONING FOR HOUSING

Portland, Oregon recently passed a blanket zoning bylaw enabling up to 6 units on single detached lots. Read more here <https://www.sightline.org/2020/08/11/on-wednesday-portland-will-pass-the-best-low-density-zoning-reform-in-us-history/>

Vancouver is also considering higher density for single detached neighbourhoods <https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/vancouver-making-home-policy-kennedy-stewart>

## 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 will receive a promo code and Rate Sheet for rooms valid from now through Sept 30, 2020. These rates will be updated periodically by email.

For more info, contact the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## SEPT GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION

Wendy Jones, BC Employers' Advisors Office was the speaker at our Sept Meeting and provided very good advice on addressing CPVID-19 and/or any WorkSafeBC issues. For assistance, Wendy may be contacted at

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Congratulations to the elected VRBA Executive & Board for 2020/21. They will be sworn in at the AGM in November:

President-Elect: Dusty Delain  
Past-President: Kyle Ryan  
First Vice-President: Norm Verbrugge  
Second Vice-President: Ellie Sercombe  
Treasurer: Mike Dalton  
Builders' Council Chair: Norm Verbrugge  
Suppliers and Trades Council Chair: Derek Ballman  
Directors:

- ▶ Tony Aindow
- ▶ Russ Barry
- ▶ Lisa Dunsmuir
- ▶ Amandeep Gill
- ▶ Steven Hurst
- ▶ Dan Olive
- ▶ Paul Smith
- ▶ Brian Trenchard

## BUILT GREEN WEBINAR AND MORE

1. Built Green Canada's webinar on Energy & Envelope Part 2 is Tuesday, September 22.

### Energy & Envelope, Part II – Webinar

This webinar will look at construction methods and types of products that contribute to an improved building envelope, appliances, and lighting and automation. The webinar will review benefits and provide practical, affordable suggestions to build better and to earn points towards BUILT GREEN® home certification.

When: Tuesday September 22

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. PST

Where: Webinar – RSVP for Zoom link

Cost: No charge

RSVP: [kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca](mailto:kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca) – RSVP by noon on Friday, Sept 18.

Education credits: pending eligibility for 2 CPD points with BC Housing and can be used for credit through PHBI.

2. The schedule for more education with Building it Right including Victoria Super Week, Walls of Tomorrow Today, Windows and Details and more available here <https://buildingitright.com/schedule.html>

3. VICA has released a schedule of Fall courses including Construction 101, Trade Contracts, Project Planning available here <https://mailchi.mp/vicabc.ca/training-education-2020-sept-full>

4. Online courses for BC Builder Licensing are available at the Professional Home Builders Institute (PHBI) at <https://www.phbi.ca/bc/programs-and-courses/builder-core-competency/#?browseby=346241cb-1a6e-ea11-a811-000d3af33756>

## VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING: WED OCTOBER 21

The next Builders Council meeting is Wednesday October 21, speaker to be announced.

The meeting will be submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval for 1 CPD credit.

## SAANICH GARDEN SUITES

Saanich has approved garden suites, however they included the requirement for an owner to occupy the property. Both Esquimalt and North Saanich removed this requirement for secondary suites because they consider it “unenforceable.” [https://saanich.ca.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=1&clip\\_id=445](https://saanich.ca.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=445)

## 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](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca).

## VRBA AGM – TUESDAY NOV 10

VRBA's Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 10 at 12 noon. This will likely be a virtual meeting if we are still unable to do lunch meetings at Gorge Vale Golf Club. The new VRBA Board will be sworn in and the President's Awards announced. Our speaker is also to be announced.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 22 – Built Green Webinar - [kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca](mailto:kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca)

Oct 21 – Builders Council Zoom Meeting [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Late Oct - CARE Awards Finalists Announced

Nov 3–5 – Victoria Super Week with Building It Right <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/164477>

Nov 10 – VRBA AGM (virtual event)

Late Nov – CARE Awards Gold Winners Announced (virtual event) [admin@vrba.ca](mailto: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](http://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>

**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](mailto:education@vicabc.ca) The course list is below and at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/2019-20-course-listing/>

## SEPTEMBER

MANAGING MULTIPLE PRIORITIES | September 16 & 23 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED w. 1-1 COACHING | September 22, 24, 29 & October 1 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWINGS, SAMPLES & SUBMITTALS | September 24 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

\*Sold Out\* CONSTRUCTION 101 | September 29-30 & October 1-2 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREMEN | September 29 & 30 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

## OCTOBER

PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS | October 6 - 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MS TEAMS MASTERY | October 7 & 14 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

FREE! INTRO TO LEAN CONSTRUCTION | October 8 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

GETTING PAID AND MANAGING CASH FLOW | October 15 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTS: A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD | October 15 & 16 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT | October 20 & 21 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PLANNING FOR FOREMEN | October 21 & 28 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

MANAGING SHOP DRAWING, SAMPLES & SUBMITTALS | October 27 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

PROPOSAL PURSUIT | October 27 - 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

LAST PLANNER SYSTEM (LEAN CONSTRUCTION) | October 29 & 30 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

## NOVEMBER & WINTER 20-21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTRUCTION 101 | December 15, 16, 17 & 18 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

NON-STANDARD CONTRACT CLAUSES | January 27 - 29 | LIVE-ONLINE | [INFO & REG](#)

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at <https://www.phbi.ca/bc/programs-and-courses/builder-core-competency/#?browseby=346241cb-1a6e-ea11-a811-000d3af33756>

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