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CARE AWARDS – NOV 13

Finalists have been announced for the 2021 CARE Awards! *Public health guidelines permitting*, the 2021 CARE Awards gala is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 13 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. We are excited to again hold a gala event to announce the Gold winners. Tickets will be available Oct. 8. Our People's Choice Award contest display featuring the Finalists will again take place at Hillside Center from October 18 to 31. Also view projects at careawards.ca from Oct 8 to 31. (Members ineligible to vote.) Thank you 2021 sponsors! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!*

2021 Gold Sponsors



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NEW VRBA MEMBERS & APPLICANTS

New members:

Maxwell Shepherdson Developments Ltd. – Max Shepherdson

Birch Bark Builders Inc. – Patrick O'Reilly and Klawdee Speck

New applicant:
TEKloch Homes Ltd. – Ellie Sercombe

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



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.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

VRBA will again provide a presentation to BC's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on September 27 at the legislature. As a result of VRBA's ongoing advocacy including these presentations, social media and our weekly column in the Times Colonist, there is greater awareness by media, government and public of the real-world challenges and costs regarding rezoning and permit approval processes in our region.

VRBA AGM - WEDNESDAY NOV 10

The Gorge Vale Golf Club is not yet open for lunches and our priority is health and safety, so we are continuing with Zoom meetings at this time. VRBA will hold our Annual General Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, November 10 from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

Agenda

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

12:00 noon – Speaker, TBA

1:00 pm – Adjourn

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>

WORKSAFEBC CONSULTATION ON WORKPLACE STATUS CLOSES DECEMBER 15

WorkSafeBC is proposing changes to workplace status and whether someone is an employer, worker, or independent operator. We have concerns regarding their consultation paper, which says on page 15:

“Under the proposed policies, it is anticipated the removal of labour contractor policy would result in more individuals being found to be workers rather than being able to register as independent operators or employers with WorkSafeBC. As a result, premiums may rise for employers who contract with labour contractors who have POP, as some of these individuals would instead be determined to be workers on their payroll. This shift from POP coverage to employer premiums would likely have the biggest impact in sectors where there are more labour contractors.”

The consultation closes on December 15, 2021. We will be submitting our comments after consultation with VRBA's Builders Council.

You can submit your comments here: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/public-hearings-consultations/current-public-hearings-and-consultations/proposed-policy-amendments-regarding-determining-workplace-status>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 8 – People’s Choice Award Contest opens at www.careawards.ca (members ineligible to vote)
Oct 8 – Tickets for CARE Awards Go On Sale admin@vrba.ca
Oct 20 – Builders Council
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
Nov 13 – CARE Awards Gala, Fairmont Empress Hotel

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 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 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:

[Project Delivery Methods, LIVE-Online](#)

30 Min Orientation + 3 Days, 4 hours each day | Upcoming Session: Oct 4 + Oct 5-7
9 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 6, November 2
4 CPD Points (Informal)

[CCDC 5A/5B Overview, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Hour Webinar | Upcoming Sessions: October 6, November 17
1.5 CPD Points (Informal)

[Trade Contracts, LIVE-Online](#)

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 6-7, November 2-3
6 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 6, November 3
4 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 7 & 14, October 28 & November 4
8 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 12-13, November 9-10
6 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 13, November 8

4 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 19, November 16

4 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 19-20, November 23-24

7 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Days, 3.5 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 21-22, November 25-26

7 CPD Points (Informal)

[Responding Successfully to RFPs](#)

3 Days, 3 hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 25-27, November 22-24

9 CPD Points (Informal)

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

4-hour workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 26, November 17

4 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Hour Webinar | Upcoming Sessions: October 27, November 25

1.5 CPD Points (Informal)

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

2 Days, 4 Hours each day | Upcoming Sessions: October 7 & 14, October 28 & November 4

8 CPD Points (Informal)

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

3 Hour Workshop | Upcoming Sessions: October 28, November 8

3 CPD Points (Informal)

[Construction 101, LIVE-Online](#)

45 Min Orientation + 4 Days, 4 hours each day | Upcoming Session: Oct 28 + Nov 2-5

9 CPD Points (Informal)

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