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2022 CARE AWARDS

Voting for the People's Choice Award is underway! The display is at Hillside Centre from Aug 29 to Sept 11 and Finalists' projects and voting are at <https://careawards.ca/peoples-choice-award-contest/>. The CARE Awards gala is set for Friday, Sept 23 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Tickets on sale now! Visit [here](#) for more info. Thank you, 2022 sponsors! *Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards* - the premier industry event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast home design and construction.

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HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC - VRBA GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

VRBA will hold our General Meeting/Board Election Lunch at the Hotel Grand Pacific on Thursday September 15th.

Jim Baker, Senior Codes Administrator, BC Building and Safety Standards will provide a presentation on upcoming changes to the National and BC Building Codes including energy efficiency for part 9 homes.

This is the first in-person lunch meeting since the start of the pandemic, so we hope to see everyone and get a great turn-out!

Agenda

11:45 am - Board Election

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

1:00 pm – Adjourn

Members: \$45 + GST

Non-members: \$75 + GST

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

This webinar has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one CPD credit.

BUILDING IT RIGHT: FUNDAMENTALS OF BUILDING SCIENCE - OCT 25 to 27

VRBA member Murray Frank, Building It Right presents The Fundamentals of Building Science for High Energy Efficiency Homes in Victoria from October 25 to 27.

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

Approved for 21 CPD points by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services.

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

FORTISBC SPONSORS ENERGY EFFICIENCY WEBINAR – WED OCTOBER 19

FortisBC is sponsoring 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.



BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Murray Frank, Building It Right will provide a presentation on his Ashnola Net Zero Demonstration Project including materials, construction techniques and costs.

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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PUBLIC HEARING FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN VICTORIA CONTINUES SEPTEMBER 1

A public hearing held on August 4 to review Victoria's Missing Middle Housing initiative has carried over to Thursday, September 1 due to the large turnout. VRBA wrote a letter in support of pre-zoning for duplexes, townhomes, small multi-family to help address efficiency and affordability.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INNOVATION FUND

The federal govt has announced an *Affordable Housing Innovation Fund* and is holding an information webinar on September 21, 2022. This 60-minute information session will discuss the application and evaluation processes and the available tools. They have also created a *Rent-To-Own* program for developers. [Visit here](#).

BC ELECTIONS OCTOBER 15

Municipal Elections are October 15th so remember to review the platforms of your local candidates. The nomination period is Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – Friday, September 9, 2022. <https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2022-general-local-elections/key-dates/>

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 June 17 to Sept 10, 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

July 1 – VRBA Membership Renewal admin@vrba.ca

Aug 29 to Sept 11 – CARE Awards People's Choice Award Display at Hillside Centre

Sept 15 – VRBA General Meeting and Election (Lunch at Hotel Grand Pacific) admin@vrba.ca

Sept 21 – Builders Council: Murray Frank, Building It Right admin@vrba.ca via Zoom

Sept 23 – CARE Awards Gala admin@vrba.ca

Oct 19 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca (Sponsored by FortisBC) via Zoom

Nov 9 – VRBA AGM admin@vrba.ca

Nov 30 – Sales Training for Energy Efficient Homes (Sponsored by FortisBC) 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

Coming to Victoria Oct 25 – 27: **The Fundamentals of Building Science for High Energy Efficiency Homes**

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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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