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2018 CARE AWARDS

Save the date of **Saturday September 29** to attend the 2018 CARE Awards at the Fairmont Empress Hotel! Tickets will be available in August. This will be another outstanding event showcasing Canada's leaders in sustainable west coast design and construction. The deadline for CARE Awards entries is **Monday, June 11 at 4 pm**. The Call for Entry guidelines will be available in mid-March.

Thank you to the following sponsors already signed up for 2018:

GOLD: Fortis BC, Hourigan's Flooring, McLaren Properties, Traveler's Insurance Company of Canada, Victoria Real Estate Board

You can receive the sponsorship info by contacting the VRBA office at admin@vrba.ca

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DIGITAL MARKETING PRESENTATION – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

The Times Colonist presents: How Small Business Can Leap Ahead Using Digital Marketing

Join Daniel Laporta and Ariel Evans from Glacier Digital Media to learn how you can leap ahead of your competitors by understanding and using digital marketing. This seminar is sponsored by the Times Colonist and is FREE to small business owners.

WHEN: 8:30 am - 9:30 am Tuesday February 20, 2018

WHERE: IMAX Theatre, 675 Belleville St, Victoria

REGISTER/RSVP by Friday February 16, 2018 to Pablo Miranda or email: pmiranda@timescolonist.com

or call: 250-514-0437

This presentation has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for 1 hour of CPD for licensed builders.



NEW VRBA MEMBERS

Welcome to New Members:

H.I. Mechanical Inc. – Tristan Hall and Craig Inglis

Scala Development Consultant Ltd. – Aristides Cota and Douglas Makaroff

Langdon Weir Construction Ltd. – Chris Langdon and Adam Weir

New Applicant:

Everise Developments Ltd. – David Li

VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 14

Thursday, June 14 has been confirmed for VRBA's annual golf tournament at



Mark your calendars, enjoy a day on the links and network with VRBA's contractors, designers, trades & suppliers! Stay overnight at the Westin & enjoy the spa & mountain!

Registration forms and sponsorship information will be distributed closer to the date.

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Niels Anthonen, Performance Energy Advisors will discuss the Step Code, modeling software, testing, scheduling, and common issues arising in the field.

This meeting has been submitted to Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 1 CPD credit for licensed builders.

All are welcome, there is no charge to attend and pizza and pop will be served. If you are planning to attend, RSVP Debra admin@vrba.ca

VRBA DINNER MEETING – THURSDAY APRIL 12

VRBA's April Dinner meeting is Thursday April 12 at Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave.
6:00 pm – reception
7:00 pm - dinner
7:30 pm – presentation TBA

VRBA Members: \$40
RSVP: admin@vrba.ca.

JOIN BCCA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Does your company need a benefits program? VRBA partners with BCCA Employee Benefit Trust, (formerly called bClear Benefits) to take advantage of a great flexible package designed for the construction industry. Plans are affordable and easy to set up and employees can customize with options like additional life insurance or critical illness insurance. Contact Charlene da Cruz or Laura Bonney at info@bccabenefits.ca.

Let them know you are a member of the Victoria Residential Builders Association!

JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH PERFORMANCE ENERGY ADVISORS

Located in Victoria BC, Performance Energy Advisors has openings for full and/or part time Energy Advisors/Modelers. Performance Energy Advisors is a leading company in the Building Energy Modeling industry and has been providing energy modeling services for new and existing housing, MURBs and Part 3 residential buildings in South Vancouver Island for over 10 years. We always strive to remain at the forefront of the industry in terms of depth of knowledge and the variety of modeling services we provide. With the growth of demand for our services, we are excited to be adding to our growing team of energy modelers.

The successful candidate(s) will:

- Be certified, or be willing to be certified, as an Energy Advisor under the federal EnerGuide Rating System® program.
- Be comfortable with science and applying scientific principles.
- Work cooperatively and have proven record of professional conduct and work habits.
- Have solid written and verbal communication skills and be fully conversant with Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel. Experience with Bluebeam an asset.
- Handle administrative tasks (up to 20% of their time).
- Have knowledge of construction basics.
- Conduct final blower door tests.
- Remain up to date on changes to modeling guidelines, Energy Codes and programs.

And satisfy some combination of the following:

- Is proficient, or wants to be mentored to become proficient, at high-efficiency building modeling (R2000, Net Zero). This candidate must enjoy learning and continually evolving their skill set. They will be scientifically curious with strong problem-solving skills and will have or develop a strong knowledge of applied building science principles.
- Enjoy production type modeling for developments where speed, rhythm and accuracy are important.
- Enjoy custom house modeling, creating a base model and working with clients to develop upgrade options to reach targets.
- Interested in doing existing house energy assessments and modeling.
- Comfortable creating markups, takeoffs, and model-set-up for large Part 3 modeling projects

(envelope only unless a P.Eng.).

- Have a good administrative aptitude, playing a key role in keeping administrative systems up to date.
- Comfortable in construction environments.
- Able to converse knowledgeably with builders.
- Perform mid-construction blower door tests.

Please submit applications to niels@performanceadvisors.ca All applications will be held in strictest confidence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14 & 15 - Buildex Vancouver Convention Centre West <https://www.buildexvancouver.com/en/home.html>

Feb 21 & 22 - Nanaimo – Building It Right Course, 14 CPD credits www.buildingitright.com

March 11 – 18 CPD at Sea with Murray Frank, Building It Right <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>

April 12 – VRBA Dinner Meeting, Royal Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca

May 15 – Victoria – Understanding Insulation Performance - Building It Right – 7 CPD Credits

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/115231>

June 14 – VRBA Golf Tournament @ Bear Mountain admin@vrba.ca

EDUCATION AND 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

Nanaimo 14 CPD Fall/Winter Series 3,4,5,6

Wed Feb 21, 2018 - Thur Feb 22, 2018

This series is pre-approved by BC Housing and is part of the series “Top Tier Methods to Net Zero Houses: Lowest Risk for Highest Return Approaches”. The seminar is scheduled as follows:

Day 1 – Feb 21, 2018 – Seminar begins at 10 AM with Check-In starting at 9 AM. Lunch will be served and the seminar is scheduled to finish at 6 PM.

Day 2 – Feb 22, 2018 – Seminar begins at 8 AM with Check-In starting at 7 AM. A light Breakfast and Lunch will be served and the seminar is scheduled to finish at 4 PM. Fees for Course:

2 Day 14 CPD Credit Course – \$625 (Pricing from Sept 1, 2017 to 1 Week Prior to Event)

2 Day 14 CPD Credit Course – \$645 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$355 (Pricing from Sept 1, 2017 to 1 Week Prior to Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$375 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

Understanding Insulation Performance Fact vs. Fiction

Victoria 7 CPD Spring Session 2018

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | 8AM - 4PM

This 7 hour, 7 CPD credit course is an in-depth examination of the extensive insulation testing undertaken at our Centre of Excellence in Port Coquitlam. There are many choices for builders to consider as they explore their options for advanced energy performance in basements, walls and roofs necessary for conformance with the targets set by the Step Code for Part 9 homes and buildings. Builders must avoid unintended consequences that can arise from the reduction in energy flow through the building enclosure and the resultant reduction in drying potential that has always helped to protect structures with lower energy performance. It is also important to note that some changes in the manufacturing of some insulation materials in response to environmental impact has apparently altered the performance of some old, familiar materials.

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Fees for Course:

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$355 (to 1 Week Prior to Event)

1 Day 7 CPD Credit Course – \$375 (Pricing 1 Week Prior to the Event)

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/115231>

VICA: Offerings from the Vancouver Island Construction Association available at the [VICA Calendar](#). To get

VICA Member prices contact: **Contact Chenelle Falconer, Education Coordinator**, Ph: 250.388.6471
education@vicabc.ca View courses at <http://mailchi.mp/vicabc/your-biweekly-course-listing-sept5>

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS

Feb. 21 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

You face ethical grey areas every day and this course will give you the tools you need to respond effectively! Through practical, hands-on examples, you will learn the core principles of ethical behaviour and gain the skills to evaluate situations and make decisions using an ethical framework.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Feb. 22 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

From estimating to projecting your ROI, this course will develop your skills and knowledge of how to manage a construction project.

We'll use the PMBoK (5th Ed) approach to gain an understanding of the processes and constraints that project managers face on the job. You will also learn how to successfully manage a complex project, and receive essential project planning tools to avoid risk and benefit your bottom line.

Our last course sold out!

INFRASTRUCTURE MASTERCLASS

Feb. 28 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This highly-focused workshop reviews foundational best practices in procurement and highlights issues relevant to today's unique construction market challenges. Take advantage of an opportunity for a tangible return on training dollars, measured by reduced risk of litigation and scope creep, achieved timelines, and more in-budget bids.

CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS MGMT

Apr. 5 & 6 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

Are your Business Management skills up to scratch? Build valuable skills in finance, marketing, and personnel management, and learn how to improve your business and management systems!

This two-day course will give you the tools you need to apply strategic planning in your workplace and become a more efficient and effective leader.

SUPERVISORY & MGMT SKILLS

Apr. 16 & 17 | **VICA Nanaimo** | [INFO & REG](#)

Expand your leadership capacity and experience valuable training in communication, negotiation and conflict management. By the end of the course you will know how to deliver a successful toolbox talk, deal with difficult people, and more! Join us for this two-day course designed to provide you with the tools you need to be a more effective leader.

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