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2019 CARE AWARDS

Watch for the 2019 CARE Awards Call for Entry coming soon! The entry deadline is Monday June 17 at 4 pm. CARE Awards sponsorship info is available and a big thank-you to the many returning and new sponsors! If you want to participate with Canada's leaders in sustainable West Coast design and construction, contact the VRBA office at admin@vrba.ca!

Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

2019 Gold Sponsors



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VRBA DINNER MEETINGS

The Crystal Ball Housing forecast was another big success. If you missed it, read our blog summary at <http://www.vrba.ca/crystal-ball-forecasts-moderation-in-2019/>.

The next dinner meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm to 9 pm at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

Speaker: TBA

Members: \$40 + GST

Non-members: \$60 + GST

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

VANCOUVER ISLAND CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE – APRIL 24

VICA's Vancouver Island Construction Conference is Wed April 24 at the Victoria Conference Centre. Topics include an industry economic review, high efficiency buildings, tips to improve the bottom line, procurement and much more! The program is here <https://vicaconference.ca/program>

VRBA members get a special discount to attend the conference.

Early Bird pricing closes at the end of February and during this time VRBA members receive a \$50 discount on Non-Member prices. (\$299)

During Regular pricing (March-April) VRBA members receive a \$60 discount on Non-Member prices. (\$369)

To register visit <https://vicaconference.ca/registration/registrant-information> and register as 'Non-Members' using the following discount code: **IzPL6pAbbW**. The code is case sensitive so copy/paste to ensure it's accurate!

VRBA GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 13

Thursday, June 13 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 are [online](#).

Thank you **Gold Sponsors!**



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members:

- **Surfside Construction Inc.** – Owen and Shauna Poppy
- **Shane Murray Contracting Ltd.** – Shane Murray and Penny Lloyd

- J. Sorensen Design Build Ltd. – John Sorensen

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, FEB

At the upcoming Builders Council on Wed Feb 20:

Jim Patterson from Travelers Insurance will do a presentation on the most common warranty issues for new homes and ways to address them. Also an update on the ever-changing building environment.

This presentation has been approved for 1 CPD credit by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services.

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 DUFFER HOCKEY



Still room for a few good men and women to play VRBA's co-ed duffer hockey. You never know when NHL scouts will be in the stands! Weekly games end May 30. We play Wednesday nights and all games are 90 minutes from 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm at Oak Bay Rec. No contact, no slapshots, no scorekeeping – just fun pond hockey. We are looking for full-time players only.

To register contact 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 Charlene da Cruz or Laura Bonney at info@bccabenefits.ca.

SLEGG BUILDING MATERIALS ANNUAL CONTRACTOR SHOW

Slegg Building Materials is holding its Annual Contractor Show on April 5, 11 am to 5:30 pm at the Q Centre, 1767 Old Island Highway. Register here <https://www.sleggproshow.com/contractorhome>



APRIL 5, 2019
 11 AM - 5:30 PM
 Q CENTRE - 1767 OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY

Join us this spring for the Slegg Building Materials Annual Contractor Show. In 2018, our attendance reached over 1200, and we are expecting our best and highest attended show yet in 2019. Click anywhere to view the show website, and register today!

[CLICK TO VISIT THE SHOW WEBSITE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 20 – VRBA Builders Council, Presentation on Common Warranty Issues RSVP admin@vrba.ca

Feb 28 – Building Bridges to Consumers: BBB Lunch & Learn for Accredited Businesses

<http://www.vrba.ca/bbb-lunch-n-learn-building-bridges-to-consumers/>

April 5 – Slegg Building Materials Annual Contractor Show

April 9 – VRBA Dinner Meeting, Speaker TBA admin@vrba.ca

April 24 – Vancouver Island Construction Conference, Victoria Conference Centre <https://vicaconference.ca/program>

May 7 – Building It Right Seminar 3 CPD, Seismic Bracing Requirements in the BC Building Code

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/145789>

Sep 22 – Art Gallery House Tour artgalleryhousetour@gmail.com The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is holding its annual house tour on Sunday, Sept 22 and is looking for tour homes. Contact them for more info.

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!

Victoria - Seismic Bracing Requirements in the BC Building Code 3 CPD points

May 7, 2019 8am to 12pm at Sandman Victoria 2852 Douglas St

These new requirements are significant and a new Illustrated Guide will soon be published. This presentation, along with the new Illustrated Guide, have been developed after careful industry guidance and feedback and includes highlights of the Guide for clarity. This seminar explores the changes to the earthquake provisions that came into effect this past December 10, 2018. Starting with a brief description about lateral bracing, the learning expands to include review of the expansion of communities where these provisions apply as well as changes in the anticipated forces for several BC Communities.

Brace Wall Bands are explained and the construction requirements for Braced Wall Panels are discussed. A full review of spacing and dimension is included and Design and Construction considerations for sheathings, fasteners and

anchor bolts provided. Exceptions for special conditions and building systems are explained along with the use of Trade Offs to improve build-ability. The seminar will review all of the applicable requirement tables within Part 9 of the 2018 BCBC as well as highlight some of the relevant terms.

Sale Price \$99

Regular Price \$145

Register: <https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/145789>

New online webinar on changes to the 2018 BC Building Code

<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/136663>

Get your CPD at Sea <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>

Info on job grants <http://buildingitright.com/applying-for-grants.html>

Hands-on Training <http://buildingitright.com/>

Session on Cladding & Accessories Installation

Nanaimo Feb 5 & 6, 2019

<http://buildingitright.com/fallwinter-series-201819.html>

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 <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/>

CONTRACTOR OWNERS GROUPS

Feb 20 | Nanaimo | Pilot Session | [INFO & REG](#)

Join us for a free lunch, tips on how to use KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) in your business, and a group discussion facilitated by Mark Taylor.

LEAD TO SUCCEED

Feb 20 & 27 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This course is ideal for Foremen, Superintendents, Project Managers and Project Coordinators.

Understand your own leadership strengths, how to motivate others, and how to listen and communicate better with your team.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Feb 21 & 22 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

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

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING

Mar 6 - Apr 4 | 3 HRS | Virtual | [INFO & REG](#)

Learn essential skills necessary to meet the growing demand for skilled estimators by understanding the construction process, technologies, business, and relationships within the industry.

SUPERVISORY & MGMT SKILLS

March 25 & 26 | Nanaimo | [INFO & REG](#)

Experience valuable training in communication, negotiation, and conflict management. Learn how to deliver a successful toolbox talk, deal with difficult people, and more!

BUILDING ESTIMATION TUTORIAL

March 26 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

In this hands-on, practical workshop there are no PowerPoints, just plans and specs!

We'll be working with real project documents (condo development, or something similar) and going through the estimating process step by step.

TRADE CONTRACTS: PROTECT

April 2 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

As a TC, it's in your best interest to have a clear understanding of your contract *before* a problem threatens your business rather than after, when it's too late. Protect yourself from unfavourable clauses!

PLANNING FOR FOREMEN

April 3, 10, 17 | Nanaimo | [INFO & REG](#)

Working with hands-on, practical exercises, participants will work through the various elements needed to put together a complete activity plan for your crew.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOUNDATIONS

April 3, 10, 17, 24 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This four-day morning course is a comprehensive introduction to construction management fundamentals, developed specifically to boost project management and business skills.

Topics include project planning, scheduling & inspections, project supervision, estimating & material management, and more!

CONSTRUCTION LAW

April 4 & 5 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This two-day course will provide participants with the practical skills to effectively and proactively deal with conflict situations and avoid litigation.

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING

April 11 & 12 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

Gain the skills you need to accurately estimate projects and prepare a successful bid.

Topics include project analysis, risk analysis, bid strategies and processes, Construction Division Codes, as well as bonding, insurance, and more!

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