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## 2018 CARE AWARDS

Watch for the announcement of the 2018 CARE Awards finalists in August and the People's Choice Award contest online and at Hillside Centre in September. 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.

There is still time to sponsor! You can receive the sponsorship info by contacting the VRBA office at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Thank you to the following sponsors for 2018:

### 2018 Gold Sponsors



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## VRBA ELECTION & DINNER MEETING – TUESDAY SEPT 11

VRBA's September Dinner meeting is Tuesday Sept 11 at Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave.

6:00 pm – Meet & Greet

6:45 pm – Board Election

7:00 pm - Dinner

7:30 pm – Presentations: Advertising & Marketing by Pablo Miranda, National Advertising Manager, Times Colonist  
Advertising & Marketing by Wanda Welch, Account Executive, CFX Radio/CTV

These presentations have been submitted to Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 1 CPD credit for licensed builders.

Also in attendance will be Fred Haynes, Saanich candidate for Mayor & new Council Candidates available to discuss housing issues. Municipal election is Oct 20.

VRBA Members: \$40

RSVP: [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New VRBA Member:

VGI Gutters Ltd. – Ban Tran and Stephanie Needham

### VRBA Membership & Advocacy

*Thank you to all the VRBA members that have renewed their memberships! If you haven't received your VRBA membership renewal letter, contact Debra at [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca). VRBA offers the best value by delivering free contracts, free CPD seminars, and well over 200 reno & new home projects for builders. VRBA is the industry's most effective voice advocating affordability and professionalism.*

*Listen to our CFX ad battling the Speculation Tax - <http://www.vrba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Victoria-Residential-Builders-Association-Oppose-Speculation-Tax-June-2018.mp3>*

*Here is our CFX interview with Adam Stirling on rising govt costs <http://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/casey-edge-executive-director-victoria-residential-builders-association-1.4119555?mode=Article&autoplay=1.4119555>*

*A story in the Saanich News on more DCC costs in Saanich <https://www.saanichnews.com/news/proposed-charges-will-cost-saanich-housing-affordability/> and our weekly column in the Times Colonist <http://www.vrba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Govt-Regs-Add-Quarter-Million-Dollars.pdf>*

*We are effective, efficient and affordable!*

## VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY SEPT 5 – MAY 30



There are still spots available for our annual co-ed duffer hockey. The schedule starts Sept 5 and ending May 30. We play Wednesday nights for a total of 38 games 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 for 90 minutes. The total cost is \$650 per

person including tax. We are looking for full-time players only.

To register contact Casey at [cedge@vrba.ca](mailto:cedge@vrba.ca)

## SAANICH DISCUSSION SITE

Councillor Fred Haynes has set up a discussion site online for Saanich issues including housing, transportation etc at <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/5975-a-conversation-on-saanich/#/overview>. VRBA members are encouraged to comment on the challenges to more affordable housing including fees, zoning, processes.

## BUILDERS COUNCIL – JULY 18

Builders Council is Wednesday, July 18 at 12 noon at VRBA. VRBA asked for a list of Saanich's surplus properties and received a package containing 44 lots. Saanich Councillor Fred Haynes will provide an overview of the process for exploring the municipality's goals and development potential of these lots. This meeting has been approved by Licensing and Consumer Services, BC Housing for 1 CPD credit for licensed builders.

We will also discuss Saanich's plan to increase DCC's as per this Saanich News story <https://www.saanichnews.com/news/proposed-charges-will-cost-saanich-housing-affordability/>

If you are planning to attend, RSVP Debra [admin@vrba.ca](mailto: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](mailto:info@bccabenefits.ca).

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

## TRADES TRAINING COORDINATOR LOOKING FOR RETIRED JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER

School District 63 Trades Training Coordinator is looking for a retired journeyman carpenter to volunteer to work with a shop teacher to teach a class of high school students. If you know of someone with an interest, contact Stu Rhodes at [srhodes@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:srhodes@sd63.bc.ca)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

August 15 – Builders Council [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

August 27 – Sept 9 – People's Choice Award display at Hillside Centre [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 11 - VRBA Election & Dinner Meeting @ Colwood Golf Club [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Sept 29 – CARE Awards Gala, Fairmont Empress hotel [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

Oct 13 – 20 - CPD at Sea <http://buildingitright.com/cpd-at-sea.html>

Oct 20 – BC Municipal Elections <http://elections.bc.ca/political-participants/local-elections-campaign-financing/2018-general-local-elections/>

Nov 5 & 6 – South Island Safety Conference <https://southislandsafety.com/>

Nov 6 & 7 - Cladding & Accessories Installation <http://buildingitright.com/fallwinter-series-201819.html>

Nov 13 – AGM @ Royal Colwood Golf Club

Jan 15, 2019 – Crystal Ball Economic Housing Forecast @ Royal Colwood Golf Club

Apr 9, 2019 – General Dinner Meeting @ Royal Colwood Golf Club

## 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](http://www.buildingitright.com) 65 CPD points available online!

CPD at Sea Next sailing Oct 13 - 20

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

Hands-on Training <http://buildingitright.com/window-and-door-installation-endorsement-construction.html>

Fall/Winter Session 2018/19: Cladding & Accessories Installation

Victoria Nov 6 & 7, 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](mailto:education@vicabc.ca) View courses at <https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/>

Construction Estimating – Nanaimo Sept 27 & 28

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3105&EventInstance=34728>

Construction 101 – Victoria Oct 2 & 3

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=2818&EventInstance=34044>

Construction Industry Ethics – Victoria Oct 4

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3106&EventInstance=34731>

Project Management – Victoria Oct 11 & 12

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3107&EventInstance=34734>

Construction Law – Victoria Oct 25 & 26

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3109&EventInstance=34740>

Supervisory & Management Skills Nov 1 & 2

<https://www.vicabc.ca/training/find-a-course-course-calendar/?EventId=3110&EventInstance=34744>

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