



*Community Builders – Building Communities*

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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 are now online.

*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](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

### 2017 Gold Sponsors



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## HOW TO ENTER THE CARE AWARDS – THURSDAY MARCH 29

The 2018 CARE Awards “Call For Entry” has been announced - don't miss this powerpoint presentation on a few changes for this year and how to enter!

### Quick & Easy Recipe to Enter the CARE Awards

Thursday, March 29  
VRBA Office Boardroom  
10 - 11 am  
RSVP [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

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



## NEW VRBA MEMBERS

### New Member Applicants:

Everise Developments Ltd. – David Li  
Grey Lynx Ventures Ltd. - Robb Ridley  
W & J Construction Ltd. – Danny Jadresko

## 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 DINNER MEETING – THURSDAY APRIL 12

VRBA's April Dinner meeting is Thursday April 12 at Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream Ave.

The event features Andrew Wilkinson, new leader of the BC Liberal Party and his views on the Speculation Tax. Also speaking is Saanich Councilor Fred Haynes on various initiatives underway in Saanich including rescinding EDPA, review of development permit process, garden suite study, review of DCC's and other issues.

6:00 pm – Meet & Greet with Andrew Wilkinson & Fred Haynes  
6:45 pm – Andrew Wilkinson, Leader, BC Liberals  
7:10 pm - dinner  
7:30 pm – Fred Haynes, Saanich Councilor  
VRBA Members: \$40  
RSVP: [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca).

## ABSTRACT FORT ST PROJECT – PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY APRIL 12

Abstract Developments has a project on Fort St coming up for public hearing on Thursday April 12 that is supported by Victoria's Planning Dept. This is another example of a developer/builder trying to maximize green space, neighbourhood access, walkability, etc as always requested by community associations and elected officials. Yet opposition continues because it's never enough. When a developer comes to the table with goodwill to create green/public space, those efforts should be respected and encouraged. By rejecting these projects, council undermines its own professional planners and sends the wrong message that developers should simply max out what's allowable in the zoning at the cheapest possible cost, build and move on. Council & anti-development groups should be careful what they ask for, they just might get it.

As usual, anti-development elements of the community will try to influence council which means there needs to be industry people present to stand up and talk about the benefits of development. If you have an interest in these issues or you do business with Abstract and value the economic and social benefits provided by the residential construction industry, come out to the Public Hearing and lend your support. Abstract can be contacted at [info@abstractdevelopments.com](mailto:info@abstractdevelopments.com)

## 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!*

## BUILDERS COUNCIL ADVOCACY UPDATE

Through Builders Council, VRBA advocates for housing affordability, professionalism and responsible building regulations. We advocate via our column every Wednesday in the Times Colonist, regular radio & tv appearances, and a strong social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In and Google Plus. The ill-advised Step Code, and the irresponsible tax grab called the Speculation Tax are just two costly issues with unintended consequences that presently have our attention. In addition, we have been successful in helping to rescind the obstructive EDPA in Saanich. We are also providing input on the review of development/building permit efficiency in Saanich – a review that has taken years to achieve. Builders Council will continue to be the industry's leading voice rooted in research and the real-world market costs/challenges of building and selling homes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29 – How to Enter the CARE Awards, VRBA Office [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

April 12 – VRBA Dinner Meeting, Royal Colwood Golf Club [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

May 15 – Victoria – Understanding Insulation Performance - Building It Right – 7 CPD Credits  
<https://constructivehomesolutions.thundertix.com/events/115231>

June 11 – Deadline for CARE Awards Entries [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

June 14 – VRBA Golf Tournament @ Bear Mountain [admin@vrba.ca](mailto:admin@vrba.ca)

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

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

## 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)

### 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.

Sandman 2852 Douglas St Victoria, BC, V8T 4M5

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)

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**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 <http://mailchi.mp/vicabc/your-biweekly-course-listing-sept5>

### 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.

### COR INTERNAL AUDITOR TRAINING

Apr. 3-4 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

May 16-17 | **VICA Nanaimo** | [INFO & REG](#)

This 2-day BCCSA course introduces the concepts of health and safety program auditing and provides participants with comprehensive information on the Certificate of Recognition program and the certification process for companies seeking COR certification and the Worksafe rebate.

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### BONDING & INSURANCE BASICS

Apr. 10 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This workshop will cover all the basics and improve your knowledge of risk management in construction projects. You will leave with a stronger understanding of common bonding and insurance requirements in tender and contract specifications.

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#### CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING

Apr. 30 - May 1 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

Gain the skills you need to accurately estimate projects and prepare a successful bid. Course topics include project analysis, risk analysis, bid strategies and processes, Construction Division Codes, as well as bonding, insurance and much more!

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**Only offered twice a year!**

#### CONSTRUCTION 101: "BOOTCAMP"

May 8-9 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

This course has something for everyone, whether you have years of experience or are new to the industry. Don't be misled by the '101' — over 30% of our course attendees have 10+ years of industry experience! This course is the industry knowledge boot camp that will support your team's success.

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#### SUPERVISORY & MGMT SKILLS

June 19-20 | VICA Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

Expand your leadership capacity and experience valuable training in communication, negotiation and conflict management. By the end of this 2-day course, you will know how to deliver a successful toolbox talk, deal with difficult people, and more!

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#### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ETHICS

June 21 | VICA Nanaimo | [INFO & REG](#)

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.

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