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2019 CARE AWARDS

The 2019 CARE Awards Call for Entry has been announced! Visit <http://www.vrba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-CARE-Awards-Call-For-Entry-Guidelines.pdf> 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 – TUESDAY APRIL 9

VRBA's April Dinner Meeting presents Mayor Rob Martin outlining his vision for new residential housing in the City of Colwood.

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

Speaker: Mayor Rob Martin, City of Colwood

Members: \$40 + GST

Non-members: \$60 + GST

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

This meeting has been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit for Builder Licensing.

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 of to attend the conference. [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:

- Wensley Architecture Ltd, Barry Weih & Alicia McDonald
- Rannala Freeborn Construction Ltd., Troy Freeborn & Dave Rannala
- KWI Design (Kimberly Williams Interiors), Adriana Wootton & Elaine Martel

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

Builders Council on Wed March 20, 12 noon to 1 pm at the VRBA office:

Rob Berry, Island Energy will discuss building for solar PV-ready. This has been in the news recently with some elected

officials promoting mandatory solar PV-ready for new construction.

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

This meeting has been submitted to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit for Builder Licensing.

HOW TO ENTER THE CARE AWARDS – TUESDAY MARCH 26

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
Tuesday, March 26
VRBA Office Boardroom
10 - 11 am
RSVP admin@vrba.ca

This meeting has been sent to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for approval of 1 CPD credit for Builder Licensing.

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: <https://www.sleggproshow.com/contractorhome>



[CLICK TO VISIT THE SHOW WEBSITE](https://www.sleggproshow.com/contractorhome)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20 – Builders Council: PV solar ready for new homes admin@vrba.ca

March 26 – How To Enter the CARE Awards admin@vrba.ca

April 5 – Slegg Building Materials Annual Contractor Show <https://www.sleggproshow.com/contractorhome>

April 9 – VRBA Dinner Meeting, Mayor Rob Martin, Colwood 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 8 am to 12 pm 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.

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/>

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/>

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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