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2018 CARE AWARDS

The 2018 CARE Awards winners are now online at <http://careawards.ca/2018-winners/>. We have had months of marketing promotion in partnership with the Times Colonist including our weekly column and ad campaign for the Call for Entry, Finalists, People's Choice, Gold Winners, and Oct 27 distribution of our terrific colour magazine. The CARE Awards promotion continues this month in the T-C's Capital Home. We would like to thank Peter Baillie, Director of Advertising, Pablo Miranda, National and Local Advertising Manager and Dani Metzmeier, Advertising Account Manager for their support and hard work to create an outstanding campaign. If you are considering marketing your business, contact Dani at dmetzmeier@timescolonist.com and you will receive great team support experienced by VRBA. Also, support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

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2018 CARE AWARDS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND



PRESENTED BY THE VICTORIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION



Marilyn Wilson, Coast Capital Savings presents Christopher Developments with the award for Best Single Family Detached Custom Home 2,500 to 3,500 sq. ft. for Beachside. The project won 8 Gold CARE Awards including Project of the Year - Single Family.



L to R: John Sercombe, Limona Group receives the Lifetime Achievement Award for industry leadership in affordable, energy efficient housing from Todd Halaburda, Chair of the 2018 CARE Awards.



L to R: VRBA Past President Terry Johal presents Project of the Year - Multi-Family to Mike Geric Construction for Tranno Landing, a multiple CARE Award winner.



Alison Pope, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada (R) presents the award for Single Family Detached Home Over \$3,000,000 to Clarkson Construction for My Time, also winner of the People's Choice Award.



R: Joel Roper, Hourigan's Flooring presents the award for Best Contemporary Kitchen Over 325 sq. ft. to Pacific Concept Developments for Albany.



Tim Urquhart, Siegg Building Materials (L) presents the award for Best Single Family Detached Home \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000 to Abstract Developments and Zebra Group for Oskhaven.



Michelle Hayes, BC Housing (L) presents the award for Best Master Suite over 600 sq. ft. to GT Main Contracting Ltd., Mari Kushno Design and Thomas Philips Woodworking for Norfolk.



Patriot Homes receives the award for Best Single Family Detached Spec Home 2,400 - 2,000 sq. ft. for San Juan from Bill Edler, Victoria Real Estate Board (R). In a tie, the other award winner was Bowsey Construction for Natures Park.



L to R: Spacie Design Studio and Draycor Construction won Best Single Family Detached Spec Home over 3,500 sq. ft. for Tapered Distinction presented by Spencer Evans, ForcaBC.



L to R: Russell Kirk, National Home Warranty presents the award for Best Interior - Residential 2,800 to 2,499 sq. ft. to Jenny Martin Design for Aberdeen Grove. In a tie, the other award winner was Christopher Developments, Zebra Interiors and Hobson Woodworks for Beachside.



L to R: Malcolm McNaughton, BC Housing receives the award for Creating Excellence in Housing Affordability from Todd Halaburda, Chair of the 2018 CARE Awards.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The municipal elections created significant changes in some communities and others stayed the course.

Langford voters maintained their reputation for efficiency and housing affordability by returning Stew Young and his council.

They bring both common sense and innovation to their municipality which is a big part of the reason Langford posts almost 50% of the housing starts this year in the CRD.

Their challenges will mostly come from the provincial level, where the Horgan govt is undermining Langford's successful investment and jobs strategy with ill-conceived policies like the Speculation and Vacancy Tax.

On the other hand, changes in Saanich have been significant where new Mayor Fred Haynes and many new councilors will try to create a cooperative and effective municipality, previously saddled with a reputation for inefficiency and high costs.

Haynes is one of the more knowledgeable elected officials regarding housing and the newly elected, young councilors also appear to have an objective, balanced perspective. All seem to agree Saanich can do much better in terms of administrative efficiency and effectiveness.

In Colwood, Mayor Rob Martin campaigned on boosting economic development and jobs. He points out that 93% of the municipality's tax base is residential, so supporting commercial development will be a priority.

Victoria returned Mayor Lisa Helps and a number of incumbents, as well as new young councilors.

The affordability challenge requires a solid understanding of how the housing market works. If all newly elected officials do their research and engage developers and builders, more housing affordability can be achieved.

It is clear voters want increased cooperation, evidenced by the support for the Victoria/Saanich amalgamation study, and preference for less development conflict contributing to the high cost of housing.

Everyone starts this week with a blank slate and it is an opportunity to work together to improve housing in our communities.

VRBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY NOV 13



VRBA's Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, Nov 13 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. A notice of the meeting and proposed changes to the bylaws, constitution and proposed membership fee increase of \$65 starting July 1, 2019 has been distributed to all members via email. If you have not received the information, please contact Debra at admin@vrba.ca.

In addition, the Annual Financial Statements will be reviewed, Board of Directors will take their Oaths, and President's Awards will be presented.

Speakers are newly elected **Saanich Mayor Fred Haynes** and **Murray Frank, Building It Right** on upcoming changes to the BC Building Code effective Dec 10. There is important information regarding lateral load reinforcement, insulation, vapour barriers and radon. This event has been approved to BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for one hour of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Licensed Builders in British Columbia.

Tuesday, November 13

Royal Colwood Golf Club
629 Goldstream Avenue

6:00 pm – Reception

6:45 pm - AGM

7:00 pm – Dinner

7:30 pm – President's Awards

7:45 pm – Mayor-Elect Fred Haynes

8:00 pm - Murray Frank, Building It Right

Cost: Members: \$40 + GST

Future members: \$60 + GST

RSVP required: Debra at admin@vrba.ca

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members:

Avid Construction (101188004 Saskatchewan Ltd.) – Travis Switucka

Sorensen Trilogy Engineering Ltd. – Brian Lange

Highline Design Ltd. – Gary Osborne

New member applicants:

Larsen Custom Woodworks Inc. / Larsen Group – Erik Larsen

Centra Construction Group – Mark Estrada and Joe Pipitone

Velocity Contracting Holdings Ltd. – Josh Zabder

Victoria Speciality Hardware – Aaron Eicher

Ruffell & Brown Window Fashions – Nigel Brown, Jason Frank and Shauna Scott

VICTORIA BUILDING IT RIGHT SEMINAR – NOV 6 & 7



Coming next week to Victoria - good for 14 CPD points!

Nov 6 & 7 - Cladding & Accessories Installation seminars with Murray Frank, Building it Right

Part 1 Cladding attachment requirements under Part 9 of the BC Building Code

Part 2 Installing light weight cladding including vinyl and metal

Part 3 Installing moderate weight cladding including concrete fiber board

Part 4 Installing moderately heavy cladding including stucco

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

ADVANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

VRBA's energy efficiency seminar on Oct 16 at the Hotel Grand Pacific was a great success thanks to Graham Finch, RDH Building Science; Rob Barry, Island Energy; Anton Van Dyk, Centra Windows; and Russ Barry, Interactive Construction. Also a special thank you to our partners:



WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IN VICTORIA



VRBA has two tickets (our Victoria Royals seats) to the World Junior Hockey Tournament starting Dec 19 – Exhibition game Canada vs Sweden. We will be drawing for the tickets at our AGM Oct 13, Xmas Reception in Dec, and our usual email draws. Here is the [pre-tournament schedule](#) and [tournament schedule](#).

You can preview some of Canada's top players during the Canadian Junior Clubs vs Russia series starting Monday Nov 5 on Sportsnet <http://chl.ca/article/2018-cibc-canada-russia-series-hosts>

Go Canada Go!

VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY



For those not quite up to playing at the World Junior level, there are still a few spots available for our annual co-ed duffer hockey. You never know when NHL scouts will be in the stands! Weekly games started Sept 5 and end 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 and will be pro-rated based on start date. 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, (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!

VRBA BUILDERS COUNCIL – Nov 21

The upcoming Builders Council is Wednesday, Nov 21 at 12 noon at VRBA. Speaker to be announced.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 5 & 6 – South Island Safety Conference <https://southislandsafety.com/>
Nov 6 & 7 - Cladding & Accessories Installation Seminar <http://buildingitright.com/fallwinter-series-201819.html>
Nov 6 – Woodworks Conference wood-works.ca/bc
Nov 13 – VRBA AGM @ Royal Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca
Nov 21 – Builders Council admin@vrba.ca
Nov 22 – Building Smart Seminar on upcoming changes to BC Building Code <https://www.bchousing.org/building-smart-building-code-victoria&filterType=All%20Categories>
Nov 23 – Wood Design Luncheon <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wood-design-luncheon-victoria-tickets-50184675716>
Nov 28 – Pacific Home Warranty Seminars <https://www.progwar.com/cpd-course-2018>
Jan 15, 2019 – Crystal Ball Economic Housing Forecast @ Royal Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca
Apr 9, 2019 – General Dinner Meeting @ Royal Colwood Golf Club admin@vrba.ca

2018 WOOD SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE - NOV 6

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 (one-day)

Time: 7:00am Registration | 7:45am – 3:45pm Exhibit Hall Open | 8:00am – 4:45pm Seminars In Session

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre West, 1055 Canada Place **Registration NOW OPEN** wood-works.ca/bc

The Wood Solutions Conference is dedicated to design and construction with wood products and building systems, including mass timber. This one-day educational event will showcase wood uses in commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-unit residential construction through specifically designed seminar streams, featuring new and current topics and an interactive trade show.

BUILDING SMART SEMINAR – NOV 22

Building Smart with 2018 BC Building Code Changes – Victoria, Nov 22

<https://www.bchousing.org/building-smart-building-code-victoria&filterType=All%20Categories>

Learn about changes in Part 9 of the BC Building Code that will come into force at the end of 2018. These changes will include new provisions for stairs, guards, sound transmission and seismic requirements, accessibility, energy and water efficiency standards, and other design elements. This session will explore a variety of approaches to comply for each of the coming changes. The focus will be on the requirements that apply to single family and low-rise residential buildings.

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Pacific Home Warranty is holding seminars eligible for CPD points on Wednesday Nov 28 at the Comfort Inn, 3020 Blanshard St. They are:

1. Warranty and the Claims Process Course
2. Foundation Drainage Basics and Claims Implications

More info here: <https://www.progwar.com/cpd-course-2018>

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!

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

GOLD SEAL INFO SESSION @ CROWN ISLE | November 7 | Courtenay | [INFO & REG](#)

TRADE CONTRACTORS: GETTING OUT OF THE DAY-TO-DAY IN YOUR BUSINESS | November 8 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

BONDING & INSURANCE BASICS | November 8 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

***Sold Out* LEAN PROJECT DELIVERY BOOTCAMP | November 9 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)**

PLANNING FOR FOREMEN | November 14, 21, 28 | Nanaimo | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATING | November 15 & 16 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOUNDATIONS | November 22 & 29, December 6 & 13 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

BUILDING ESTIMATION TUTORIAL | November 27 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT | December 4 & 5 | Nanaimo | [INFO & REG](#)

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