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2018 CARE AWARDS

The 2018 CARE Awards Gold Winners were announced on Saturday, Sept 29 at the Fairmont Empress. Congratulations to all! The info will be available at www.careawards.ca Project photos will be posted shortly. Thank you to CARE Awards Chair Todd Haliburda, CARE Awards committee, judges and our valued sponsors. The annual CARE Awards magazine will be distributed Oct 27 in partnership with the Times Colonist. The media release is [here](#). Check out the 2-pg spread of photos in the Oct 13 Times Colonist. Here are a few more photos of the event:





Support our sponsors supporting the CARE Awards!

2018 Gold Sponsors



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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: SATURDAY, OCT 20

We have had questions re: which candidates support housing. We met with several in Saanich and Victoria.

Saanich

Candidates that are most supportive are Fred Haynes (Mayor), Rishi Sharma, Shawn Newby. We also met with Ned Taylor and Rebecca Mersereau and both expressed an interest in working with industry to achieve housing affordability through density, rezoning etc. In addition, Karen Harper strongly opposed the EDPA – a bylaw that was very obstructive and costly. Candidates that must accept responsibility for the challenging development/permit processes in Saanich are long-term councilors Judy Brownoff (EDPA supporter) and Susan Bryce. As well, Richard Atwell (Mayor) voted against several new recommendations by Saanich staff to improve development timelines.

Victoria

Most supportive candidates are Mike Geoghegan (Mayor), Andrew Reeve, Grace Lore, Anna King. The worst voting records re: housing are Ben Isitt, Pam Madoff and Geoff Young. They talk a lot about housing affordability but have voted against rentals and townhomes suitable for families. Beware the Together Victoria slate of Collins, Potts and Dubow which could form a voting block with Isitt, also a member of Together Victoria.

Colwood

Rob Martin (Mayor) in Colwood is the most supportive for housing development. Colwood has presented unreasonable challenges and costs to new developments and their new OCP, supported by Carol Hamilton (Mayor) and Cynthia Day will add more costs.

Langford

Of course support for Langford's incumbents is a no-brainer with Stew Young's (Mayor) housing leadership building almost 50% of the new housing in the CRD.

Those are just a few municipalities and more information on candidates is available here

<https://www.timescolonist.com/elections/victoria-candidates-and-voting-information-1.23413032> and <http://www.saanichvoiceonline.ca/2018/10/03/election-time-capsules/>

You don't have to vote for an entire council, but it is important to vote for those that represent solutions to housing affordability. Here is VRBA President Todd Halaburda's column appearing in the Times Colonist next Wednesday, prior to the election:

ONE VOTE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Municipal Elections are Saturday, Oct 20 and voters have two responsibilities - become familiar with the candidates and vote.

Some voters may feel overwhelmed learning the views of a dozen or more mayor and council candidates.

But even voting for a single candidate representing your concerns can make a big difference in how our communities develop.

Your candidate(s) should understand the market forces impacting housing supply and affordability.

They should realize provincial and municipal land use regulations such as zoning and EDPA's limit affordable land, resulting in our housing shortage and rising costs.

Federal, provincial and municipal building code requirements such as Step Code, permit fees, taxes and amenities represent over a quarter million dollars added to the cost of new homes in Greater Victoria.

These regulations, taxes and fees alone cost more than the average home on Canada's East Coast.

On the other hand, Langford represents the Gold Standard for affordable, energy efficient market housing. They have a strong track record and presently build almost 50% of new housing in the CRD.

But they can't do it alone. The other 12 municipalities must make housing a priority to ensure affordable homes are available to accommodate young families.

Obstructive permit processes, uncertainty and high costs are all-too-common in our region, especially in Saanich and Victoria.

Candidates must do more than claim to support housing affordability, especially long-term incumbents. When there are housing affordability problems in their municipalities, they must shoulder the responsibility.

To achieve an affordable place to call home, take the time to review candidates demonstrating real knowledge and

appreciation of housing supply issues.

Einstein said it best – “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”

One vote can make the difference.

(Authorized by Casey Edge, Victoria Residential Builders Association registered sponsor under LECFA 250-383-5044)

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.

Our speaker is 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 submitted 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 – Murray Frank

Cost: Members: \$40 + GST

Future members: \$60 + GST

RSVP required: Debra at admin@vrba.ca

THANK YOU LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT WINNER JOHN SERCOMBE!



John Sercombe, Limona Group won VRBA’s Lifetime Achievement Award and we very much appreciate his remarks at the CARE Awards supporting VRBA and our mutual efforts to promote housing affordability.

VRBA is holding an energy efficiency seminar the morning of **Tuesday Oct 16** at the Hotel Grand Pacific. We strongly support education and training so the *seminar is free for one person per VRBA member company*. However, there are limited seats available. This seminar has been approved by BC Housing, Licensing and Consumer Services for 3 CPD credits for licensed builders. The agenda and registration information is below.



Advancing Energy Efficiency in New Construction

8:30 Coffee

8:40 Welcome and Introduction – Casey Edge, Victoria Residential Builders Association

8:45 Understanding, Building and Testing High Performance Building Enclosures – Graham Finch & Rob Lepage, RDH Building Science

9:30 HVAC Performance and Verification – Are you getting what you paid for? – Rob Barry, Island Energy

10:15 Break

10:30 Window Performance and Value – Anton Van Dyk, Centra Windows

11:15 Path to Passive House – Russ Barry, Interactive Construction

12:00 Adjourn

COST:

Free attendance for 1 person per VRBA company member

\$60 for additional company members

\$200 for non-members – subject to availability

Space is limited, Register now: admin@vrba.ca

WHEN:

Tuesday October 16

8:30 am to 12 noon

WHERE:

Hotel Grand Pacific

South Pender Island Room

463 Belleville St

Thank you VRBA members/partners!



VRBA DUFFER HOCKEY



There are still a few spots available for our annual co-ed duffer hockey. 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 – OCT 24

The upcoming Builders Council on Wednesday, Oct 24, 12 noon features:

Jim Baker, Senior Codes Administrator for BC Building and Safety Standard Branch. The topic will be upcoming changes to Section 9.23 Wood-frame Construction, 2018 BC Building Code and particularly subsection 9.23.13, lateral Loads, braced wall bands/panels etc. Attached is a copy of lateral load changes for your review.

This meeting will be submitted to BC Housing for 1 CPD credit.

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

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

Oct 16 – Advancing Energy Efficiency in New Construction – admin@vrba.ca

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

Oct 24 – Builders Council – admin@vrba.ca

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

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

Nov 6 – Woodworks Conference wood-works.ca/bc

Nov 13 – AGM @ Royal Colwood Golf Club 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 *note new location*

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>

CPD at Sea Next sailing Oct 13 – 20 More at <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/>

OCT TO DEC 2018: CLASSROOM COURSES

PLANNING FOR FOREMEN | October 15, 22, 29 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

GOLD SEAL EXAM | October 19 | Victoria | [LEARN MORE](#)

Rescheduled PROJECT & PROCUREMENT RISK MANAGEMENT | October 23 | Victoria | [LEARN MORE](#)

CONSTRUCTION LAW | October 25 & 26 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

LEAD TO SUCCEED | October 30 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

FINANCIAL CLARITY FOR BUSINESS OWNERS | October 31 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

SUPERVISORY & MANAGEMENT SKILLS | November 1 & 2 | Victoria | [INFO & REG](#)

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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