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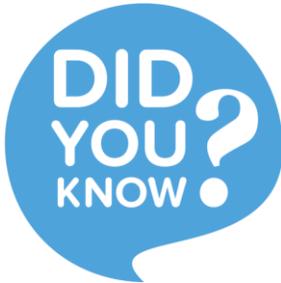
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOMA Mentorship Program



“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen and a push in the right direction.” – John Crosby

Mentoring relationships are a valuable tool that can have a profound positive impact. BOMA’s Mentorship Program was created to assist members who are new to the property management industry and would benefit from the knowledge and guidance of a mentor. We are looking for both mentees and mentors to participate in the program. For more information on how to get involved, please visit our [website](#). If you have any questions about the program, contact our manager of member services, Kiomi Lutz at kiomi@boma.bc.ca.



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Share your thoughts on building an Urban Heat Ready Surrey!

Climate change projections suggest that Surrey will experience hotter and drier summers in the years to come. Dense urban hubs like [City Centre](#) are already hotter than other parts of Surrey due to the urban heat island (UHI) effect. As City Centre undergoes rapid transformation into a walkable, transit-oriented downtown,

Surrey is inviting building development and operation professionals from across Metro Vancouver to share their perspectives and ideas on UHI mitigation and adaptation tools for Part 3 buildings.

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REGULATORY NEWS

Changes in the 2021 Edition of the Canadian Electrical Code

The 2021 edition of the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC) is expected to be proclaimed by the Province of B.C. in the next few months. Copies of the CEC are now available through local electrical distributors and at the [CSA Bookstore: Product - CSA Group](#). The CSA website also offers free online viewing of the CEC.

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EVENTS & EDUCATION

BOMA BC/BOMA Calgary event was a breath of tropical air



BOMA BC teamed up with BOMA Calgary to host an event on April 1 for emerging leaders. With networking opportunities and plenty of interaction, this tropical vacation-themed trivia event was hopefully just the beginning of more interprovincial collaboration. Thank you Entuitive for being a Main Event Sponsor. Congratulations to Krishna Nault on winning a prize, compliments of Haakon Industries.



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GOOD TO KNOW

Metro Vancouver's upcoming drinking water pH adjustment

Source: Metro Vancouver

In early June 2021, Metro Vancouver is planning to increase the pH and alkalinity of the region's drinking water through the use of natural minerals. This increase in pH and alkalinity is an important step in a long-term program to reduce pipe corrosion from naturally occurring elements in drinking water.

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Rent Abatement - Making the best of a bad situation

'Zoom in with...' is PMIC's interview series. The latest video features Peter Willmott, CPM, who discusses measures that can be taken and issues that need to be addressed as property managers deal with tenants and the issue of rent abatements. [View the video here.](#)

To hear more on this topic and discuss it with your peers, keep an eye out for BOMA BC's next Candid Conversations event on May 11 with Aaron Burry of Avison Young.



Project Greenlight

Source: *Project Greelight*

The pace of our transition to a cleaner and smarter future depends, in part, upon the pace at which transit authorities, developers, utilities, and other major enterprises advance their own innovation and sustainability agendas. [Project Greenlight](#) aims to accelerate this transition by using challenge-based calls for innovation that enable members to source, screen, and onboard solutions at an accelerated pace. Members include TransLink, FortisBC, QuadReal Property Group, City of New Westminster and City of Vancouver. Does your company have the tech to solve their [challenges](#)?



BOMA International Releases New Retail Floor Measurement Standard



BOMA International has released the latest update to its floor measurement standard for retail properties, *BOMA 2020 for Retail Properties: Standard Method of Measurement (ANSI/BOMA Z65.5—2020)*. This 2020 Retail Standard reflects changes within the retail property sector since the release of the 2010 edition of the standard, and it is intended exclusively for single tenant, multi-tenant or multi-building retail properties and their associated structures.



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The Consequences of Air Leakage

Source: Tremco Roofing

Do you know how to detect air leakage in your buildings? Routine testing will identify problems that could impact your tenants' comfort and your bottom line.

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Life-saving inspections on AEDs

One in four Automated External Defibrillator failures are caused by battery or power issues. According to a 2012 study, about one in three inspectors forget to check the expiry dates of their AED electrode pads and battery. [Find out](#) what you should be inspecting on these life-saving tools.



EVENT CALENDAR

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Apr 2021

Emerging technologies

This session focuses on two building technologies that are evolving: occupancy tracking & analytics and lighting controls.

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BOMA BC AGM

Attend our virtual Annual General Meeting, free for all members to attend.

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Apr 2021

April Networking & City of Vancouver Keynote

Jessie Adcock, general manager of development, buildings and licensing for the City of Vancouver, will be giving us an update on improvements taking place in her department.

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BOMA Victoria Chapter: Pub Trivia Challenge

Join virtual pub owner Hamish McGuire for his popular pub trivia challenge. This event is free for members of the Victoria Chapter.

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May 2021

QBT (Quality Building Team) Session

Details to come.

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May 2021

Candid Connections: Rent Deferral

Join Aaron Burry of Avison Young as we get candid about rent deferral. More details to come.

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May 2021

BOMA Awards of Excellence, presented by Grimefighters

Network virtually, listen to renowned speaker Gregg Brown, and find out who won an Award of Excellence!

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Jun 2021

How to manage energy in under-occupied buildings

Details to come.

NATIONAL NEWS

Updating COVID-19 variances for BOMA BEST

More than 12 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, this global event has caused significant disruption in building operations due to a reduction in building occupant density as a result of public health and workplace safety measures. However, professionals have identified the best way to continue offering services while respecting safety guidelines.

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Retail outlets the foundation of choice for major real estate developments in B.C.

Source: BIV

After many speculated that the pandemic would lead to the death of bricks-and-mortar stores, retail outlets are now the foundation of major real estate developments and more than \$500 million in investments in B.C.

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Becoming fit for growth: Lessons learned from COVID-19 in B.C. real estate

Source: BIV

As B.C. companies deal with the fallout of the pandemic, now is a good time to reflect on what we've learned so far.

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B.C. urged to scrap vacancy tax on airspace above undeveloped storefronts

Source: Vancouver Sun

Small businesses, municipalities and the provincial government's opposition want the vacancy tax on low-density commercial property airspace to be scrapped.

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Hines office tower design responds to COVID

Source: Construction Business/REMI Network

"Hines is partnering with Reliance Properties to build the first new Vancouver office tower designed in response to COVID-19."

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Will heightened cleaning habits remain post-COVID-19?

Source: *Facility Cleaning & Maintenance/REMI Network*

Results from an American Cleaning Institute survey suggest that enhanced cleaning habits are likely to stay, even once the pandemic is over.

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Former MEC Vancouver headquarters office building sold for \$103 million

Source: *Daily Hive/Urbanized*

Two commercial developers now own 1077 Great Northern Way in Vancouver's False Creek Flats, a four-storey, 120,000-sq-ft complex, formerly home to MEC's Vancouver headquarters.

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