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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Elevator restrictions lifted in Phase 3

BOMA BC staff have confirmed with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer that elevators no longer have capacity restrictions under Step 3 of BC's Restart Plan. Since July 1, physical distancing is no longer required in public indoor settings. However, masks are recommended in indoor public spaces for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated (i.e. 14 days after a second vaccine dose).



### BOMA BC's uTrack program provides value to members



BOMA uTrack is web-based utility monitoring software and services available to **BOMA BC members** to **gain situational awareness to achieve their strategic and tactical utility management goals.**

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### BOMA's New Professionals group launches book club to further careers

To help young professionals along their career path, BOMA has started a book club. Four professional development books will be chosen for the year and book club members can pick and choose which ones they want to read. Informal gatherings to discuss the books will be organized. A special kick-off event is scheduled for September where attendees will meet the author of the first book. Stay tuned for more details on the first book, coming soon! For more info contact Kiomi Lutz at [kiomi@boma.bc.ca](mailto:kiomi@boma.bc.ca).



### Changes in the BOMA BC office

After an incredible 20 years with BOMA BC, Sarah Jones – our very own Senior Manager of Events and Education – is moving on to a new job! Friday, July 9 was her last day with the Association and we wish her all the very best in her new role at the Mechanical Contractors Association of BC.



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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### Opportunity to provide input on Surrey's Climate Strategy

Surrey joined hundreds of cities worldwide in declaring a climate emergency in November 2019. In response, it has been working on developing a new Climate Change Action Strategy (CCAS) to reduce Surrey's carbon pollution to net-zero by 2050 and improve the community's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

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## EVENTS & EDUCATION

### BOMA Golf Classic update

Just two golf spots are left in this 288-player tourney. Individuals and groups of two are eligible to scoop the last spots on a first come first serve basis.

We are back at Northview playing on both the Ridge and Canal courses. Tee times will be assigned (between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.). If you have a preference for a morning versus afternoon tee time, please add that into the notes section of your registration.



### Boat Cruise to be a celebratory experience



The BOMA Boat Cruise presented by Community Fire Prevention will be celebrated with the fun and flair of Mardis Gras!

Boarding takes place between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Westin Bayshore Marina, sails the harbour and returns by 5:30 p.m. More details to come on the entertainment and activities.

[Details are on the website](#) and registration is open.



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### **Advocacy Seminar**

Bring your ideas on how BOMA can make life easier for your business with regard to government policy and regulations.

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**19**

Aug 2021

### **BOMA Golf Classic**

We're playing on both the Ridge and Canal courses of Northview.

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**16**

Sep 2021

### **Boat Cruise**

What better way to celebrate September and the lifting of restrictions than with a Mardi Gras theme? Basic details are available on the website and registration is open.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Soon to be released: BOMA Canada’s 2021 Pandemic Guides

The *2021 Pandemic Guide* and its companion piece *Evolving Pandemic Legal Issues* will be released on Friday, July 16. Those who register for the July 14 [Return to the Office webinar](#) will receive both new guides in advance.



## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### Survey: 65 per cent of built environment employees say it's important to increase diversity

Source: PR Newswire

The National Institute of Building Sciences collected nearly 12,000 responses to the social equity survey.

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### Growth of Vancouver biotech companies sparks demand for specific real estate

Source: Vancouver Sun

Life sciences companies are creating demand for the development of expensive, custom-built commercial real estate space in B.C., according to a principal at brokerage Avison Young.

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### Vancouver’s post-pandemic real estate recovery

Source: Western Investor

There is growing confidence that Vancouver's commercial real estate market will make a significant rebound later this year.

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## **Kelowna takes building boom to next level**

*Source: Western Investor*

It's a big year for real estate in Kelowna. By the end of the first quarter of 2021, building permits were up more than 400 per cent from the year prior.

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## **Unrest grows among B.C. businesses over rising commercial property taxes**

*Source: Global News*

Many businesses in B.C. are facing tough decisions as increasing property taxes impact how they operate.

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## **New White Rock water rate structure could mean increase in some bills**

*Source: Surrey Now-Leader*

White Rock council has voted unanimously to restructure water fees to reflect the actual consumption of customers. For commercial properties and multi-family buildings, this could lead to significant increases in the annual water bill.

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## **Major fitness facility to open at Amazon's The Post in downtown Vancouver**

*Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized*

Downtown Vancouver's The Post redevelopment will welcome Evolve Strength as one of its major tenants, which will occupy 35,000 sq ft of space.

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## **23-storey office tower in downtown approved by Vancouver City Council**

*Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized*

Vancouver City Council has voted in favour of a 23-storey office building to be built on the southeast corner of the West Georgia Street and Richards Street intersection.

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## Canadian commercial real estate may see post-COVID-19 economic upswing: report

Source: Global News

A report from CBRE suggests Canada will see an upswing when it comes to commercial real estate post-pandemic.

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