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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Falling Back Into It



While online meetings and webinars certainly have benefits, there seems to be no substitute for connecting face-to-face, especially with those in your industry. Over the last few weeks, we have had the opportunity to offer a diverse collection of events, including a few exciting in-person events. In case you missed them, here is a recap!

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Climate Action Launch

NEW CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM



(NEW) Building Decarbonization Tool

BOMA BC is excited to announce the launch of our new [Climate Action Program](#). This program encompasses many of the elements you already know and trust, such as [BOMA's Total Waste Management Program](#); [BOMA's e-Energy Training Program](#) and [BOMA U-Track](#); plus, it features several new services and offerings such as: [BOMA's Building Decarbonization Tool](#) and BOMA BC's Leap Forward Award.

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Welcome'd Back - Boat Cruise Recap



Amid a rain-soaked week, we managed to find a pocket of sunshine for our Mardi Gras-themed Welcome Back Boat Cruise!

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A Call For Case Studies



Has your building experienced significant energy savings (+/- 25%) within the past year or two? If so, BOMA BC wants to hear why and how you did it!

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BOMA Award Winners

<p>2021 BOMA International Awards Winner</p>	<p>2021 BOMA International Awards Winner</p>
<p>“Medical Office Building” WESGROUP</p>	<p>“250,000 to 499,999 sq ft Office Building” </p>
	
<p>Three Bridges Community Health Centre 1128 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC</p>	<p>745 Thurlow 745 Thurlow Street, Vancouver, BC</p>

A big congratulations to BOMA BC members, QuadReal Property Group and Wesgroup Properties, for their wins at the 2021 BOMA International Awards in Boston, Mass.!


Their buildings, 745 Thulow St. (QuadReal) and 1128 Hornby St. (Wesgroup), joined five other Canadian BOMA winners over the weekend for seven awards in total — go Canada go!

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

B.C. prolongs provincial sales tax rebate

Source: REMI Network

The provincial government's sales tax rebate on certain building/facilities management and operations essentials has been extended for another six months.

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REGULATORY NEWS

City of Vancouver Permitting Updates



On Sept. 21, Vancouver City Council voted for staff recommendations on permitting and licensing procedures for commercial renovations to go to a public hearing. These new pilot policy changes intend to significantly reduce the impacts to building owners and small businesses from a change of use and allow for more flexibility when adding a demising wall.

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EVENTS & EDUCATION

TNP Book Club: It's Not Them, It's You



We're excited to invite you to our TNP Book Club launch and our first in-person TNP Event since February 2020!

Network with young professionals in your industry and hear from author Laura Sukorokoff as she breaks down her latest work, *It's Not Them, It's You: Why Employees "Break Up" With Their Managers and What to do About It*.

Even if you have not read this book, this event will provide valuable insights and actionable takeaways that you can put into action at your workplace — and beyond!

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2021 BOMA Christmas Luncheon



We are thrilled to announce that our much-anticipated Christmas Luncheon will be back and in-person for 2021!

While we are still in the planning phase, we can share the following details:

Date: Friday, Dec. 3, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM PDT

Location: BC Ballroom, Hotel Vancouver - 900 W Georgia St., Vancouver

Posh party: While the luncheon's theme is still top-secret, it will require dressing up to the nines!

Don't delay: Seats will be limited this year — we will send out a notification as soon as registration opens.


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GOOD TO KNOW

FortisBC to reopen its Renewable Natural Gas program on October 15th

Source: FortisBC



FortisBC will be reopening its [Renewable Natural Gas \(RNG\) program](#) to natural gas customers, as of Oct. 15, 2021. FortisBC was able to secure new RNG supply over the last two years, providing natural gas customers with a carbon-neutral energy option.

Questions? Please contact Ian Mitchell, Key Account Manager at FortisBC, at Ian.Mitchell@fortisbc.com or at 604-592-8237.

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The smart guide to intelligent commercial security risk management

Source: Security Magazine

“When it comes to building properties that attract top tenants, technology plays a key role. Today’s CRE tenants want the latest and greatest, but new technology also comes with increased risks and costs, especially in the hyper-connected Internet of Things (IoT)-driven world we live in.”

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COVID skews Metro commercial real estate outlook

Source: Business in Vancouver

Recent data shows that the commercial real estate sector in Metro Vancouver should be preparing for recovery, but the BC Real Estate Association says that’s far from reality.

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2021 Real Estate Report: With a push from COVID, the B.C. property market is reinventing itself

Source: BC Business

BC Business looks at why industrial real estate keeps booming, where B.C. residents will work post-pandemic, how COVID-19 changed housing patterns, and what First Nations’ rise as developers means for them and for the province’s shelter shortage.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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Oct 2021

TNP Book Club : It's Not Them, It's You

Join us at the Social 7 Lounge in Vancouver for our very first TNP Book Club event!

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Nov 2021

Metro Vancouver’s Waste Reduction & Recycling Toolkit

Zoom Webinar.

Save the date, details to come!

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Nov 2021

November Luncheon

Network with peers and learn from experts in your industry.

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NATIONAL NEWS

What back-to-the office looks like for Amazon

Source: Western Investor

"Soon to become Vancouver's largest office tenant, Amazon expects its workers to spend at least three days in the office each week, bucking a tech-industry trend."

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Concord Pacific planning 5 additional towers for Sears Metrotown redevelopment

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

The second phase of the development at Metropolis at Metrotown shopping centre within the City of Burnaby will be significantly bigger than the first phase.

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CaGBC reveals Green Building Excellence winners

Source: REMI Network

The list of winners of the 2021 CAGBC Awards includes MEC Vancouver, which won the award for New Construction.

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Starlight, AIMCo buy downtown Vancouver office tower

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

Starlight Investments and AIMCo have purchased a fully leased 18-storey office building at 1138 Melville St. in Vancouver. The building is BOMA BEST Silver certified.

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Victoria industrial market among Canada's priciest

Source: Business in Vancouver

"Victoria has one of the smallest commercial real estate footprints among major Canadian cities, but it kicks far above its weight in the metrics that define a market giant."

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Property acquisition off Highway 1 in Chilliwack to fuel economic growth

Source: The Chilliwack Progress

In fast-growing Chilliwack, a large property purchase by Denciti Development could spur even more growth for the city.

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Land-rich Kelowna draws Vancouver developers

Source: Castanet

Vancouver developers are looking to make their mark in Kelowna thanks to the area's land potential.

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