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ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOMA BEST Spotlight: Broadway Tech Centre



QuadReal Property Group was recognized at the October Luncheon for having the following buildings BOMA BEST certified:

Silver level - Broadway Tech Centre building 8

Gold level - Broadway Tech Centre buildings 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7

BOMA BEST



BOMA BC Bylaw Update

Further to recent legislation, BOMA BC was required to comply with the new *Societies Act* by November 28, 2018. BOMA BC had a Special General Meeting prior to the November Luncheon to declare ourselves a “member-funded society” and update our bylaws accordingly. The changes will not have an impact on the daily interaction members have with BOMA.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Permit Wait Times



BOMA BC board members met with City of Vancouver planning staff to discuss ways to improve permit wait times in the city.



Parking Rights Tax

The province is proposing legislative changes that will allow TransLink to increase the Parking Rights Tax – a sales tax paid by people buying off-street parking in Metro Vancouver – from the current 21% to a maximum of 24%. If TransLink increases the parking rights tax to 24%, customers would pay an additional 15 cents on \$5 of parking.

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REGULATORY NEWS

Tipping Fee Bylaw Changes

Changes to the Tipping Fee Bylaw are effective January 1, 2019. Continuing reading for the key changes.

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EVENTS & EDUCATION

Cocktail Wars!



BOMA treated its 2018 Corporate Sponsors to a Cocktail Wars event at Brandywine Bartending. Split into small groups, each team participated in a series of fun challenges, including the main event, where each team had three minutes to craft a unique cocktail using 'black box' ingredients.



Talking about Taxes



Paul Sullivan of Burgess, Cawley, Sullivan & Associates broke down the complex issue of property taxes at the October Luncheon.

The slideshow is in the Education and Careers section of the website, on the subpage [Speaker Presentations](#).



Quality sessions for building operators



This fall, building operators learned about confined space safety and minimizing the risk of Legionella at the October and November QBT sessions. QBT stands for Quality Building Team. While the purpose is to educate operators and engineers, property managers and contractors are welcome to attend.

If you'd like your building maintenance staff to receive invitations to QBT sessions directly, please email their names and email addresses to Sarah Jones at sjones@boma.bc.ca.



EVENT CALENDAR

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Nov 2018

Control Optimization: Pathway towards higher performing buildings[Read More...](#)**30**

Nov 2018

BOMA Victoria Holiday Luncheon[Read More...](#)**5**

Dec 2018

QBT Session[Read More...](#)**7**

Dec 2018

BOMA Christmas Luncheon (Vancouver)[Read More...](#)**7**

Feb 2019

TNP Panel Session with Senior Property Management Professionals[Read More...](#)**GOOD TO KNOW****'Better Buildings' net zero incentive program**

Incentives are available for both commercial renovations and new development.

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Source: Real Estate News Exchange

A new report from Altus Group indicates that commercial property tax rates are almost three times as high as residential rates across Canada, with Vancouver being the only city with a commercial-to-residential tax ratio in excess of four to one.

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**WiredScore marks one year in Canada with KingSett****Source: Real Estate News Exchange**

As WiredScore continues to grow, with more than 100 office buildings in Canada being Wired Certified, PCI Group's 565 Northern Way has become the first development to achieve Platinum Wired Certification in Vancouver.

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**Aquatic centre, waterfront views touted for future Beedie development****Source: Western Investor**

A Beedie development, which is being touted as the only community in Coquitlam with waterfront access, is in its final stages after being put on hold for years after the 2008 economic crisis. In addition to 4,700 residential units, it will have 13,000 square feet of commercial and retail space.

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**ULX: Technological Ingenuity****Source: UrbanLand**

These 10 projects, all built in the last five years, are creatively using new technologies and innovations — from the ways they were built, to the ways they reduce energy and water consumption, and even how they educate visitors about the tech around them.

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**Floor-cleaning robots just the start, says Vancouver company****Source: CBC News**

Three University of British Columbia graduates are helping keep their former school clean. A&K Robotics,

founded by Anson Kung, Matthew Anderson and Jessica Yip, has created a self-driving robot that sucks up grime and polishes floors at two buildings on UBC's campus.

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