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ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOMA's adventure at sea



Unsuspecting guests boarded the Magic Spirit in Coal Harbour to find they were new recruits on a pirate ship. The 2.5 hour cruise included a treasure hunt (the winning team won a chest containing Visa, liquor store and spa gift cards), music by DJ Barronn S, and a pirate-themed photo booth. The group that won Best Costume for their surfer-meets-shark outfits were awarded a bottle of rum and beach-related goodies.

BOMA thanks QuadReal (Presenting Sponsor), Mott Electric for the beer bar, Bee Clean for the photo booth, Trane for entertainment, Black Tie Property Services for the food, and ESC Automation for the costume contest.

[View the video](#)

Photo album



Closing doors saves lives and lawsuits

Take the fire safety pledge by sharing safety tips with occupants. Did you know that a closed-door can reduce the speed at which a fire can spread? And that planned escapes save time and lives. Fire Prevention Week is from October 6 to 12. Protect your investment, and occupants by learning more. Please visit www2.gov.bc.ca

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Meeting with Minister Selina Robinson



Damian and Muneesh of BOMA met with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister Responsible for Translink Hon. Selina Robinson and her staff. They discussed property tax assessment policies and energy reduction programs offered by BOMA.



Request for changes to property tax assessment system

BOMA BC wrote to the Premier on behalf of BC Business Associations to request changes to our property tax assessment system. [View the letter here.](#)





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REGULATORY NEWS

Public review extension on changes to BC Building Code

The province is looking for feedback on proposed changes to the BC Building Code affecting carbon monoxide detectors and alarms, as well as roof-top enclosures and roof-top occupancy. The online review is only open until August 23rd. [Take the survey.](#)



Calling all MURBs!

Multi-unit residential building owners and property managers are encouraged to participate in NRCan's survey on energy consumption. With a high number of MURBs in the Lower Mainland, your input is important. It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete for each building. If you did not receive a unique code, it can be requested by emailing NRCan.BuildingSurvey@nielsen.com. If you already have a code, go directly to the survey at this link: <https://www.nrcanbuildingsurvey.ca>.



EVENT CALENDAR

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Sep 2019

BOMEX St. John's

Attend BOMA Canada's 29th Annual Building Excellence Summit. Hosted by BOMA Newfoundland & Labrador, this event has established itself as one of Canada's premier annual conferences and exhibitions for the commercial real estate industry.

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Sep 2019

TNP Tour of Rogers Arena and Canucks game

Ever wonder what the HVAC system is like for a massive complex like Rogers Arena? This behind the scenes tour will provide a glimpse of what it's like to manage the facility, and discuss leasing arrangements with vendors. We also have a large suite for the pre-season game against the Edmonton Oilers.

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Sep 2019

Smart Buildings seminar

Details to come! For now save the date.

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Sep 2019

BOMA September Luncheon

We're finalizing details – please save the date!

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Oct 2019

QBT Session: Elevator planning and safety

Know your responsibilities and remedies available for elevator/escalator reliability and safety issues, understand the key regulatory and code requirements, industry best maintenance practices, and key elevator modernization considerations.

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Nov 2019

QBT Session: Water treatment tips that save energy and money

Best ways to maintain energy efficiency in boilers, chillers and cooling towers, and how improving water heat transfer will lower gas consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

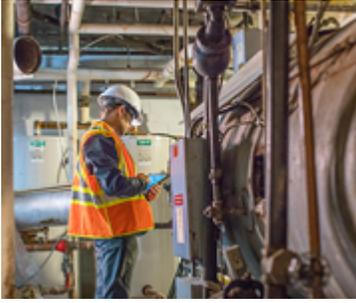
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Dec 2019

BOMA Christmas Luncheon (Vancouver)

Save the date for our biggest event of the year that draws over 800 people.

Rebates help save money, energy and emissions



Whether you're replacing old heating equipment or are planning to develop or renovate a building to meet new energy performance standards, FortisBC has rebates on high-efficiency boilers and water heaters as well as custom incentives for optimizing building controls. If your properties include apartment buildings, you can also get water-saving upgrades and an energy assessment at no cost from the rental apartment efficiency program.

[Find FortisBC rebates for your building at fortisbc.com/businessrebates](https://www.fortisbc.com/businessrebates)

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GOOD TO KNOW

BOMA supports changes to Workers Compensation System

BOMA is a signatory on a submission by the Employer Community to WorkSafeBC regarding changes to the Workers Compensation System.

[View submission](#)



New code of conduct for construction sites

Source: Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect

Several British Columbia construction associations, labour groups, and private industry are joining forces to change worksite culture with a new code of conduct for the industry. Their intent is to reduce harassment, hazing, and bullying on construction sites. As defined by the Builders Code, an acceptable worksite supplies employers with tools, training, and resources to promote a more safe, inclusive, and productive worksite, as well as a pledge document for companies to sign.

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

New Vancouver office tower comes with architectural twists and turns

Source: *Journal of Commerce/ConstructConnect*

A new 32-storey office tower will replace a 15-storey building in downtown Vancouver, adding interest with its series of stacked terraces as its roof, after Vancouver city council approved rezoning of the property earlier this month.

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Strong economy one reason Metro Vancouver commercial land prices won't follow downward trend of home prices

Source: *Vancouver Sun*

According to Real Capital Analytics, a global real estate data company, the commercial property market in Metro Vancouver won't experience price drops similar to the local residential market.

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Metro Vancouver aims to develop 'regional brand' to attract investment

Source: *Vancouver Sun*

The majority of the 21 municipalities that represent Metro Vancouver have their own individual economic development strategies in place, but the Metro Vancouver board is taking a page out of Toronto and

Edmonton's books and has endorsed the creation of an economic development organization that would create a regional brand to attract investment to the area.

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Anthem expands Victoria portfolio; buys strategic site

Source: Real Estate News Exchange

Vancouver-based company Anthem Properties now owns a mixed-use commercial building, which is currently fully leased, in Victoria West.

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Vancouver retail tenants face demolition clauses

Source: Western Investor

Landlords feeling the pressure of Vancouver's high retail rental costs have begun including demolition clauses in their retail rental agreements so they can force retailers out if a developer wants in.

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Critics pan glass buildings as developer envisions world's tallest wooden tower in Vancouver

Source: Vancouver Sun

Vancouver, the City of Glass, known for its tall condo towers and their walls of floor-to-ceiling windows, is being asked to reassess its namesake form of building.

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