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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### When the sun shines, golf!



The recipe for a fun day on the golf course begins with sunshine, and there was plenty of it at the BOMA Golf Classic. Two hundred and eighty-eight golfers convened at Northview's two courses for putting and chipping contests, a free golf lesson and massages. After dinner, a random draw announced the winners of the prize draw, which featured a \$4,500 travel gift certificate. [Read more...](#)

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### Smart buildings week

The week of September 23rd is dedicated to increasing the IQ of your existing buildings! Don't miss our expert lineup of panelists on the 24th, and keynote luncheon on the 26th. See event calendar at bottom for more details.



### 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](http://www2.gov.bc.ca)



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## REGULATORY NEWS

### Energy Efficiency Standards regulations amendments

The province is proposing new and updated standards for residential windows, residential and commercial gas boilers, and computers and monitors. The amendment package also includes regulatory upkeep changes for general service lighting and commercial fenestration standards. Public review and stakeholder consultation ends October 4th, 2019. Stakeholder consultation will be followed by regulatory drafting and submission of the regulatory proposal to Cabinet for approval.

For information on energy efficiency standards visit the [Ministry's website](#).

Information on the current [amendment consultations](#).



### Changes to elevating devices code

Source: Technical Safety BC

Some important changes are taking place around elevating devices that are related to the adoption of the B44-16 Elevating Devices code. One of the items changing is that all elevating devices will soon require maintenance control plans, and a transition plan outlining how units will be onboarded to this program.

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## EVENTS & EDUCATION

### Building Maintenance Trade Program at ITA

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) is reaching out to the commercial real estate industry, along with other organizations, regarding the [Residential Building Maintenance Worker](#) trade in BC. They are currently reviewing this program and seeking input from a number of different organizations to see if there is demand for this trade and to ensure the standards align with industry requirements. They have heard from our industry association of the need for training that is aligned specifically to commercial buildings, and this is a good time to reinforce that message. If you are interested in providing input or want to learn more about the program, please contact Cara Lenoir: [clenoir@itabc.ca](mailto:clenoir@itabc.ca).



## EVENT CALENDAR

**24**

Sep 2019

**Seminar: How to make your building a genius**

Three diverse speakers will give their experience on building intelligence, smart buildings and the integration of different technologies into a platform for the future operation of buildings.

[Register](#)**26**

Sep 2019

**BOMA September Luncheon**

BOMA looks forward to keynote speaker, Sunny Ghataurah, on how to increase your building's IQ with smart technology.

[Register](#)**2**

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.

[Register](#)

**15**

Oct 2019

**BOMA Victoria Chapter Luncheon: Victoria and Saanich Chiefs of Police**

Police Chief Constable Manak and Saanich Police Chief Constable Green will present on policing stats, issues being worked on jointly between the municipalities, and a discussion on how property managers can work with police to deter theft and vagrancy.

[Register](#)

**24**

Oct 2019

**BOMA October Luncheon**

We're back to the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. Save the date!

**6**

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.

[Register](#)

**21**

Nov 2019

**BOMA November Luncheon**

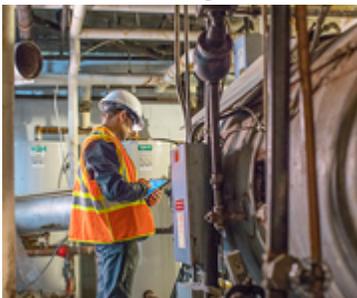
Save the date for our last keynote luncheon of 2019.

**6**

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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## NATIONAL NEWS

### BOMA Canada announces national awards winners

On September 11th, BOMA Canada's national award winners were celebrated at BOMEX in St. John's, Newfoundland. The winners are eligible to compete at BOMA International's awards gala in Philadelphia, and we wish them all great success!

[View winners here...](#)



## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### BC Hydro applies for lower rates

Source: BC Gov News

British Columbians will pay less for electricity next spring if the B.C. Utilities Commission approves BC Hydro's request for a decrease in rates.

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### Commercial Real Estate: Vancouver a 'gem' in luxury retail market

Source: Vancouver Sun

With B.C.'s economic growth rate expected to surpass the national rate, according to a CoStar Group Canada report, more retailers are looking for space in the Vancouver area's popular malls, most of which are fully occupied.

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## **Commercial Real Estate: Co-working concept continues market expansion**

Source: Vancouver Sun

"We're seeing this demand (for co-working) continue to grow and we're continuing to invest as an organization in deploying more locations and more space across our multi-brand approach," Wayne Berger, CEO, IWG Canada and Latin America, told Postmedia. In Vancouver, IWG's Spaces franchise alone has three open or soon-to-open locations.

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## **North Shore's Shipyards mixes heritage with community space**

Source: Journal of Commerce/Construct Connect

Tenants of the Shipyards mixed-use development in North Vancouver are preparing to open up shop in the next couple of months.

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## **Office space vacancies hit all-time low**

Source: Business in Vancouver

Office space vacancies are dropping thanks to a rise in tech companies and increased demand for co-working space.

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## **2019 CRE marketing strategies combine new, old digital tools**

Source: Real Estate Weekly

As social media continues to evolve, it can be difficult to increase your business' presence online, whether you are a small or large firm. With that said, there are several strategies you can work on to ensure your message is heard.

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## There is no escaping the automation of commercial real estate brokerages

Source: Propmodo

It's no secret that the CRE brokerage business has been impacted by artificial intelligence and automation. Here's how new technology is changing the work of those in the industry and their client relationships.

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## Commercial Real Estate: Huge mining site for sale outside Abbotsford

Source: Vancouver Sun

As one of B.C.'s oldest companies prepares to close its doors, a commercial redevelopment opportunity presents itself on a historic mining site near Abbotsford.

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## Fort St. John sees real estate uptick post-LNG approval

Source: Business in Vancouver

Northern B.C.'s second largest city has seen a significant increase in both commercial development and residential real estate values since the approval of a \$40 billion LNG project.

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