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ASSOCIATION NEWS

BOMA BC helping with national COVID-19 resources

Since mid-March, BOMA BC member Dawn Surette (Warrington PCI Management) and president Damian Stathonikos have been part of a national COVID-19 working group chaired by BOMA Canada. The working group brings together subject matter experts (including Susan Bazak, the author of BOMA Canada's Pandemic Planning Guide) from across the country to plan and create timely resources.

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In memory of Kieran McGrath



Kieran touched the lives of countless BOMA members. Most recently, he was a property manager for Park Royal Shopping Centre but many of us knew him from earlier days at Bentall Kennedy, BJC-WSI and Oxford Properties. He will be remembered for his smiling face, ability to make people laugh and his fun-loving nature. We share with you the eulogy.

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Labour Study update

BOMA BC has embarked on the fourth phase of its Labour Market Strategy in partnership with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. This project will implement some of the key strategies identified for our sector during our strategy development stage. The project is being overseen by a Governance Advisory Committee made up of senior representatives from the commercial real estate industry and will be focusing on creating usable tools that will help ensure our industry's labour market is ready to lead our industry for the next decade and beyond.



Fire Prevention Training

Candle use increases during the winter months and is a cause of home fires and home fire deaths. In the USA fire departments respond to an



estimated 11,640 homes structure fires that were started by candles which caused 126 deaths, 953 injuries and \$438 million in direct property damage. Keep your occupants educated and safe.

[Download this free resource ready for circulation here. FireWise Consulting...education that saves lives.](#)

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Government relations update

BOMA BC has been engaged with all levels of governments as our sector deals with the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. BOMA has been outlining concerns with regard to safety, security and accessibility, and have taken steps to support economic recovery strategies. If you have ideas on what governments can be doing that will be particularly helpful for your company, your staff, or your tenants at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



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REGULATORY NEWS

Technical Safety BC: Remote assessments

In April, Technical Safety BC made the decision to suspend all in-person assessments, with the exception of incidents or hazards that are deemed critical to the safety system. What this means to the industry is that once a request for inspection (declaration) has been received, safety officers will assess the information to determine the appropriate next step, which can be one of the following options.

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Continuing education requirements for Elevating Devices Mechanics

The Elevating Devices Safety Regulation requires you to complete continuing education training before renewing your Elevating Devices Mechanic certificate of qualification.

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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.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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May 2020

BOMA BC Awards Happy Hour

Have a chat in a virtual meeting room, listen to a comedian, and of course find out who won an award!

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Jun 2020

QBT Session

Topic details to come!

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Aug 2020

BOMA Golf Classic

Stay tuned for further details!

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BOMA Boat Cruise

Aug 2020

This afternoon harbour cruise may soon become your favorite BOMA event. Our back-up date is August 27 - we hope it will be business as usual by then.

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Sep 2020

BOMEX Vancouver

The Planning Committee is considering various possibilities for the conference. More information to come in late May.

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Dec 2020

BOMA Christmas Luncheon

Set aside 11 a.m. until at least 2 p.m. for BOMA's largest event of the year.

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GOOD TO KNOW

Guide: Preparing Your Building for Back to Work

After a period of “hibernation,” the commercial real estate industry is now preparing for a phased re-entry. To provide guidance on building operations and management, BOMA Canada and its volunteers from across Canada have put together the Pathway Back to Work - Commercial Real Estate, Coronavirus and Re-Entry Guide.

This guide provides recommended pathways for the return of tenants, building personnel, visitors, vendors, contractors and others to commercial real estate across Canada. [To download click here.](#)



Reopening Your Fitness Centre



Source: Nicole Wutschnik and Caroline Collins, Curtis Health

Fitness centre reopening will take place in stages during Phase 3 in BC. Now is the time for property managers to start looking at their own framework for reopening so the sites are ready and, most importantly, safe. Reopening will comply with the most up-to-date information from national, provincial, and local authorities, especially with respect to physical distancing guidelines and enhanced cleaning. In advance of the fitness

centre openings, protocols will need to be established and communicated clearly.

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Why replace your roof when you can restore it?

Source: Tremco

Does your roof system look like it's nearing the end of its life? Funding for a new roof may not be in the capital budget, however, roof restoration is a great alternative for building owners to use their maintenance allowance to significantly extend the life of their roof by 10 to 30 years.

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Improve your Building's Energy Performance



Would it be helpful to see your building's energy usage at a glance? At little or no cost to you, Trane can provide a snapshot and analysis of your building's energy profile, and outline action plans and recommendations for improvement. With just one year of energy data, Trane professionals will provide you with insights into cost savings and sustainability. Why? Because if you can see a problem, you can change it.

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

For B.C. real estate, will COVID-19 bring down the house?

Source: BC Business

The COVID-19 pandemic poses many challenges for the property market and raises questions about the B.C.'s overall economic resilience.

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What offices might look like in a post-COVID world

Source: CBC News

Workers eager to their return to work at the office should prepare for new safety protocols.

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CRE owners stuck between tenant needs, building expenses

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

As some commercial tenants struggle to pay rent, building owners, particularly those with retail spaces, have had to look at alternative ways for covering their own costs.

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Commercial buildings are empty but still require maintenance

Source: The Globe and Mail

While many industries slowed down as COVID-19 forced closures across Canada, some property managers are busier than ever.

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Social distancing seen to influence post-COVID-19 office demand and design

Source: The Georgia Straight

Dan Boram, CEO of Greater Vancouver office-design company Aura Office Environments, shares what he expects offices will look like after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Surrey City Council approves economic action and recovery plan

Source: URBANIZED/Daily Hive

The City of Surrey's economic action and recovery plan includes late payment penalty extensions for property taxes and approval of building permits.

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