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ASSOCIATION NEWS

In-person event planned for July 30!



The survey results firmly show there is a group of BOMA members who are ready for a return to in-person events. We are excited to announce "BOMA's Great Outdoors Event" set for Thursday, July 30th.

BOMA is sensitive about keeping members safe and reducing health risks. As such, the event is fully outdoors at Belcarra Regional Park and will be capped at 50 people including staff. Lunch will be

individually boxed, and we will be reminding registrants to stay home if they feel unwell or have cold/flu symptoms.

Choose between one of two staggered hikes, or a photo scavenger hunt for those who want to stay near the picnic shelter.

[View details and register](#)



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

BOMA makes submission to BC Budget Committee

BOMA made a [pre-budget submission](#) to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for priorities they should focus on in the upcoming year. BOMA recognizes the need for new programs and initiatives to help building managers achieve climate action targets. We encouraged the province to adopt Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) and other property tax tools and incentives to help building managers make long term investments in energy reduction projects. We also asked for funding for energy training resources to directly support our members with new energy and carbon reduction regulation programs that are on the horizon.



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REGULATORY NEWS

Exterior Means of Egress Structural Inspections Program

Source: City of Vancouver

On June 25, 2020, a new Fire By-law provision took effect, which may impact your property. Please read [Bulletin 2020-001](#). At this time, buildings four storeys or higher are subject to the inspections by a professional engineer.

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Decorative water features in Vancouver



Decorative Water Features require an operating permit for July 1

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EVENT CALENDAR

30
Jul 2020

BOMA's Great Outdoors Event

It's summer, let's take the networking outside! Beautiful Belcarra Regional Park is the setting for this outdoor adventure. Choose from two options: go on one of two hikes or stay in the park for a Photo Scavenger Hunt and networking game.

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Aug 2020

BOMA Golf Classic

The date is still saved at Northview Golf and Country Club in case social physical distancing rules are relaxed.

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Aug 2020

BOMA Boat Cruise

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

Accessible built environments

A speaker from the Rick Hansen Foundation will discuss universal design. More details to follow.

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Oct 2020

Session on BC Hydro's planned upgrades for downtown

More details to come.

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Oct 2020

BOMEX

The annual BOMEX conference is moving online for 2020! BOMA Canada will host a virtual conference the week of October 26 with a great line up of educational sessions, speakers and networking opportunities. We look forward to seeing you at our rescheduled Vancouver conference in 2021. Details on both events to follow!

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Dec 2020

BOMA Christmas event

The committee is re-imagining what the Christmas Luncheon will look like. We'll keep you posted!

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NATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations Canadian winners of BOMA International awards!

International TOBY winners shone during BOMA International's Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards presented live via webcast on Thursday, July 9.

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Net Zero Challenge – Deadline Extension

Applicants now have until August 21, 2020 to apply to the BOMA Canada Net Zero Challenge! Supported by Natural Resources Canada and sponsored by Bullfrog Power, a Spark Power company, the Net Zero Challenge recognizes buildings that have achieved outstanding energy performance, have dramatically improved their performance, or have demonstrated leadership through the implementation of replicable and innovative strategies that support efficiency and clean energy production.

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GOOD TO KNOW

BC Hydro commercial program offers

To help customers participate in BC Hydro's programs this year, the following is a list of its promotional offers for projects completed by March 31, 2021.

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Indoor Air Quality: Everything you need to know

Gateway Mechanical has produced a comprehensive guide on indoor air quality for building owners and managers, drawing from industry, science and public health. [View the guide](#) to find out why IAQ matters, what you need to know, and how to improve it.



Restarting BOMA BEST Verifications & Question Variances

As the country moves toward the next phase in its response to the COVID-19 health crisis, several provinces have begun re-opening businesses and services. In light of this progression, BOMA Canada is happy to announce that BOMA BEST verifications can resume at this time, though some modifications to the process may be required. Additionally, variances will likely be required when answering certain questions in the BOMA BEST assessment.

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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

Amazon poised to be largest corporate office tenant in downtown Vancouver

Source: urbanYVR

Amazon Canada will occupy the two office towers of QuadReal's redevelopment of the former downtown Vancouver Canada Post building.

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More than two-thirds of B.C. workers wouldn't return to the office in the fall: poll

Source: Vancouver Is Awesome

Results from a recent Insights West survey suggest that the majority of British Columbians do not feel comfortable returning to the office.

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Big city development underway in North Okanagan

Source: Kelowna Capital News

Construction on the Silver Star Gateway Business Park in Vernon is now underway. The multi-million dollar development consists of five buildings and will address the shortage of industrial space in the region.

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Enabling Accessibility Fund opens for proposals

Source: REMI Network

Building owners and facilities managers could qualify for funding up to \$100,000 to install ramps, accessible doors and accessible washrooms. Applications must be completed soon since this new round of the federal Enabling Accessibility Fund will approve projects on a first come, first served basis.

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Getting Back to Work: Refined Data Releases a Free App with the Comprehensive BOMA COVID-19 Checklist

Source: Benzinga

The RefinedData mobile app is a tool that frees building managers from paper forms and helps them deal with the key operational aspects of running a site from their phones.

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Major Mission development going forward, with or without casino

Source: Mission City Record

Construction on the Outlook Village commercial development is expected to begin by fall.

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City of Vancouver to explore reviving corner stores in neighbourhoods

Source: URBANIZED/Daily Hive

Once a staple in many neighbourhoods, corner stores in Vancouver may see a revival in the near future.

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Vancouver's live music venues risk closure as pandemic restrictions continue

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

Many entertainment venues in Vancouver are facing possible closures as pandemic restrictions limit their operations.

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Canada ensures true international BOMA executive

Source: REMI Network

Canadians now fill half of BOMA International's executive officer positions with the election of Randal Froebelius as vice chair.

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