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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### **Greater Victoria 2030 Resiliency District partners with UVic's Dr. Evins**

BOMA and our Greater Victoria 2030 Resiliency District has partnered with the University of Victoria and Dr. Ralph Evins to lead research into the changes required to help buildings reduce their energy and waste consumption by 50 per cent by the year 2030 (from 2007 levels) thanks to funding from the CleanBC Building Innovation Fund. If you would like one of your Greater Victoria buildings to participate, please let us know.



### **BOMA BC launches microsite for archived webinars and online community**

We now have a microsite to house our webinars on a platform hosted by PMIC (Property Management Institute of Canada). The new platform allows you to connect, engage and expand your knowledge in trends impacting the sector via your computer, tablet or phone. As a member of BOMA BC, you not only have access to our webinars, but you will be able to engage with others across Canada by accessing open online communities.

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### **Membership survey**

We want to know what you think about your BOMA membership. Please complete our 2020 member survey — check your email for the link. All input is confidential and we rely on your feedback to help us help you! Thank you.

### **Delay in eNews due to platform outage**

Our eNewsletter and Online Buyers Guide host, Naylor Association Solutions, suffered a technical outage. We apologize for the interruption to our services, and have been assured by Naylor that everything has

been fixed. We appreciated your patience, thank you.

## Spotlight on BOMA BC's Platinum and Gold sponsors



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### BOMA advocates for more access to the CECRA program

Thank you to BC Finance Minister Carole James for helping our small businesses and landlords get more access to the federal CECRA program. View the [letter BOMA sent to Minister James](#) outlining our concerns and encouraging the province to push the federal government for changes.

[Vancouver Sun article "B.C. finance minister says federal small business rent aid program flawed"](#)



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## EVENTS & EDUCATION

### What to expect this fall

Early survey results suggested that members were ready for smaller groups of in-person networking but the demand wasn't enough to justify an event. With cases of COVID-19 back on the rise, perhaps sticking to virtual events isn't such a bad idea. Most of us are facing Zoom-overload but for the foreseeable future, Zoom provides us with a fairly reliable platform for getting educational content out, combined with the opportunity for live questions. Let us know if there are any topics you'd like us to cover in the coming months. View the events calendar below to see what we currently have scheduled.

Providing networking opportunities remains a priority. Expect to see breakout rooms prior to keynote

speakers. Our virtual Christmas Event on December 4 is shaping up to be memorable, fun, interactive and entertaining. Details to follow.



## EVENT CALENDAR

**7**

Oct 2020

### **QBT Session webinar**

Details to come.

**22**

Oct 2020

### **BC Hydro upgrade session**

Save the date for this webinar.

**4**

Nov 2020

### **QBT Session webinar**

Details to come.

**18**

Nov 2020

### **Microsoft Teams training**

Find out how to get the most out of Microsoft Teams, and view a live demo.  
More details to come.

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Dec 2020

### **BOMA Virtual Christmas event**

A unique, memorable and fun virtual networking event is being planned. Keep the date open!



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## GOOD TO KNOW

### Coronavirus back to work support

To provide guidance on building operations and management, BOMA Canada and its volunteers from across Canada have put together an updated [Pathway Back to Work – Commercial Real Estate and Re-Entry Guide](#).



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## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### Ottawa extends commercial rent relief program, CECRA, into August

Source: **CBC News**

The federal government has extended Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA), its rent subsidy program to support small businesses, by another month.

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## **Cut PST in half for two years to help economy recover, says B.C. Business Council report**

**Source: Vancouver Sun**

A report from the B.C. Business Council recommends that the province cut provincial sales tax for two years and prioritize certain infrastructure and social projects to help the economy bounce back.

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## **Top 100 Richmond businesses contribute half of commercial taxes**

**Source: The Province**

Despite making up less than 10 per cent of all properties in Richmond, businesses pay nearly half of the city's property taxes, or \$100 million. The top 100 commercial properties in the city pay half of its commercial taxes, equivalent to \$51 million.

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## **Sandstone development plan a 'game changer for south Nanaimo'**

**Source: Times Colonist**

Revised blueprints for the Sandstone development at the junction of the Trans-Canada and Duke Point highways include a business park, which is expected to create 5,500 jobs once complete.

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## **Rebates for BC Businesses And Non Profits Going Electric**

**Source: Business Examiner**

The CleanBC Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive (SUVI) program will provide rebates for businesses and organizations using green technology.

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## **Colwood approves plans to expand Royal Bay development**

**Source: Kamloops This Week**

Following a public hearing, Colwood council approved plans to include commercial development on Latoria Boulevard in Royal Bay.

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## Surrey City Council approves new 25-storey office tower for Central City mall

**Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized**

Blackwood Partners' proposal for a 25-storey office tower in Surrey has been approved by city council.

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