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### Solution for safe socializing this December

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### **BOMA letter to Council re: ZEB Strategy**

BOMA BC has been working with City of Vancouver buildings staff on a more flexible system of regulations pertaining to existing buildings under the new Zero Emissions Buildings Strategy. More work will take place over the next year as emissions targets are established. [Read the letter to City Council here.](#)



### **Commentary on building retrofits**

BOMA's director of government affairs, Muneesh Sharma, co-wrote a commentary on why government should act quickly on PACE financing. [Read the article here.](#)



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## EVENT CALENDAR

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### **Microsoft Teams training**

Working effectively remotely with your colleagues has never been more important. If you're thinking about using Teams, or want to learn how to get the most out of it, join us for this live demo.

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### **Managing a building's ventilation and air cleaning in the age of COVID-19**

As you encourage more tenants that it is safe to return to work, you'll need to address one of their major concerns — that the air they'll be breathing is as clean as possible. This session takes a look at different types of ventilation and air cleaning technologies and their application in commercial buildings. Hear from experts from the indoor air quality and HVAC industries.

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Dec 2020

### **BOMA Virtual Christmas event**

We're whisking you away to a pandemic-free, virtual island where you will be free to network, socialize and meaningfully connect. Imagine a virtual island, where your avatar can freely walk around and have live conversations. The 3D interactive virtual world takes inspiration from video gaming platforms. Similar to past Christmas events, it will be fun, includes activities and has heaps of great prizes!

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### **Several local buildings win national BOMA Canada awards**



BOMA Canada had its first virtual Awards Gala and we are pleased and proud to report that six of the winners are from BC and are eligible to compete internationally.

Photo on left: 745 Thurlow, managed by QuadReal Property Group, winner of a TOBY Award in the 250,000 to 499,999 s.f. category.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

### City of Vancouver webinar on Rainwater Harvesting & Non-Potable Water Systems

The City of Vancouver and Vancouver Coastal Health's Nov. 20 webinar is free to attend. It addresses the use of rainwater and groundwater in buildings for non-potable applications (such as toilet flushing, irrigation and cooling towers) from the perspectives of the Vancouver Building By-law (VBBL) and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

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### Commercial aerator replacement program for CRD area

Increased handwashing due to COVID-19 sanitation protocols can also mean an increase in water use and the associated costs for businesses and institutions during an already challenging time. The Capital Regional District (CRD) is launching a new program...



## **FortisBC rebate helps lower operating costs for building owners**

Source: Pace Solutions

FortisBC, is offering its customers a substantial rebate on the pioneering water additive EndoTherm® under the new “Hydronic Additive” category. When added to hydronic system water, it lowers energy consumption and emissions by up to 15%, helping buildings reach GHG emission goals with no new equipment or downtime. This reduces energy costs, offering an average simple payback of under two years.



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## **AROUND THE INDUSTRY**

### **New commercial rent relief bypasses landlords**

Source: Business in Vancouver

The federal government's Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy announced last week will provide rent and mortgage-payment assistance to commercial real estate tenants and owners.



### **Larger tenants entering Vancouver office subleasing market**

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

According to Colliers International senior vice-president Matt Carlson, now that we're seven months into the pandemic, bigger companies who took over subleases from small businesses at the beginning of the outbreak are now looking at subletting.





## **Vancouver, Calgary chop commercial property taxes**

Source: Western Investor

“With a decrease of 27.9 per cent from 2010, Vancouver posted the largest drop in commercial rates out of 11 cities surveyed by the Altus Group for its 2020 Canadian Property Tax Rate Benchmark Report, released October 26.”

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## **Victoria’s Old Town draws modern developers**

Source: Western Investor

“Victoria’s Old Town, a swath of downtown that features historic buildings and Canada’s oldest Chinatown, is being transformed by both large and small-scale developers.”

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## **Early images released of plans for old Molson Brewery site**

Source: CTV News

Concord Pacific has released images showing initial plans for Quantum Park, a development consisting of retail, office and residential space, on the site of the old Molson Brewery in Vancouver.

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## **Maritime museum fishes for tenants for new Langford centre**

Source: Victoria News

The \$87-million Pacific Maritime Centre, scheduled to open in 2024, will be the new home of the Maritime Museum of BC. The development will include an office tower with commercial space to provide the museum with more financial sustainability.

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## **Ladysmith’s waterfront area plan progressing**

Source: BC Local News

This article highlights the development activity taking place on Ladysmith’s waterfront.

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