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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### An avatar Christmas



2020 has been a year of playing it safe so it's interesting that so many members took a risk registering for a strange event concept that was hard to imagine. There were times when we couldn't tell who was speaking to who (the avatars' mouths don't move), and avatars walking right through other avatars but it all added to the unique experience. It was particularly entertaining when a colleague walked into the giant Christmas tree — she eventually resurfaced.

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### 2021 Membership Renewal emails are out!

We recognize the challenges that this year has brought for some of our members, so we would like to offer a payment instalment option. If you'd like to discuss your options, or make changes to your membership, please contact [Kiom Lutz](#), our member services manager. The renewal email went to the principal member listed on file for your company.

As always, we want you to value your membership. If we can improve, please reach out! We are here to serve you.



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## REGULATORY NEWS

### WorkSafeBC inspections during COVID-19

WorkSafeBC inspections and consultations are an important part of ensuring health and safety in B.C. workplaces. WorkSafeBC officers may call or visit unannounced to evaluate how you are protecting your workers and how you are applying the appropriate safeguards to properly manage the overall risk of COVID-19 exposures.

[Find out more about WorkSafeBC on-site and remote inspections here.](#)



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## EVENTS & EDUCATION

### To ski or not to ski, socially

A couple of weeks ago a survey went out asking members how they feel about attending an organized ski trip. The results are mixed but over 30 people are interested in attending. If you would like BOMA to organize this event but you haven't taken the quick survey, please do, so that we have your feedback on record.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Changes to BOMA BEST Questionnaires Coming March 1, 2021

The BOMA BEST Technical Committee has been hard at work completing Technical Clarification Requests (TCRs). The following TCRs will go into effect on March 1, 2021 for all applicable building types (see each TCR Resolution Summary for details).

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## GOOD TO KNOW

### Managing the dynamic control measures for COVID-19

Source: GDI Integrated Facility Services (BOMA Gold Sponsor)

As we navigate through the pandemic and learn more about COVID-19 and how it spreads, the facility services industry continues to evolve its offerings to help keep clients and their tenants safe and healthy.

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### BC Hydro lowers rates

BC Hydro customers will receive a one-time bill credit early next year as a result of an additional 0.61 per cent rate decrease that is effective retroactively to April 1, 2020.

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## Just Released: BOMA International COVID-19 Impact Study

While COVID-19 continues to be a disruptive force for the office sector and its tenants, the perceived value of the office as a key ingredient of business success remains strong. That is one of the major takeaways of the BOMA International COVID-19 Commercial Real Estate Impact Study, a groundbreaking study of more than 3,000 U.S. commercial office space decision-makers.

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## AROUND THE INDUSTRY

### Almost half of all tenants likely to reduce square footage - survey

Source: MPA

"A study of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on commercial real estate, commissioned by the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA), has found that office users face widespread economic challenges but many remain convinced that in-person workspaces are crucial to their operations."

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### Commercial real estate: Trends to watch in 2021

Source: The Globe and Mail

"The story of Canada's commercial real estate in 2021 will depend on how many COVID-19 plot twists have caused permanent changes in leasing and transaction patterns."

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## **Business is booming for HVAC companies as commercial buildings see pandemic upgrades**

Source: BC Local News

The HVAC industry has seen a boom as commercial property owners and managers look to upgrade their systems to protect occupants from COVID-19.

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## **Pandemic sparks blizzard of change across CRE industry**

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

Real estate professionals say that COVID-19's effects on the industry will be far-reaching and long-lasting.

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## **Nike opens at The Amazing Brentwood, Cineplex Rec Room up next soon**

Source: Daily Hive/Urbanized

Nike is the first major international retailer to open in the outdoor retail area of The Amazing Brentwood shopping centre in Burnaby.

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## **Surrey Board of Trade Eyes Waterfront Development Along the Fraser River**

Source: The Runner

The Surrey Board of Trade is working with real estate planning and development firm Purpose Driven Development on the Fraser River Waterfront Revitalization Initiative in hopes of developing areas along the Fraser River into residential, commercial and recreational zones.

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## **Denciti to build strata industrial in Langley, B.C.**

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

“Longstanding relationships with a local broker and a development partner have made it possible for

Vancouver's Denciti Development to find a prime building site in Langley, and to quickly move ahead with a much-needed strata industrial development.”

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## Megaquake would severely shake tall Lower Mainland buildings: study

Source: Vancouver Is Awesome

According to a new UBC study, a megathrust Pacific Northwest earthquake would shake tall buildings in the Lower Mainland harder than currently believed.

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