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ASSOCIATION NEWS

A snapshot of BOMA's achievements during 2020

<p>2020  AT A GLANCE</p>	<p>EVENTS & EDUCATION</p>	<p> 1st Avatar social event in BC for commercial buildings industry (200 guests @ BOMA Jingle & Mingle)</p>
<p>ADVOCACY </p>	<p> 23 Events Hosted (with 17 Virtual): - Young Professionals Webinar - 1 Keynote - 2 Social Events</p>	<p>MEMBER RESOURCES </p>
<p> Working with health officials to keep buildings open.</p>	<p>+ 12 Webinars covering topics like - Transitioning Buildings to Increased Operations - Optimizing Buildings for Energy Efficiency - Microsoft Teams Training</p>	<p> 79% of members are extremely satisfied with BOMA BC overall</p>
<p> Provincial and local engagement to improve permit processing</p>	<p> First local association to host a virtual event!</p>	<p> Created a business continuity guide for members</p>
<p> Successful tax lobbying saving businesses millions every year.</p>	<p> 106 Ski Day participants (Record number!)</p>	<p> Active participant in BOMA Canada COVID-19 Working Group</p>
<p> Championing workable regulations to accomplish Climate Adaptation goals</p>	<p> Thanked Corporate Sponsors with Pub Trivia Event</p>	<p> New Strategic Plan for 2021-2023</p>



BOMA BC host of western Canada's first 2030 District

BOMA BC along with 10 major property managers, the City of Victoria, and the District of Saanich have officially launched the Greater Victoria 2030 District. The 2030 District's vision is to become a hub of high performing buildings, transforming the built environment and the role it plays in mitigating and adapting to climate change. This is Canada's second "Established District", joining 22 other leading communities in North America.

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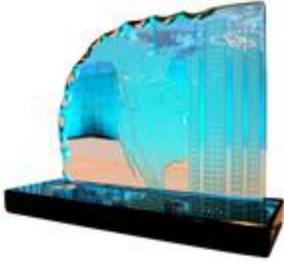


2021 BC Assessment Report includes more cities

New this year is the data for Nanaimo, Kamloops and Kelowna. We've worked with Altus to make this report more valuable for members across the Province and welcome any feedback about how to improve further. [Log into the BOMA website to view the publication.](#)



Start getting your award entries ready!



Get recognized for a job well done. The entry deadline for BOMA BC's Awards of Excellence is **March 5**. There are several categories for vendors and property management firms. Larger submissions (i.e. TOBY Awards) get completed more quickly with a team approach.

[Full details are on the website](#), including a Helpful Hints document to get you

started.



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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

PACE BC Consultation

Thanks to the work of BOMA and other groups, the province is moving ahead with a PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) BC legislation framework for a pilot project, and is conducting stakeholder engagement sessions to determine the best course of action on PACE-related incentive programming options. BOMA will be participating in the consultations, which are being led by the firm designing the pilot. If you have any information to add to the discussion about PACE, please feel free to share it with Muneesh Sharma at muneesh@boma.bc.ca.



City of Vancouver Permitting

BOMA BC had two recent meetings with senior staff from the City of Vancouver to discuss ways we can help our members improve their wait times.

From permit delays, electronic submissions, demising wall construction, to energy, environmental and seismic improvement triggers, we discussed many ways that will help you get permits faster. We look forward to providing you with more updates on how the process is being improved in the coming weeks.



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EVENTS & EDUCATION

Ski Day update

The event *might* be moving ahead, if safe to do so. For now, keep both Thursday, March 4 and Friday the 5 open just in case.



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EVENT CALENDAR

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Jan 2021

Universal Building Design for true accessibility

Does your building have a barrier-free design so that anyone, regardless of age or ability, can access and use your building? This session for property managers and building operators will help you understand what Universal Design and Meaningful Access are. It will also inform you of the next steps after deciding that you want to make your building more accessible.

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Mar 2021

Which projects move forward?

How can property managers get some projects back up and running? This session focuses on the types of projects that are good to do now while there is less occupancy in buildings.

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Apr 2021

Emerging technologies

This session is about the latest building technology, and ones that are evolving that you should have on your radar.

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May 2021

BOMA Awards Gala

Stay tuned for details!

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Jun 2021

How to manage energy in under-occupied buildings

More details to come.

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GOOD TO KNOW

New Federal Funding for EV Charging Infrastructure Projects



Source: SWITCH Energy

The Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) is offering 50% funding to EV charging projects in 2021. The application round begins February 2021 and closes May 2021. This round of funding targets the installation of infrastructure in public places, workplaces, and multi-unit residential buildings. Based on last year's intake, maximum funding

per application is assumed to be at least \$5,000,000, with maximum funding amounts on a per charger basis for both Level 2 and DC fast chargers.

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY

What we know about Canada's real estate industry as we enter 2021

Source: Real Estate News EXchange

"From the surge in e-commerce and its impact on commercial spaces, to the rise of the remote workforce impacting vacancy rates and investment in home offices, this year has quickly taught us the importance of embracing uncertainty and looking for opportunities in the face of adversity."

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Three light-industrial buildings proposed for Island Highway on Colwood strip

Source: Times Colonist

PC Urban Properties of Vancouver is looking to build three light-industrial/commercial buildings with office space totalling 135,000 square feet. The developments would be built on a five-acre lot previously used by Galaxy Motors across from the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre at 1764 Island Highway.

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Vancouver real estate: West 4th retail and office building listed, with Whole Foods section priced \$41,975,816

Source: The Georgia Straight

The West Fourth Building, which occupies an entire city block on West 4th Avenue between Yew and Vine Streets, is up for sale. The building in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood is home to high-profile tenants like Whole Foods Market, Vancity Credit Union and the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Proposed development offers space for Vancouver's burgeoning tech industry

Source: The Globe and Mail

“Pending city approval to rezone the industrial land, which Concord purchased for \$164.8-million, plans for the tech-oriented, campus-style complex reveal a blend of office space with residential condos, including meeting rooms for those who work from home.”

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Hundreds of millions in commercial real estate deals, despite pandemic

Source: Times Colonist

In Greater Victoria, many major commercial real estate deals worth hundreds of millions of dollars were finalized in 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Street view spots investor opportunities

Source: Western Investor

Even though many storefronts have closed or face restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sale prices for street-front retail property in Metro Vancouver are holding.

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