

August 12, 2010

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

CHBA-Victoria General Meeting Wednesday, September 8

Wendy Smith, a Certified Energy Advisor from Performance Energy Advisors will give a presentation on Energuide performance testing, pre-test planning and solutions, and Built Green and LEED for Homes programs. Doug Overholt from BC Hydro will talk about the new incentive increase from \$400 to \$1,500 for single family detached homes participating in the Power Smart New Home Program.

Board elections will also be held at this meeting. Contact the CHBA-Victoria office for more information.

Date: Wednesday, Sept 8
Place: Royal Colwood Golf Club - 629 Goldstream Ave
Time: 6:00 pm – reception
6:45 pm – elections
7:00 pm – dinner
8:00 pm – presentations

Cost: members: \$35 + HST / Non-members: \$45 + HST

Book your seat now, email info@chbavictoria.com or call CHBA-Victoria at 250.383.5044.

2010 CARE AWARDS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

The People's Choice Award contest is running at www.careawards.com and our display will be at Mayfair Mall Aug. 16 to Sept 12 and at Hillside Mall Sept 13 to 19.

The CARE Awards gala is Friday, Sept. 24 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Get your tickets now to the residential construction event of the year! Meet the builders and renovators of Vancouver Island's most beautiful homes, and enjoy an evening of celebration.

The CARE Awards is the leader in awards promotion and marketing, and the most cost effective way to get public profile for your project or company as a sponsor.

Take advantage of our 2 for 1 offer! Purchase a Silver or Gold CARE Awards Sponsorship, and receive CHBA-Victoria membership for one year at no additional charge. *If you have multiple outlets in the Greater Victoria area, they are included.*

Thank you to our 2010 CARE Awards sponsors:

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SILVER: National Home Warranty Group Inc., Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada, Victoria Real Estate Board

MEDIA: /A\ Vancouver Island, Shaw Cablesystems, Times Colonist, Western Living Magazine

BRONZE: BC Hydro Power Smart

Built Green™ Builder Training

Course: September 8 & 9, 2010
Registration Deadline: August 30, 2010

Marketing and Project Sales

Course: September 14, 2010
Registration Deadline: August 17, 2010

Financial Management

Course: September 28, 2010
Registration Deadline: August 24, 2010

BC Building Code – Single Family Dwellings

Course: October 16, 2010
Registration Deadline: September 11, 2010

Business Planning & Management

Course: November 4, 2010
Registration Deadline: September 30, 2010

Project Management & Site Supervision

Course: November 23, 2010
Registration Deadline: October 19, 2010

Construction Law

Course: December 7, 2010
Registration Deadline: November 2, 2010

NOTE: Early registration is necessary for all courses, with the exception of Built Green Training. They involve the advance receipt of assignments by way of email and completion of the online component, as well as the one-day session to review materials and prepare for writing the examination.

Please register directly through CHBA-BC at www.chbabc.org or contact Michelle Ripoli at 1-877-568-9778 or michelle@chbabc.org.

CHBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...AND HOCKEY!

CHBA is the voice of housing affordability and professionalism and our voice is only as strong as our membership. We need YOU to help make a difference for all of us – consumers, builders, trades and suppliers.

We made a big difference by achieving the HST rebate for new homes, getting changes to the Building Code re: lateral loads, and challenging new municipal fees.

There is lots more to be done, including ensuring an effective Professional Builders Institute, challenging the inefficiency of 13 municipalities in our region, and what about that Property Transfer Tax – triple taxation on a single new home development?

Join us - there is no better industry value. We have not increased our fees, and we're offering a free membership for every Silver or Gold CARE Awards Sponsorship!

And while we have your attention, throw a little fun into the mix...hockey season is upon us, and there are half a dozen spots available to play every second Wednesday starting Sept 8, 9 pm – 10:30 pm at Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Full equipment is required. This is fun, recreational co-ed hockey costing \$360 from Sept through May. Contact the CHBA office at info@chbavictoria.com

HOUSING NEWS

- BC Hydro Power Smart has just approved an increase in financial incentives, from \$400 to \$1,500, for single family detached homes participating in the Power Smart New Home Program. Contact Doug Overholt, Power Smart New Home Program, doug@dlomanagement.com
- Natural Resources Canada's CanmetENERGY and the Office of Energy Efficiency's New Housing Program have developed draft Solar Ready Guidelines for homes. Contact the CHBA-Victoria office for a copy of the guidelines and provide your comments to solarready@nrcan.gc.ca by September 17, 2010.

BUILDERS' COUNCIL

Builders, be sure to attend the special Builders' Council Lunch Meeting on Wednesday, Aug 18, 12 noon at the CHBA-Victoria office. Some of the issues to be discussed include WCB's definition of employees vs subcontractors. We provide the sandwiches and beverages. RSVP info@chbavictoria.com

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMP

Remember when you went to camp to learn to survive in the wilderness? Well, now there is a camp to learn to survive on Facebook and Twitter. It's called Social Media Camp and it's all happening Oct 3 at the Victoria Conference Centre. Go to <http://socialmediacamp.ca/>

This is the future of communications and marketing. CHBA-Victoria is on facebook, twitter, and now we have a blog! Go to www.chbavictoria.com and send us a tweet!

CHBA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CHBA's 68th National Conference is at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Feb 25 -27, 2011. Why not combine the conference with a ski vacation and hit the slopes at Sunshine Village, Lake Louise, and Norquay...to register, go to www.chba.ca

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