

Thursday, July 15, 2010

CORRECTION - NEW ENERGY CODE FOR LARGE BUILDINGS NOT YET IN EFFECT

You may have read this week in a BC Homes Magazine/CHBA-BC newsletter the headline "New Energy Code in Effect." This is an error. A new National energy code for large buildings does not come into effect until next year – 2011, and it must be adopted by the province. This new Code will affect new apartment buildings over 4 stories in height as well as larger commercial buildings. It does not affect houses or other Part 9 buildings.

For more information, go to CHBA National's website at <http://www.chba.ca/members-area.aspx> or contact the CHBA-Victoria office.

2010 CARE AWARDS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

The 2010 CARE Awards Finalists have been announced, which you can view at www.chbavictoria.com Congrats to CARE Awards Finalist Parkside for quickly posting the announcement on their website blog at <http://www.parksidevictoria.com/blog/2010/07/parkside-is-a-2010-care-awards-finalist.html>

The CARE Awards gala is Friday, Sept. 24 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Leading up to the event is the People's Choice Award Contest where the public votes for their favourite project online and at Mayfair and Hillside Malls starting August 16.

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 for your company as a sponsor. Take advantage of our 2 for 1 offer! Purchase a Silver or Gold CARE Awards Sponsorship, and you 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 :

GOLD:



SILVER: National Home Warranty Programs, Travelers Guarantee Company, Victoria Real Estate Board

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

BRONZE: BC Hydro Power Smart

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Renewal invoices for CHBA – Victoria membership fees have gone out, and thank you to the many members who have renewed. We hope all of our members will continue to support advocacy for housing affordability, education and training, and professionalism.

CHBA advocacy achieved an HST rebate of up to \$26,250 per new home. Our region normally builds about 2,000 new homes yearly at an average cost of \$650,000 per home. The rebate represents a saving of approximately \$52 million annually in Greater Victoria. That's good for consumers, builders, trades and suppliers. We need your support to maintain CHBA-Victoria as the voice of residential construction.

Don't forget – we're offering a free membership for every Silver or Gold CARE Awards sponsorship!

CHBA – VICTORIA REACHES 200 MARK!

CHBA – Victoria welcomed our 200th member this month. We are the home of professionals in residential construction. Out of a total of 203 members, there are more than 100 CHBA builders and renovators building the majority of projects in Greater Victoria.

Welcome our newest members:

BTH Construction Ltd. – Brant Hoff
Con-Tec Ventures Ltd. – Pat Miller & Roy Chambers
JC Scott Design Associates Inc. – JC Scott & Anita Rydygier
Livtona Interior Design – Tara Sandsmark
Artisan Properties – Len Wansbrough
Resolutions Enterprises Ltd. – Nelson & Danielle Ruest
David Coulson Design Ltd. – David and Ulla Coulson
Suncraft Construction Ltd. – Curtis Stretch
Ocean Place Holdings Ltd. – Andrew Pearson & Rob Dicastri
Jason Good Custom Cabinets Inc. – Jason Good
Skadberg Construction Ltd. – Harald Skadberg
Puckett Design & Construction – Rick & Trish Puckett
Simplicity Design – Carley Petillion
Mike Graham Construction Ltd. – Mike Graham

We have 2 applications up for approval:

Pacific Rim Exteriors Ltd. – Trevor Strandlund & Justin Beadle
NZ Builders Ltd. – Damon Gray

We thank you for your continued support!

Support CHBA and professional home building. Do Business with a CHBA member!

GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

Thank you once again to the Suppliers Council for their help in putting together an outstanding Golf Tournament at Olympic View. A special thank you also goes to Title sponsor Coastal Windows Ltd. and the many other sponsors. Your participation is much appreciated. Congratulations to tournament winners Starline Windows.

We were fortunate to see the final game of the Stanley Cup in the dining room, and next year the action will definitely include the Vancouver Canucks, now that Byfuglien's been traded to the Thrashers.

BUILDERS' COUNCIL

Normally Builders' Council doesn't meet during the summer, however there are issues out there including concerns with WCB and their definition of an employee vs subcontractors. If builders would like a summer meeting on this issue or others, please contact the office and we will set a date in August.

CHBA-VICTORIA ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Did you know we are on Facebook and Twitter? Go to www.chbavictoria.com and click on the Facebook and Twitter icons at the bottom of the page. Send us a tweet!

PROFESSIONAL BUILDERS' INSTITUTE – JOB OPENING

For many years, CHBA has advocated mandatory education and training for homebuilders, and a society has been created for that purpose. The PBI society, consisting of an interim Board of Directors, has posted a job opening at www.workopolis.com for a Chief Executive Officer. It is expected to be advertised in the Vancouver Sun and other newspapers. If you or anyone you know is interested and can lead the industry's education and training program, please pass on the information. This position is described as follows:

The Professional Builders' Institute Association of British Columbia (PBI) is a duly incorporated Society in the province that will evaluate and make decisions on applications for accreditation of education and training programs and their providers to satisfy builder licensing requirements for those builders building 1 - 4 units under part 9 of the BC Building Code.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Professional Builders' Institute Association of British Columbia seeks a capable leader and executive with exceptional influence, relationship-building skills and strong entrepreneurial orientation. You will inspire action and champion initiatives to achieve the goals outlined in the Association's strategic plan. You will be responsible for the consistent achievement of the Association's mission and objectives in support of delivering on its vision. This includes being accountable for all operations and business planning, marketing the Association and ensuring that programs, communications and resources are continually enhanced to deliver value and organizational performance. You will also play an external role, building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, partners, media, and the public. In addition you will provide leadership in the daily management of the Association's operations including human resources, fiscal, legal and fiduciary compliance, accounting and budgeting.

The ideal candidate will have a proven record of eight or more years of senior management experience and solid business management skills with a good knowledge of a variety of business functions including finance, sales/marketing, communications, public relations and human resources. Experience in developing and implementing strategic plans, and policy guidelines. Understanding of and experience in the

residential construction industry and in-depth knowledge of education and training requirements in the residential home building industry are a definite asset.

The start up office has been set up in Burnaby, BC, but relocation to an alternate city within BC can be discussed and the options reviewed.

Please indicate your salary expectation upon application.

Note: Job Posting Closing Date August 6th, 2010, 11:59pm.

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