

# BOABC Newsletter

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*BOABC is dedicated to serving the best interests of the public in building safety by moving forward with the highest standards in professionalism, competency and consistent practice in the Building Community.*

## President's Message

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the Lunch & Learn presentation back in August, and those that were able to attend your Zone Meetings to learn and discuss the potential changes to our bylaw. Your participation is meaningful and appreciated. If you missed out on both opportunities to learn about the changes being considered, there will be a survey opportunity this fall to ensure you're able to provide your perspective. The new bylaw will be foundational for our Association and your contribution in its development is critical.

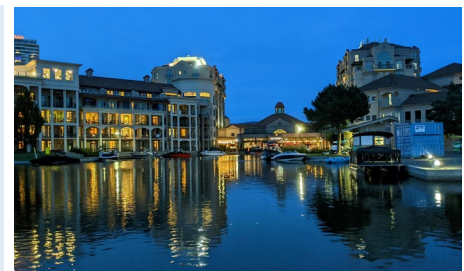
I am excited to update you that effective July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Minister of Housing, Ravi Kahlon, signed an updated Administrative Agreement between the Building Officials' Association of BC and the Province. The updated Administrative Agreement extends our Association's administrating of the qualification programs for building and plumbing officials for the next decade! The renewal of the Administrative Agreement is emblematic of the continued success in our ability to deliver the right to practice qualification programs.

Having the Administrative Agreement renewed is a significant accomplishment for our Association. I would like to thank our BOABC staff for their work and collaboration in delivering the updated Administrative Agreement. As this will be the last newsletter for 2024, I wish you and your families all the best for the upcoming holiday season and the new year!

Trevor Welsh, RBO, CRBO  
President – Executive Committee  
Building Officials' Association of BC

## 2025 Annual BOABC Conference

The 2025 Annual Conference will be held at the Delta Hotel Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna, BC, from May 11 – 14, 2025. Information about the agenda, delegate and trade show vendor registration, and sponsorship opportunities will be available on the Association website early in the new year.





## Fall Education Summit

This is a friendly reminder that the Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC (CHBA BC) and the Building Officials' Association of BC (BOABC) are holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Education Summit for builders and building officials in BC, on October 23 & 24, 2024, at the Sheraton Richmond Airport Hotel. This is your chance to learn about building code advancements, earn continuing professional development (CPD) points, and connect with experts in the industry.

This event will spotlight wildfire resilient housing, BC Building Code 2024 provisions for adaptable dwelling units, small scale multi-unit-housing, mechanical permit and HVAC inspection processes. To view the program, click [Program & Speakers](#). For details and registration, click [Education Summit 2024](#).

## CPD Opportunities

[BCIT Airtight and Low-TEDI Enclosures of Zero Energy/Emissions and Passive House Buildings – XZEB1120](#)

[BCIT Fundamentals of Zero Energy/Emissions and Passive House Buildings – XZEB 1001](#)

[Lunch & Learn – Single Egress Exit Stairs \(Part 02\)](#)

[Understanding Screw Pile Foundations & Building Code Compliance](#)

[Builder Forum Series: Step Code Airtightness & Overheating Design](#)

[Heritage Conservation Workshop](#)

[CHBA BC Education Summit](#)

[2024 Code Update Training](#)

[Modular Construction Projects – Delivery, Certification, Approvals Processes Course](#)

[Canadian Building Science Series](#)

[Simplifying Complex Carbs: Examining the Zero Carbon Step Code](#)

[CASA Educational Seminar Series](#)

## Happy Halloween!!



### Welcome New Members!

- Clayton Tomandl • David Skidmore • Earl Allen • Hilary Jones • Jamie Mcgale • Jaspreet Bhuller • Jeremy Beck • John Wakeham • Leah Ulyot • Leigh Courtney • Maryam Bazyari • Michael Moore • Minsun Kim • Nicholas Landry • Norbert Krogstad • Ron Stewart • Ryan Blight • Samarpal Grewal • Aixuan Gu • Alexander Grant • Baldeep Dhillon • Balraj Dhaliwal • Hyewon Yeo • Jaskiran Karwal • Kenton Turchinetz • Lan Wang • Lucas Pfeifer • Rajbir Toor • Sandip Rai • Stephanie Wamboldt • Trevor Hustad • Forrest Li • Gurpreet Mooker • Jana Coes • Kaveh Behnam • Kevin Stanek • Malcolm Douglas • Miles Crawford • Peter Pennington • Raymond Xiong • Simon Gamache • Winston Leger • Jasjit Uppal • Kaveh Behnam • Harjan Sidhu • Nicholas Braam • Blake Pellegrin

### New RBO's & BCQ's

- Nima Karimabadi - RBO
- Suneil Atwal - RBO
- Andrew Brewer - BCQ
- Maria Sabrina Guinjicna - RBO
- Matthew McMaster - BCQ
- Konstantin Vassev - RBO
- Sean Capstick - BCQ
- Dylan Farrell - RBO
- Jantzen Quizon – RBO
- Caspar Viereckel – RBO
- Tammy Blair – RBO
- Wayne Gamborski – BCQ
- Sean Gordon - RBO



## 2024 Year End Reporting

As the end of 2024 approaches, the Association wants to remind all qualified building and plumbing officials about upcoming deadlines.

Under the Building Act, qualified building and plumbing officials must [submit evidence](#) of completing 10 points (or the prorated portion thereof) of professional development (CPD) activities by December 31 of each calendar year. All qualified officials must also submit an [Annual Report](#) confirming that they are members of the Association in good standing and have completed the required CPD points by December 31.

Qualified officials may apply to receive an additional one-month 'grace period' that allows them to maintain their qualifications and submit evidence of their CPD points by January 31, 2024.

Qualified officials who do not complete their CPD points or Annual Report by December 31 and have not had a 'grace period' application approved, will be removed from the Registry of Qualified Building and Plumbing Officials and will no longer be qualified to make compliance decisions about building regulations on behalf of a local authority.

The 2024 Annual Report can now be accessed by logging into your [Member Portal](#). Annual Report Submissions are verified against CPD information, please ensure your CPD records for 2024 are complete prior to submitting this report.

## Subject Matter Experts Needed

The Association is always looking for experienced building and plumbing officials to work as subject matter experts. If you would like to contribute or learn more about the roles we are looking to fill, please contact the Association at [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org).

## Complaints Committee

The Association is also looking for additional complaint committee members. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, or if you would like more information, please contact the Association at [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org).

## Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)



For the second year in a row, the Association participated in the UBCM trade show in Vancouver. The event was a huge success and provided opportunities to receive feedback and answer questions about the Association, and what building and plumbing officials do. Thank you to Jacek Redlinski, Lower Mainland Zone Director, for helping.

The Association would like to thank UBCM for providing this opportunity and supporting building and plumbing officials.

## What's New

[Significant Changes in the 2020 National Model Codes](#)

[Energy Step Code Newsletter](#)

[2018 Code's Adaptable Dwelling Unit & Seismic Requirements](#)

[Standardized Housing Designs & Single Exit Stair Buildings](#)

[Enabling Single Exit Stair Buildings](#)

[Modular Constructions Projects](#)

## Viega - Lunch & Learn

Viega, the global leader and pioneer in press pipe fitting technology within the industrial, commercial, marine and residential markets, will be hosting a Lunch & Learn for our members on Monday, October 21, 2024, from 12 pm – 1 pm. Registration will be sent out this week.

## 2024 BC Building Code Education Updates

The [2024 BC Code](#) took effect on March 8, 2024. You can [download the 2024 BC Codes](#) for free, or purchase a copy [here](#).

### *Code Update Training*

In accordance with the Association's Administrative Agreement with the Province, all qualified officials must complete code update training to maintain their qualifications. This training must be completed before **April 15, 2025**.

<a href="#">Building (includes Energy) &amp; Plumbing</a>	\$375 plus GST
<a href="#">Building Only (includes Energy)</a>	\$325 plus GST
<a href="#">Plumbing Only</a>	\$125 plus GST
<a href="#">Energy Only</a>	\$125 plus GST

Please remember that CPD points need to be self-reported for code update training. You can claim the following points under Category A2 once you have completed all the components that you registered for, along with submitting the certificate(s) of completion as evidence. You will receive your certificate after completing the survey for each component.

Building (includes Energy) & Plumbing	6.5 points
Building Only (includes Energy)	5 points
Plumbing Only	1.5 points
Energy Only	1.5 points

## Exam & Course Update

The qualification exams are now based on the 2024 BC Building Code, which came into effect on March 8, 2024. Please ensure that your [printed binders are current](#). You will need the printed version of the Building Code when taking your qualification exams.

The updating of the Association's online courses is anticipated to be completed by early 2025. Updates will be made to reflect changes included in the 2024 code and to make the course more engaging and practical for code officials.

Anyone registered in the 2018 course will be provided with access to the new course material once it has been updated.

If you have any questions, please email the Association at [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org).



The Association has added additional standards to the CSA subscription service that is complimentary for members. The following standards have been added:

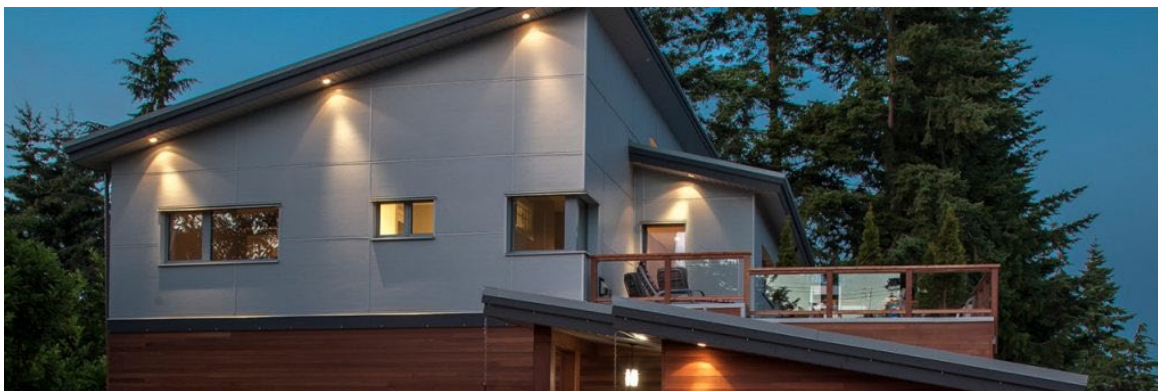
- CSA B214 – Installation code for hydronic heating systems
- CSA B64.10 – Selection and installation of backflow devices
- CAN/CSA B128.1 – Design and installation of non-potable water systems
- CSA B805/ICC 805 – Rainwater harvesting systems
- CSA A82.31-M – Gypsum board application
- CSA Z241 – Park model mobile homes
- CSA C22.1:21 – Canadian electrical code, Part 1 (25th Edition), safety standard for electrical installations
- ASME A112.18.1-2018/CSA B125.1-18 (R2023) – Plumbing supply fittings
- CSA Z252:23 – Volumetric modular construction
- CSA SPE 17:23 – HVAC Guide for Part 9 Homes
- CSA-S406 – Specification of permanent wood foundations
- CSA B125.3 – Plumbing fittings
- CSA B481 – Grease interceptors

If you need help accessing your subscription to the CSA standards library, please contact the Association at [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org).

## 2025 Georgie Awards

The online portal for the 2025 Georgie Awards is open. Don't miss your chance to be recognized alongside the best in BC's homebuilding industry. Visit the Georgie Awards website where you'll find a link to the [online entry portal](#), the [Call for Entries](#) and additional information on the submission process, categories, and deadlines.

The submission deadline for the 2025 Georgie Awards is 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.



## FortisBC Revised New Home Program

FortisBC has revised its New Home Program and will support builders and developers to achieve Step 4 and 5 of the BC Energy Step Code with rebates that lower the upfront costs of building to these higher steps.

To learn more, click [program offerings](#).

## Detailing Guide for Heat Pump Penetrations in Existing Buildings

BC Housing, in partnership with the City of Vancouver and Province of BC, have produced a detailed guide for heat pump penetration in existing buildings. This [illustrated guide](#) is intended for mechanical contractors and building officials as a reference for best practices and solutions.



## The BC Green Building Calendar

[Here](#) you will find all the latest events and training related to green building subject matter, including emissions, energy efficiency, resiliency, high-performance design, and more.



## Building All-Electric in Victoria

The City of Victoria is a climate leader in the province. In 2023, Victoria became one of the first municipalities to implement BC's Zero Carbon Step Code (ZCSC). See how buildings within Victoria are [reducing their climate impacts through electrification](#).

## Newly Qualified

Jackson Naish  
Ramneek Grewal  
Brett Kormos  
Nima Karimabadi  
Wendy Xu  
Aakshwak Sharma  
Pierre Ferronato  
Mike Olson  
Chris Cann  
Donald Smolne  
Andrew Brewer  
Wayne Gamborski  
Amanda Malczewska  
Gordon MacDonald  
Samarpal Singh Grewal  
Jeffrey Forrest  
Kohlby Janyk  
Craig Tache  
Candice Currie  
Krista Bircham  
Ron Burnett  
Maryam Salmani  
Matthew McMaster  
Maria Sabrina Guinjcina  
Dylan Farrell  
Konstantin Vassev  
Sean McDonald  
Nicholas Coray  
Harprit Grewal  
Richard Dietz  
Paul Anderson  
Adrian Hamilton  
Carl Johnston  
Lionel Hughes  
Shawn Read  
Jesse Girgulis  
Stephanie Wamboldt  
Andrew Ens  
Minsun Kim  
Ian Bruce  
Kathleen Cano  
Karilyn Lao  
Garrett Gould  
Daryn Larson  
Hyewon Yeo  
King Pan Kwok

Graham Forsyth  
Archana Muralidharan  
Amrit Batra  
Malcolm Douglas  
Gina Harding  
Lisa MacDonald  
Arushi Shah  
Layna Li  
Marco Robert Webber  
Michael Harris  
Neal Peters  
Emily Van Duin  
Jennifer Brand  
Jeffrey Avender  
Anna Starycki  
Peter Casgrain  
Jana Coes  
Jantzen Quizon  
Lee MacLeod  
Iosif Marian  
Tammy Blair  
Kevin Stanek  
Kelsey Ingham  
Tristan Hamersley  
Andy Franko  
Stefan Jones  
Hilary Jones  
Everett Hann  
Jeff Goulet  
Natasha Gojevic  
Li Zhang  
Steven Siminoff  
Chris Nichol  
Jaskaran Welkhu  
Chad William  
Marty Herbert  
Lan Wang  
Tyson Eastland  
Trevor Hustad  
Richard Crowdis  
Melissa O'Connor  
Ana Laura Tapia Gonzalez

Amy McCarthy  
Eric Mah

## Newly Certified

Henry Balcombe  
Nima Karimabadi  
Wendy Xu  
Chris Cann  
Suneil Atwal  
Ferdinand Csaky  
Marc Gelineau  
Stefan Jones  
Jackson Naish  
Andrew Brewer  
Maria Sabrina Guinjcina  
Konstantin Vassev  
Jeff Goulet  
Sean Capstick  
Dylan Farrell  
Lionel Hughes  
Harleen Chattu  
Natasha Gojevic  
Anna Starycki  
Lee MacLeod  
Morgan Hass  
Jantzen Quizon  
Meagan Crawford  
Iosif Marian  
Layna Li  
Michael Harris  
Tammy Blair  
Chris Black  
Caspar Viereckel  
Sean Gordon  
Nick Martin  
Manjot Grewal  
Kayla Hong  
Jeff Dale  
Wayne Gamborski  
Ji Yi Chang