

BUILDING, PLUMBING, FIRE CODE WORKSHOPS

The 1998 editions of the BC Building, Plumbing and Fire codes have been adopted and will come into effect in December, 1998.

The Building Officials' Association of BC has announced a series of workshops to be held around the province, that will facilitate the introduction of the new codes. The workshop will cover two days, one day devoted to the BC Building Code, and the second to the Plumbing and Fire codes.

The Workshops offer an overview of changes and amendments, such as: requirements for automatic sprinklers, ventilation, environmental separation, plumbing standards, addressing BC water conditions, fire alarms, and others. Registrants will receive an Illustrated Guide to the major changes and amendments, including a detailed listing of specific changes.

The workshops are intended for designers, code consultants, builders, suppliers, tradespeople and students.

Where and When:

Building Code	Plumbing/Fire	Location	City
Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Northwest Community College	Terrace
Nov. 13	Nov. 14	The Coast Inn of the North	Prince George
Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Sandman Inn	Castlegar
Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Inn of the South	Cranbrook
Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Best Western Town Lodge	Kamloops
Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Sandman Inn	Penticton
Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Abbotsford City Hall	Abbotsford
Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Victoria City Hall	Victoria
Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Nanaimo City Hall	Nanaimo
Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Delta Pacific Resort	Richmond

Times:

Building Code Workshops (full day)
Plumbing Code Workshops (half day)
Fire code Workshops (half day)

8:30 am - 4:30 pm
8:30 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cost:

\$110.00(+ gst)
\$ 50.00(+ gst)
\$ 50.00(+ gst)

Please note: Lunch will be provided at Building Code workshops only

Due to limited seating, registration will be on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for registration is 14

days prior to each workshop. There will be no registration at the door.

For more information and registration forms, please contact your regional Construction Association office, or:

Building Officials' Association of BC
Suite 20 - 10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, BC, V6X 2W9
(Telephone - 604-270-9516)

WE'VE MOVED UPSTAIRS

The BC Construction Association is pleased to announce that our office has relocated to Suite 600, 3795 Carey Road. You will find us in the same building, just two floors up. Telephone, fax and e-mail remain unchanged.

HOMEOWNER PROTECTION OFFICE OPENS

The new Homeowner Protection Office officially opened its doors the beginning of October. It is located at:

PO Box 11132, Royal Centre
Suite 2270 - 1055 West Georgia St.
Vancouver, BC, V6E 3P3
(Telephone: 604-646-7050)
(Fax: 604-646-7051)

At this time the Office is primarily dealing with the



Membership Directory & Buyers' Guide

If you haven't already, please fax your confirmation form to your regional association.

The Due Date is determined by the regional association.

Reconstruction Fund loans for leaky condo owners needing assistance. However, they are also actively researching and preparing the licensing and new home warranty requirements set to take effect on January 1, 1999.

TRADE PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS IN EFFECT

The changes to the Trade Practice Act commented on in our May bulletin, came into effect September 18, 1998. The amendments extend protections to homebuyers by including the purchase and financing of real property in the definition of "consumer transaction". The amendments make it illegal to deceive consumers. The director of trade practices has more investigative power, ability to rapidly intervene on behalf of consumers, and the power to impose stiffer fines and penalties.

INTERVENOR STATUS DENIED

The BC Construction Forum, of which BCCA is a member, applied for intervenor status in the Alberta case of MJB v. Defence Construction (1951) Limited to be heard in the Supreme Court of Canada on November 5th. The case involves the interpretation of the Owner Privilege Clause in tender documentation; i.e. whether the owner has a legal obligation to fairly select the successful tender based only upon the tender price and the other criteria which have been disclosed to the Tenderers.. The Construction Forum wanted intervenor status in order to press upon the Supreme Court the importance of their decision on the BC tendering process. The application has been denied.

We shall continue to keep track of the case and report back on the decision reached by the Supreme Court.