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### **Become a Bee Ambassador!**

#### **Help Build the Richmond Nectar Trail**

Grow pollen rich plants on your property. The more plants and properties, the more successful the trail will be.

Start by registering your garden at [nectartrail@richmond.ca](mailto:nectartrail@richmond.ca), and post photos of your gardens on social media with the hashtag #RmdNectarTrail

Share with your friends and follow the #RmdNectarTrail map as it grows.

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### **Could you be more Pacific?**

#### **Two-wheeled scenic and shoreline tours**

Practice physical distancing while keeping up mental wellness by going outside for a bike ride in your neighbourhood.

Our City is a hot-spot for cyclist of all levels with an abundance of scenic and shoreline views.

Discover more than 80 kms of Richmond's designated [scenic bike routes](#) and Tourism Richmond's [suggested itineraries](#) with camera worthy points of interest.



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## BC Energy Step Code

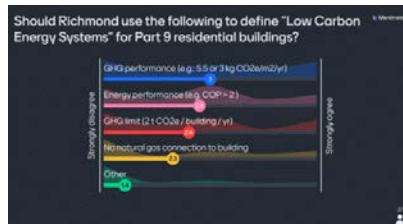
### City of Richmond and BC Hydro co-fund development of a new tool

Implementation of the BC Energy Step Code by local governments is setting the path toward more energy efficient new buildings in BC. To assist in this, a standardized Excel-based tool (Part 3 Energy Design Report) has been developed in 2020, and is now available for use by energy modellers and design professionals as a checklist, and submitted to local government authorities to verify compliance with the Step Code. The tool gives industry and local authorities a consistent way to gather and review modelled energy performance characteristics of Part 3 Step Code buildings at both the pre-construction and as-built stages, but tailored to the specific energy performance characteristics of larger buildings.



Additional information on the new checklist can be obtained from the [Energy Step Code website](#), including upcoming webinars on how to use this tool.

The sponsors would like to thank [Zero Emission Building Exchange \(ZEBx\)](#) for developing this form, as well as working group members that provided technical review: [Architectural Institute of BC](#), [Engineers & Geoscientists of BC](#), [City of Surrey](#), [City of Vancouver](#) and [UBC](#).



## Virtual Builder Breakfasts

### Three-part series of online learning and engagement events for local homebuilders and designers in May

In response to the changes brought on by COVID-19, City of Richmond successfully made the pivot from a proven in-person Breakfast format, to a less familiar Webex-based virtual format for our local design and construction community. We did this by hosting a series of 90-minute morning events, held in a three-week period in May on the following topics:

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Virtual Builder Breakfast	Topic Summary	Participant State
May 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Step Code market adoption in Richmond</li> <li>December 2019 changes to BC Building Code (Step Code metrics)</li> <li>Overview on City's plan to adopt higher Step Code levels in Bylaw</li> </ul>	<b>Attendees</b> 55 in total; with 45 homebuilders, 4 Energy Advisors, and 6 City staff
May 13, 2020	<b>Joint event</b> with City of New Westminster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated design – essential tool for high performance buildings (Einar Halbig, E3 EcoGroup)</li> <li>High performance, low-carbon HVAC mechanical systems (Rob Pope, Ecolighten)</li> <li>High performance design and construction by Victoeric</li> </ul>	<b>Attendees</b> 148 in total; with 115 homebuilders, designers, energy advisors and presenters; 13 staff from Richmond New Westminster; 20 staff from other local governments
May 20, 2020	Workshop on a tiered Energy Step Code framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logic of Step Code relaxations for low carbon energy systems (LCES)</li> <li>Defining a two-option framework for Richmond</li> <li>Timing of requirements to 2025</li> <li>Defining LCES in our Building Bylaw</li> <li>Supporting our construction community</li> </ul> LCES incentives for ground-oriented housing (Roberto Pecora, ZEBx)	<b>Attendees</b> 76 in total; with 63 homebuilders, designers, energy advisors and presenters; and 13 staff from other local governments

In addition to gaining competency with the new online tools, the key driver for the City was to connect and engage on options regarding proposed low carbon energy system relaxations (two-tier system) as an additional option for builders, which would be implemented beginning in September 2020, subject to City Council approval. The City is also interested to hear what builders would like to participate in terms of training and capacity-building in high performance buildings.

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## Feeling like a captive bird?

Download Richmond's Birding Map and escape to a local park.

Richmond is one of BC's great birding capitals - it's an island city studded with unique, easy-access spotting opportunities.

From winter visitors, to year-round rotation of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and more, the area's parks and shorelines host one of Canada's most diverse avian populations.



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