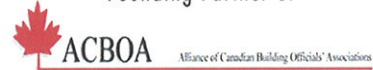




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South Vancouver Island – AGM Zone Report

April 18, 2011

South Vancouver Island, building permit applications, housing and commercial starts are steady in most communities, with the continuing rebound from the recession two years ago.

Our regular monthly meetings continue to show strong support for the BOABC with high attendance numbers. Monthly meetings provide a great opportunity for members both Plumbing Officials and Building Officials to educate themselves on matters contained in the BC Building Code, and provide an opportunity for members to discuss code references as well as code interpretations.

At most monthly meetings members from within the construction industry make presentations to inform and educate Building Official's on new products that are entering the marketplace. This forum provides a great opportunity for a question/ answer session with the manufacturer or supplier of a product.

This past spring we have had a presentation with, Brock Henson and Rob Johns from the Greater Victoria area. On the impact of local government and the role of a Building Official, post the earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The South Island Zone will also be having a meeting with the Building and Safety Standards Branch in late April to discuss opportunities to improve both code compliance and regulatory efficiency.

This year will bring new challenges to the association with a new BC Code and Green Building practices. Education and communication within the Association and its members will be a key factor for the challenges ahead.

Lastly, I would like to thank Richard Bushey for the years of hard work and dedication to the association, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Respectfully Submitted

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