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SEMINAR COVERS NUTS AND BOLTS OF STRATA LIFE

The Nuts and Bolts of Living in a Strata. It's the title of an upcoming seminar offered to strata owners in the Courtenay area by the non-profit Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association. And the title says it all, explains VISOA president Tony Davis. "This seminar will help strata owners understand and develop skills," he says.

The agenda for the Sunday, March 21 session includes:

- * Meetings 101 - the basics of effective meetings;
- * Bylaws - the good, the bad and how to enforce them
- * Question and answer session

The seminar runs from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Best Western Westerly Hotel's Comox Room (1590 Cliffe Ave. Courtenay). Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

It's the first time in many years a seminar has been offered locally by VISOA, says Davis. "We are aware that there are many new strata owners in these areas."

The association has seen dramatic growth over the last six years, with membership now hitting 7,000, made up largely of strata corporate members and some individual memberships.

A particular spike in growth has come in the Victoria and Nanaimo areas. The association is now looking to enhance services from Parksville north. "This is another link in the chain of volunteer strata owners bringing educational and supportive services to strata owners on Vancouver Island," Davis says.

There is no charge for VISOA members to attend the March 21 seminar; non – members pay \$20. Memberships will be available at the door.

For more details, and to submit questions to be dealt with at the seminar, call toll-free 1-877-338-4762 or email info@visoa.bc.ca. Please mention the Courtenay seminar in email and messages.

VISOA is a non-profit organization that provides support to owners representing units from Sooke to Port Alice. It promotes the strata concept as a desirable way of life. Its mandate is to assist, educate and train strata owners, councils and corporations.

For more information visit the association's website at www.visoa.bc.ca