



RCABC Launches New Green Roof Guarantee Program

November 1st, 2024 – Langley, BC – The Roofing Contractors Association of BC (RCABC) is proud to announce the launch of the new RoofStar Vegetated Roof Guarantee, a quality assurance program designed in partnership with green roof manufacturers.

The program is built around the same core principles as RCABC’s RoofStar Guarantee, the most comprehensive roofing and waterproofing guarantee available in British Columbia, which has been protecting building owners since 1960. It provides owners with the assurance that quality materials will be installed to specific, industry-leading standards by RCABC member roofing contractors. The new program also includes mandatory maintenance of vegetated roofs.

“We’re very proud that RCABC is setting a new gold standard in the roofing industry when it comes to providing consumer protection for green roof installation. We’re not only offering peace of mind to building owners, we’re training the next generation of vegetated roof contractors to equip them with the latest tools and techniques in this emerging sector of our industry,” says Bryan Wallner, CEO of RCABC.

Only trained installers, maintenance providers, and Project Managers with RCABC-recognized credentials will be able to deliver the green roofs that qualify for the RoofStar Vegetated Roof Guarantee. RCABC will be offering in-house training for members, in early November 2024, at its Training Centre in Langley, BC. Future training opportunities for spring 2025 are being planned.

“The RoofStar Vegetated Roof Guarantee will offer a new benchmark for green roof installation. A green roof offers many benefits, from environmental impact (including stormwater management) to energy efficiency and increased property value. But, as is the case with all roof systems, it needs to be installed properly to ensure it functions effectively and lasts over time. The new guarantee program means building owners can take comfort knowing the job will be done right the first time,” says Dan Henrotte, President of the RCABC Board of Directors and owner of Cascade Roofing & Exteriors Inc.

The RoofStar Vegetated Roof Guarantee is built on high standards, accepted materials and independent third-party observations. The Guarantee is backed by both the contractor and the RCABC Guarantee Corp, ensuring a true, third-party guarantee.

“The RoofStar Guarantee is a trusted and valued program in the roofing industry. Adding a worry-free guarantee program geared specifically for green roofs and the unique challenges that can arise with this type of roof installation, provides an important layer of protection for building owners that will help them safeguard their asset,” says Roxanne Miller, Soprema's SOPRANATURE Sales Director.

Only roofs installed by RCABC members can be protected by the RoofStar Guarantee and the new RoofStar Vegetated Roof Guarantee.

BACKGROUND RCABC staff developed the VRA Standard in collaboration with a volunteer advisory committee, external reviewers, RCABC Technical Committee, and the RGC Board of Directors.

Advisory Committee on Vegetated Roofs:

- Torsten Ball – JRS Engineering (Burnaby, BC)
- Denis Gingras – Hydrotech Corp. (Montreal, PQ)
- Brandon Goedecke – Flynn Canada (Surrey, BC)
- Chris Bourgault – Duron Specialty Contracting Group Ltd. (Burnaby, BC)
- Chris Kann – Carlisle Syntec (Carlisle, PA)
- Christian Mahlstedt – Ginkgo Sustainability (Toronto, ON)
- Roxanne Miller – Soprema Canada (Montreal, PQ)
- Nastaran Moradinejad – PFS Studio (Vancouver, BC)
- Elizabeth Hart Morris – Green-Up LLC (Portland, OR)
- Colin Tougas – Morrison Hershfield/Stantec (Burnaby, BC)
- Ryan Vasseur – Architek Sustainable Building Products Inc. (Vancouver, BC)

External Reviewers:

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ABOUT RCABC

The Roofing Contractors Association of BC (RCABC) was founded in 1958 and serves as an industry advocacy group, bringing together professional roofing contractors, manufacturers and suppliers who are dedicated to the to the highest standard of roofing practices in British Columbia. RCABC has been training roofers for 30 years and is the only training provider delivering roofing apprenticeship training in British Columbia.

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