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1. WOOD FIRST POLICY

1.1 PURPOSE

This policy is enacted to facilitate a community culture of wood by requiring the use of wood as the primary building or energy production material in the design and construction of City-funded projects, buildings and major additions wherever practical and appropriate, in accordance with Bill 9 – Wood First Act, as set out by the Province of British Columbia and in a manner consistent with the British Columbia Building Code. Wood should be considered for all projects and construction where it is economically competitive with other materials. Local sawmills and wood industries within the municipality of Campbell River will be supported and encouraged to prosper as a result of the use of wood.

1.2 DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

“City” means the City of Campbell River and its Departments.

“Council” means the municipal Council of the City of Campbell River

“Proponent” means any entity, including a company, firm, consortium or any legal entity, which has been invited to submit a proposal or to submit a tender for the design or construction of a City-funded project, building or structure.

“Primary building material” means a building material that is used as a structural component or as a major architectural component in the design of a facility or structure.

“City-funded building” means a building the City owns, or has contributed money to fund its design or construction.

“Wood product” means wood that has been prepared for use in construction or energy production and may include but is not limited to sawn and dressed timber, plywood, fabricated wood, wooden structural components, fittings and joinery, oriented strand board, trusses, preservative treated wood, glulams and engineered wood products such as laminated veneer lumber and wooden furniture.

1.3 APPLICATION

This policy applies to City-funded projects and buildings or structures within the City of Campbell River.

1.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Projects for the design, construction and installation of wood structures or wood-use in energy production should ensure all requests for proposal outline experience and excellence in utilizing wood as a key qualifying criterion.

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1.4.1

Where practical and appropriate, design proposals for City-funded buildings or applicable projects shall include a detailed description of how wood will be used.

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Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City-funded projects that demonstrate a more substantial and/or innovative use of wood.

1.4.3

Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City-funded projects from proponents that demonstrate a greater degree of expertise in the use of wood.

1.4.4

Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City-funded projects that maximize the use of wood.

1.5 EXCEPTIONS

This policy applies only to projects funded by the City.

1.6 ENFORCEMENT

1.6.1 Failure of a proponent to provide a detailed description of how wood will be used in the design of a City-funded project may result in a proposal not being considered.

1.6.2 Failure of a proponent to demonstrate a clear understanding of available wood and how this wood may be incorporated into the design of a City-funded project may result in a proposal not being considered.

1.7 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this policy are severable and the invalidity of any part of this policy will not affect the validity of the remainder of this policy.