

Wood First Policy in the Cariboo Regional District

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Purpose: To encourage the use of wood products as primary building materials in the design and construction of buildings and projects owned or funded by the Cariboo Regional District wherever practical and appropriate and in a manner consistent with the BC Building Code. This policy does not apply to non-CRD funded projects.

“*primary building material*” means construction materials used as a structural component or major architectural component in the design of a facility.

“*wood products*” includes but is not limited to dimension lumber, timber, logs, plywood, oriented strand-board, wood trusses, preservative treated wood, glulam products, engineered wood products and beetle-killed wood products such as trim.

Design proposals for Cariboo Regional District funded buildings, including major additions or alterations, shall include a detailed description of how *wood products* will be used as a *primary building material* where practical and where a wood option is reasonably competitive.

Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for Cariboo Regional District funded buildings and projects that demonstrate a more substantial and/or innovative use of *wood products* as a *primary building material*.

Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for Cariboo Regional District funded buildings or projects from proponents who demonstrate a greater degree of expertise in the use of wood as a *primary building material*.

Subject to the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Act and other legislated trade agreements, favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for Cariboo Regional District funded buildings or projects that maximize the use of *wood products* that are harvested, manufactured and/or fabricated in the Cariboo Regional District.”