

Moved and seconded,
that Council supplement the Wood Works Resolution passed in
2005 by endorsing the following resolution:

WHEREAS B.C.'s forest industry as an integral part of the
community of Castlegar is developing new markets and new
opportunities for wood products as a long term strategy for a
sustainable wood industry;

AND WHEREAS the B.C. Government has passed a Wood First
Act to facilitate a culture of wood by requiring the use of wood as
the primary material in all new provincially funded buildings, in a
manner consistent with the British Columbia Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the community of Castlegar has supported both
the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian
Municipalities in adopting resolutions to build a wood culture in B.C.
and across Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the community of Castlegar will continue to
support the ongoing development of its wood culture by:

Selecting wood champion designers and builders for all
municipal building projects so that the opportunities for
building with wood cost-effectively are maximized;

Insuring all requests for proposals will request experience
and excellence in building with wood as a key qualifying
criterion;

Seeking those that can find practical, efficient, versatile
and cost-effective building and design solutions through
the use of wood, the most sustainable, natural and
renewable building material grown under the sun;

Ensure that all construction projects in Castlegar receiving
either public or wood industry financial support optimize
the structural and architectural use of wood.

Comparisons to the cost of building with other competing
materials will take into account all long-term and life cycle
benefits to B.C. of building with wood;

Being a wood champion and supporting the B.C.
government's Wood First Act by adopting this Wood First
Resolution that will establish a long-term strategy for
building with wood in Castlegar.

Carried.