

A#3. Request from the Canadian Wood Council for the Village of Fruitvale to pass a Wood First Resolution – RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Village of Fruitvale pass the following resolution:

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MOVED / SECONDED

WHEREAS BC's forest industry as an integral part of the Village of Fruitvale is developing new markets and new opportunities for wood products as a long term strategy for a sustainable wood industry;

AND WHEREAS the BC 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 Village of Fruitvale has supported both the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in adopting resolutions to build a wood culture in BC and across Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fruitvale will continue to support the ongoing development of its wood culture by:

- Considering wood champion designers and builders for all municipal building projects so that the opportunities for building with wood cost-effectively are maximized;
- Ensuring all requests for proposal will request consideration of building with wood as a 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 construction projects in Fruitvale receive either public or wood industry financial support optimized by 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 BC of building with wood;
- Being a wood champion and supporting the BC government's Wood First act by adopting a Wood First Resolution and passing a Wood First Policy that will support a long-term strategy for building with wood in Fruitvale.

AND FURTHER THAT staff draft a policy considering the above points to bring forward to the next Council meeting for adoption.

CARRIED.