

7.10 Director, Infrastructure Planning, dated June 18, 2010, re: Wood First

Staff:

- Gave a presentation regarding the proposed “Wood First” resolution for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Craig

R606/10/06/28 THAT Council adopts the following Wood First Resolution in acknowledgment and support of Bill 9 - BC's *Wood First Act*:

WHEREAS BC's forest industry as an integral part of the City of Kelowna's economy 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 City of Kelowna has adopted a Sustainable Infrastructure Policy (#352) to improve the performance of City-owned municipal infrastructure as evaluated against a comprehensive dashboard of evidence-based sustainability targets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kelowna will continue to support the development of its wood culture by:

- Being a wood champion and supporting the BC government's Wood First Act by adopting the Wood First Resolution per the report to Council dated June 18, 2010 from the Director of Infrastructure Planning;
- Ensuring that the performance of wood systems and products are considered whenever appropriate to maximize the achievement of the objectives of Kelowna's Sustainable Infrastructure Policy throughout all phases of infrastructure procurement and ownership;
- Ensuring that all municipal infrastructure projects in Kelowna receiving Provincial or wood industry financial support employ the appropriate structural or architectural use of wood.

Carried  
Councillor Hodge - Opposed.