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13 years of Wood Design Awards in BC : looking forward to a celebration of wood
2017 Nominees Announced

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With a record number of nominations, Wood *WORKS!* BC is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2017 Wood Design Awards. The winners will be awarded at the 13th annual Wood Design Awards evening, to be held on Monday, March 6th at the Vancouver Convention Centre (West). More than 400 design and building professionals, including architects, structural engineers and project teams along with industry sponsors will be attending the evening event. The awards recognize leadership and innovation in wood use, while publicly saluting and encouraging continued excellence in the building and design community.

The jury deliberated over 114 nominations in 13 categories, with all projects showcasing distinctive and unique qualities of wood such as strength, beauty, versatility, and cost-effectiveness. Notable points about this year's nominations were the range of projects submitted as well as the variety of wood use – ranging from light-frame wood construction to mass timber as a structural material.

Submissions this year are from all points in the province of BC as well as international projects from as far away as Shanghai, China. Projects of all types and sizes are amongst the nominations, and include an energy utility building; a dairy research centre housing; an art museum; an airport terminal building; a First Nations play structure and a mass timber office tower.

The panel of four judges included **Adele Weder**, Architectural Journalist and Critic, MASA, MRAIC (Hon), Vancouver, BC; **Bob Smith**, BScF, MSc, General Manager – Specialty Products Sales & Manager, Canfor, Vancouver, BC; **Karla Fraser**, Senior Project Manager, Urban One Builders, Vancouver, BC; and **Ed Lim**, P.Eng., United Building Systems, Vancouver, BC.

The Wood Design Awards are presented by Wood *WORKS!* BC and the Canadian Wood Council, and are part of Wood Week BC, four events happening over 10 days on the latest trends and topics on wood design and construction with a range of educational and networking opportunities.

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To learn more about the Wood Design Awards in BC and view the nominees, please visit the Wood *WORKS!* BC website at www.wood-works.ca/bc

Wood *WORKS!* is a national industry-led initiative of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood products and systems. Through workshops, seminars, conferences and case studies, *Wood WORKS!* provides education, training and technical expertise to building and design professionals and local governments involved with commercial, institutional and industrial construction projects throughout BC.

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