

## CITY OF ARMSTRONG

### Bylaw No. 1654

#### A bylaw to consider the use of wood as a primary building material in the design and construction of City funded buildings

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**WHEREAS** the *Community Charter* authorizes that a Council may, by bylaw regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to buildings and other structures;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of British Columbia has enacted *Bill 9 – Wood First Act*, to facilitate a culture of wood by requiring the use of wood as the primary building material in all new provincially funded buildings in a manner consistent with the British Columbia Building Code;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Armstrong has adopted a Wood First resolution in support of the *Wood First Act* and the ongoing development of a wood culture to establish a long-term strategy for building with wood in Armstrong;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Armstrong deems that building with wood is consistent with natural resource sustainability, economic sustainability, and reduction of the City of Armstrong’s carbon footprint;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Armstrong **Hereby Enacts as Follows:**

#### **TITLE:**

This bylaw may be referred to as "City of Armstrong Wood First Bylaw No. 1654".

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

In this Bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

“**City**” means the City of Armstrong.

“**Council**” means the municipal Council of the City of Armstrong.

“**Proponent**” means any entity, including a company, firm, consortium or any legal entity, which has been invited to submit a proposal or to submit a tender for the design or construction of a City funded building.

“**Primary building material**” means a building material that is used as a structural component or as a major architectural component in the design of a facility.

“**City funded building**” means a building with respect to which the City owns, or has contributed money to fund its design or construction.

“**Wood product**” means wood that has been prepared for use in construction and may include, but is not limited to lumber, plywood, oriented strandboard, trusses, preservative treated wood, glulams, and engineered wood products such as laminated veneer lumber.

“**Available local wood products**” means a wood product that is produced, can be produced, or is available for purchase within a 75 km radius of the City of Armstrong.

**PURPOSE:**

This bylaw is enacted and retained for the purpose of considering the use of wood first as a primary building material in the design and construction of City funded buildings wherever practical and appropriate in support of *Bill 9 – Wood First Act*, as enacted by the Province of British Columbia and in a manner consistent with the British Columbia Building Code.

**APPLICATION:**

This bylaw applies to City funded buildings within the legal boundaries of the City of Armstrong.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All design proposals for City funded buildings shall consider how wood will be used as a primary building material.
2. Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City funded buildings that demonstrate a more substantial and/or innovative use of wood content as a primary building material.
3. Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City funded buildings from proponents who demonstrate a greater degree of expertise in the use of wood as a primary building material.
4. Favourable consideration may be given to design proposals for City funded buildings that maximize the use of available local wood products.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

This bylaw does not apply to non-City funded projects.

**ENFORCEMENT:**

5. Failure of a proponent to provide a detailed description of how wood will be used as a primary building material in the design of a City funded building may result in a proposal not being considered.
6. Failure of a proponent to demonstrate previous experience in the use of wood as a primary building material in the design of a City funded building may result in a proposal not being considered.
7. Failure of a proponent to demonstrate a clear understanding of available local wood products and how these products may be incorporated into the design of a City funded building may result in a proposal not being considered.

**SEVERABILITY:**

The provisions of this bylaw are severable and the invalidity of any part of this bylaw will not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of May, 2010.

READ A SECOND TIME this 10th day of May, 2010.

READ A THIRD TIME this 10th day of May, 2010.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2010.

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Clerk

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Mayor