

WOOD FIRST RESOLUTION

WHEREAS BC's forest industry is an integral part of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) we are 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 CSRD has supported both the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in adopting resolutions to build a wood culture in BC and across Canada;

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

- Selecting wood champion designers and builders for all regional district building projects so that the opportunities for building with wood cost-effectively are maximized;
- Ensuring all requests for proposals will require 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;
- Ensuring that all construction projects in the CSRD 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 BC of building with wood;
- Being a wood champion and supporting the BC Government's Wood First Act by adopting this Wood First Resolution and passing a Wood First Policy that will establish a long-term strategy for building with wood in the CSRD.