

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes E2. Wood First Resolution - COWC
Rpt #22-2010

RES #110/10

Moved by Councillor Rathor

Seconded by Councillor Zacharias

That pursuant to Committee of Whole Council Report #22-2010, the reports of the Senior Bylaw Officer and Councillor Surinderpal Rathor dated March 11, 2010 and January 27, 2010, respectively, be received and Council adopt the following Resolution with regards to the Wood First Act:

WHEREAS BC's forest industry as an integral part of the City of Williams Lake 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;

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

- Being a wood champion and supporting the BC government's Wood First Act by adopting this Wood First Resolution and developing a Wood First Policy that will establish a long-term strategy for building with wood in Williams Lake;
- Encouraging 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 proposals will request excellence in building with wood as a key qualifying criterion;
- Seeking those who can find practical, efficient, versatile and cost-effective building and design solutions through the use of wood;
- Ensuring that all municipal construction projects in Williams Lake receiving either public or wood industry financial support employ the structural and architectural use of wood.

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