

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

POLICY TITLE: WOOD CHAMPION WOOD FIRST POLICY POLICY NO: 205

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SUPERSEDES:

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The City of Grand Forks is a Wood Champion. BC's forest industry, as an integral part of the community of Grand Forks, is developing new markets and new opportunities for wood products, as a long term strategy for a sustainable wood industry.

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.

POLICY:

The City of Grand Forks will continue to support the ongoing development of its wood culture by:

PROCEDURE:

- **Selecting wood champion designers and builders for all municipal building projects so that the opportunities for building with wood cost-effectively are maximized.**
- **Insuring all requests for proposals will request experience and excellence in building with wood as key qualifying criteria.**
- **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.**
- **Ensure that all construction projects in Grand Forks, 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.**