

DISTRICT OF FORT ST. JAMES
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

POLICY GROUP:	Buildings & Property
SUBJECT:	WOOD FIRST
POLICY NO.:	3.3
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Council Resolution Number 2010-18-6:

WHEREAS BC's forest industry, as an integral part of the community of Fort St. James, 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;

AND WHEREAS the District of Fort St. James has supported both the Union of BC 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 District of Fort St. James will continue to support the ongoing development of its wood culture by, whenever it is in the best interests of the municipality:

- 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 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.
- Ensure that all construction projects in Fort St. James 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.