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Dear Regional District Chair and Board Members:

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

The 2019 Community Recognition Awards Call for Nominations is now open

I invite your community to identify a recently completed civic building or structure with wood use (either architecturally or structurally), and submit your nomination for the 2019 Community Recognition Awards, to be presented at the UBCM convention in Vancouver this fall. The awards are presented annually to local governments that advocate for using wood in a local project, or through visionary initiatives that work toward building a community culture of wood. Wood use in public buildings brings pride to BC towns and cities, leaves a lasting legacy and celebrates BC's wood culture.

If you are thinking of a new project, there has never been a better time to take advantage of the many benefits wood has to offer.

Why wood? Wood is good!

Wood is also the best choice for the environment, as nothing can make a green building 'greener' than optimizing the use of wood, which has a smaller carbon footprint than other building materials. Wood also benefits occupants in the indoor environment. Research has shown people thrive when working and learning in beautiful and high-quality spaces finished with natural materials like wood.

What's new in the world of wood? Consider the advantages and possibilities.

Wood WORKS! BC and the Canadian Wood Council are here to offer our technical expertise, training and education to help your local government realize a lower carbon footprint, competitive building costs, and comfortable, high-performance and effective spaces for your community. Please call me if you are ready to move forward with a new civic project. I can provide information on the professional technical services Wood WORKS! BC offers to your project teams, FREE of charge.

The Wood WORKS! BC Community Recognition Awards program is your opportunity to showcase your community and a wood project that has brought pride to your citizens.

Submit your nomination today! www.wood-works.ca/bc

Regards,

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PS Please note that nominations are only open to local governments and their projects. Projects must have been completed within the last three years and built in whole or part with local government funds. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, August 30, 2019

About Wood *WORKS!* BC



Wood *WORKS!* is a national industry-led program of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood products and building systems. Through conferences, workshops, seminars and case studies, Wood *WORKS!* provides education, training and technical expertise to building and design professionals and local governments involved with commercial, institutional and industrial construction projects throughout BC. For more than 20 years, Wood *WORKS!* BC has facilitated practical, efficient, versatile and cost-effective building and design solutions through the use of wood – the most sustainable, natural and renewable building material on Earth.

Wood *WORKS!* BC has also worked extensively with municipalities on projects ranging from fire halls to arenas to recreation centres. Wood *WORKS!* BC is a recognized resource to help BC communities build with wood and fulfill provincial aspirations to be the first and best customers of our forest products, and our expertise is available free of charge.

Wood *WORKS!* BC: Services to Local Governments

Free Technical Advice

- structural, fire, seismic, acoustic, envelope, architectural, building performance

Community Outreach

- local government liaison and wood design support
- provincial government consultation and collaboration
- industry association partnerships and consultation

Sourcing Wood Products and Building Systems

Professional Development/Liaison

- Architectural Institute of BC, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, BC Housing, Building Officials Association of BC

High Performance Building Support

- advancing low embodied and low operational carbon buildings in your community