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## Wood WORKS! E-Bulletin Branché sur le bois

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### National

- **Wood WORKS! team meeting  
Ottawa, Nov. 29-30, 2005**

The entire Wood WORKS! team, with members from BC, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, met in Ottawa at the Canadian Wood Council's office for two days of meetings and discussions. The Wood WORKS! team reviewed the progress of the project and discussed the funding strategy, communication and technical issues for the upcoming year. Several new key initiatives will be launched in early 2006.

***Rencontre de l'équipe Branché sur le bois***

*L'équipe entière de Branché sur le bois avec les membres de la Colombie-britannique, l'Alberta, l'Ontario et du Québec, s'est rencontrée à Ottawa au bureau du Conseil canadien du bois pour deux jours de réunions et de discussions. L'équipe de Branché sur le bois a reconsidéré le progrès du projet et a discuté des exigences techniques, des stratégies de financement, ainsi que de la direction future du projet. Plusieurs nouvelles initiatives-clés sont prévues au début de 2006.*

- **2010 Olympics**

Wood WORKS! is working closely with the Olympic Oval design team in providing technical support as necessary, to ensure wood is being showcased in the building. Wood WORKS! is also working closely with the architects and engineers involved with the other 2010 facilities. (Arena, curling rink, etc..)

***Les Jeux olympiques 2010***

*Branché sur le bois travaille de près avec l'équipe de design de la patinoire Olympique en fournissant un soutien technique nécessaire pour assurer que le bois occupe une position importante dans les bâtiments Olympiques. Branché sur le bois travaille aussi avec les architectes et ingénieurs impliqués avec les autres bâtiments pour 2010. (Arène, patinoire pour le curling, etc...)*

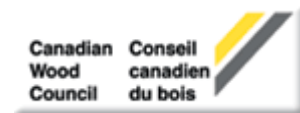
- **Wood WORKS! Web Site**

The Wood WORKS! web site will be revamped. New information will be added and a new user-friendly site will be developed. The new site should be ready to be launched early next year. If you have any comments and suggestions to improve our web site, please forward them to Ioana Lazea at: [ilazea@cwcc.ca](mailto:ilazea@cwcc.ca)

***Le site Web de Branché sur le bois!***

*Le site Web de Branché sur le bois! sera mis à jour. De nouveaux renseignements seront ajoutés et un nouveau site facile à utiliser est en voie de développement. Le nouveau site devrait être au début de l'année prochaine. Si vous avez des commentaires ou suggestions pour améliorer notre site Web, veuillez contacter Ioana Lazea à : [ilazea@cwcc.ca](mailto:ilazea@cwcc.ca)*

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Canadian Wood Council  
initiative



*Branché sur le bois est une  
initiative du Conseil canadien  
du bois*

***Season's Greetings***  
Wood WORKS! would like to  
take this opportunity to wish  
you and your family a very  
safe and happy holiday  
season.



## British Columbia

- **CASE STUDY FINISHED**  
Wood *WORKS!* BC, in partnership with Canply, has produced a Case Study on the recently construction Armstrong / Spallumcheen arena. The Case Study is currently being printed and will be available in January. For the complete story please visit [this link](#).
- **BC Wood Design Awards Gala**  
Following on the success of the inaugural 2005 Wood Design Awards competition and Gala, plans are now underway for the 2006 event. Award categories include, Residential – Interior Wood Beauty, Residential, Multi - Unit Residential, High Performance, Recreational, Commercial/Institutional, Community Leader, Industry Leader, Engineer, Architect and Wood Champion. Nominations for the various award categories close on February 1, 2006 for projects commissioned after January 2003. The Gala awards presentation will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver on Monday, March 6. For further information, please contact BC Wood *WORKS!* at 1-877-929-9663.
- **Provincial Steering Committee Meeting**  
Friday, January 6, 2006 is the date for the next Provincial Steering Committee Meeting to be held at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel from 8:00 am –1:00 pm. The focus of this meeting will be to determine activities and outcomes for 2006 - 2007.
- **In House Seminars**  
Currently two in-house workshops are being developed for the Wood *WORKS!* program to be presented in January-March of next year. Fred Tai of Simpson Strong Tie will be providing a workshop on Connectors while Robert Malczyk of Equilibrium Consulting will be giving a presentation on Structural Wood Systems.

## Alberta

- **Activities for Alberta Wood *WORKS!***  
The Alberta Wood *WORKS!* project has been active on several fronts and the following highlights some of the major activities that are being pursued by the program:  
**Alberta Wood Solutions Fair** - April 19, 2006 in Edmonton, Alberta  
**Alberta Wood Design Awards** - Alberta's first wood design Awards event is scheduled the evening prior to the Wood Solutions Fair - April 18, 2006.  
**Case Study** - Ongoing - Alberta Pressure Equipment Safety Authority building in the south side of Edmonton at the Research Park - early phase - initial visit made; first pictures taken; currently meeting and sourcing data on project. [Picture attached](#)  
**Builders Insurance Project** - AB Wood *WORKS!* will be working with Forintek to undertake a survey of insurance firms, builders and building officials in an effort to determine what is causing the rising cost of Building Insurance especially when wood is used, and what products or services could effectively reduce the insurance rates.
- **Government Lobby**  
Meetings held with provincial Ministers of Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Sustainable Resource Development toward greater attention to 'Building with Wood' as it relates to public buildings. With the Alberta Government poised to spend over \$6 Billion in public building projects over the next 3 years, Alberta Wood *WORKS!* is trying to raise the notion of using more domestic wood products.

## *Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année*

*Toute l'équipe de Branché sur  
le bois vous souhaite un  
joyeux temps des Fêtes.*

## *Feature Stories*

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### CASE STUDY FINISHED

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## *Upcoming Events*

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[BC Wood \*WORKS!\* Gala -  
March 6, 2006 - Four Seasons  
Hotel, Vancouver](#)

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[Alberta Wood \*WORKS!\* Gala -  
April 18, 2006 - Edmonton](#)

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[Alberta Wood Solutions Fair:  
April 19, 2006, Edmonton](#)

- **Alberta Architects Association Banff Session**  
Wood *WORKS!* negotiating sponsorship opportunities for March 2006 event.

## Ontario

- **Sustainable Wood Design Conference**  
**Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood, ON- November 24th, 2005**  
Wood *WORKS!* organized a technical conference on “Sustainable Wood Design”. Speakers from Forintek (Les Richardson), Equilibrium Consulting Inc. (David Moses), Manasc Isaac Architects (Vivian Manasc) and the Canadian Wood Council (Linda McPhee), addressed technical and practical aspects of the topic. This one-day session also included a small trade booth area.
- **5th Annual Wood Awards Gala**  
**November 24, 2005, Blue Mountain, Collingwood**  
Thirteen prestigious Wood *WORKS!* awards were presented to innovative - based projects, and exemplary architects, engineers, and community leaders. During the ceremony, Wood *WORKS!* past Chair, Jim Lopez, was also honoured for his contributions to the Wood *WORKS!* program. Over 250 people braved the poor weather conditions to attend this event, which will be remembered as the “snow storm gala”. See our website at: [www.woodworksawards.com](http://www.woodworksawards.com) for a listing and pictures of this year’s award winners.
- **Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Steering Committee Meeting**  
**November 25th, 2005**  
The Steering Committee met for its semi-annual meeting, the first under our new Chair, Jamie Lim. The group reviewed our progress against our 5-year Strategic Growth Plan, and discussed the business plan for 2006. Special projects planned for 2006 include: a market study of some of the fastest growing urban centres in Ontario to bring more focus on our target market in non-residential construction; hiring a Technical Advisor; case studies on the Timmins Library and the Thunder Bay Hospital focusing on life cycle analysis; an Anniversary book showcasing the 5 years of winners from the Wood *WORKS!* Awards Gala; more education seminars on focused technical needs ie. connections; 6th Annual Awards Gala will be held in Toronto.
- **Construct Canada Trade Show**  
**Toronto, ON –Nov. 30th-Dec.2nd**  
Wood *WORKS!* participated with a trade booth in this event, which, with 1,050 exhibits and over 21,000 visitors, has become Canada's largest annual trade show for architects, engineers, contractors, developers and specifiers. Wood *WORKS!* booth was well attended by different categories of attendees and many were very enthusiastic about using wood in future assignments and projects. They want more material such as case studies and inspiring publications.

## Québec

- ***Séminaire technique tenu au Pavillon Gene-H.-Kruger de l'Université Laval le 17 novembre 2005 un grand succès!***  
*Le séminaire technique, offert en collaboration avec Branché sur le bois! – Québec, le Centre de recherche sur le bois de l'Université Laval et Forintek Canada a connu un franc succès avec la présence d'une centaine de participants. Parmi ceux-ci, on retrouvait d'ingénieurs (45%), d'architectes (20%), de représentants de l'industrie (13%) et d'étudiants (15%) en plus d'autres participants pour une représentation équilibrée en provenance du secteur privé, du gouvernement et du milieu universitaire. Les participants*

## ***Potential Wood Projects Pursued by Wood *WORKS!****

*For more information on the projects, please contact the provincial directors by clicking on the project's link.*

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### **British Columbia:**

[Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre](#)

[Armstrong / Spallumcheen Arena, Armstrong, BC](#)

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### **Alberta:**

[YMCA, Downtown Edmonton, AB](#)

[Community Hall, La Crete, AB](#)

[Evergreen Park Conference Pavilion, Grande Prairie, AB](#)

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### **Ontario:**

[Kitchener Library](#)

[Aylmer Fire Hall](#)

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### **Quebec:**

[Misstassini complexe communautaire: bibliothèque, piscine, centre sportif – construction en phases](#)

[Passerelles pour piste cyclable et de moto-neige – Rivière de la petite nation](#)

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ont grandement apprécié les présentations qu'ils ont qualifiées de « très intéressantes, » de « pertinentes » et de « motivantes. » Des fournisseurs de produits de bois et de logiciels informatiques étaient aussi présents pour distribuer de l'information sur leurs produits. Plusieurs sujets ont été abordés durant la journée : la construction durable; l'évaluation de bâtiment et les systèmes de classification; la responsabilité environnementale inhérente à la construction du bois; les assemblages et les systèmes de connecteurs dans les bâtiments innovateurs; les ponts européens en bois - les possibilités et les contraintes; l'utilisation du bois dans l'architecture dans un contexte national, culturel et historique; et la présentation de divers projets au Québec, à travers le pays et à l'étranger. Le séminaire technique s'est terminé en beauté par une visite guidée du nouveau pavillon avec André Moisan, architecte pour la firme responsable de la conception du bâtiment. Les présentations effectuées lors de ce séminaire sont disponibles en format électronique. Pour plus d'informations, contactez Patrice Tardif 514-425-4848 ou [ptardif@videotron.ca](mailto:ptardif@videotron.ca).

**Technical seminar at the Gene-H.-Kruger Building of Laval University November 17, 2005 was a big success!**

The technical seminar, a collaborative effort between Branché sur le bois! – Quebec, Laval University's Centre for Wood Research and Forintek Canada, was attended by nearly 100 people. Participants included engineers (45%), architects (20%), industry representatives (13%), students (15%) and others; from the private sector and from government and universities. Participants appreciated the day, which this qualified as "very interesting," "pertinent" and "motivating." Industry and computer software representatives were on hand with table-top displays. Topics at the all-day session dealt with sustainable building, building assessment and rating systems, the environmental responsibility inherent in wood construction, wood assembly and connection technologies in innovative buildings, European bridges in wood – possibilities and constraints, the use of wood in architecture in a national, cultural and historic context, and the presentation of various projects within the province of Quebec, across the country, and abroad. The technical session was followed by a guided tour of the new Centre with André Moisan, architect with the firm responsible for the design of the facility. The presentations are available in electronic format. For more information, contact Patrice Tardif at 514-526-4848 or [ptardif@videotron.ca](mailto:ptardif@videotron.ca)

- **Rencontre avec Chantiers Chibougamau et Branché sur le bois! au Centre sportif Bois-de-Boulogne à Laval le 2 décembre 2005 un autre grand succès !**

Le séminaire technique tenu le 2 décembre dernier au nouveau Complexe sportif de la Ville de Laval, en collaboration avec Chantiers Chibougamau et Branché sur le bois!, a attiré près de 90 architectes, ingénieurs et intervenants municipaux. Les représentants de Chantiers Chibougamau ont expliqué le parcours et la vision de leur entreprise tout en présentant leur ligne de produits et la gamme des services qu'ils offrent. D'autres présentations ont traité de l'importance d'une approche de construction durable, des responsabilités environnementales inhérentes à l'utilisation du bois et de divers projets réalisés en bois dans le secteur non résidentiel. Les participants ont apprécié les informations transmises par chacun des intervenants et étaient heureux d'en connaître davantage sur Chantiers Chibougamau ... une compagnie que « nous Québécois pouvons en être très fière. » Les présentations ont été suivies d'une visite guidée du nouveau Complexe avec Jean-Claude Baudry, le concepteur du bâtiment. Pour plus d'informations sur l'événement, contactez Patrice Tardif au 514-425-4848 ou [ptardif@videotron.ca](mailto:ptardif@videotron.ca).

[Promenade des gouverneurs, Québec](#)

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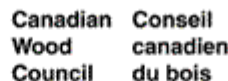
[Wood \(IN\)Site, the electronic newsletter for builders, architects and engineers.](#)

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**Chantiers Chibougamau and Branché sur le bois! event at the Centre sportif Bois-de-Boulogne in Laval on December 2, 2005, another big success!**

The technical session held on December 2nd at the new soccer stadium and sports complex in Laval north of Montreal, a Chantiers Chibougamau and Branché sur le bois! collaboration, was attended by nearly 90 architects, engineers and municipal representatives. Representatives from Chantiers Chibougamau spoke on the company's background, its philosophies as well as its services and product lines. Other presentations dealt with the importance of a sustainable environment, the environmental responsibilities inherent in wood use, and various projects done in wood. Participants appreciated all the information presented and were pleased to discover Chantiers Chibougamau ... a company "for which Quebecers can be very proud." Presentations were followed by a guided tour of the facility with Jean-Claude Baudry, designer of the facility. For more information on the event, contact Patrice Tardif at 514-526-4848 or [ptardif@videotron.ca](mailto:ptardif@videotron.ca).

**Wood WORKS! would like to thank its project partners.**  
*Branché sur le bois remercie ses partenaires.*



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*Le projet Branché sur le bois est une initiative nationale, lancée par l'industrie et menée par le Conseil canadien du bois, afin de promouvoir l'utilisation du bois dans la construction commerciale, industrielle et institutionnelle. Le Bulletin Branché sur le bois s'avère notre méthode de communication pour vous informer des activités, résultats et succès du projet au cours du mois, en plus de vous mettre au courant des événements à venir.*

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