

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

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### National

- **2010 Olympics Update**

Construction of the Olympic Oval is almost complete with a project completion date of Fall 2008. The wood structure being used for the oval has been completed. This innovative wood roof structure is one of the largest of its kind in the world. The construction stages of this structure have been filmed with the intent to create a documentary for public television stations. Wood **WORKS!** is in the process of looking for partners in promotion / television networks sector as well as continuing to monitor the project until completion. As well, Wood **WORKS!** plans to complete an in-depth case study of this structure in the fall.

Wood **WORKS!** has also worked closely with the architects and engineers involved with the other 2010 facilities: a Curling Rink and Nordic Center, and have been providing technical advice to the construction team which has ensured that wood solutions are used on all 2010 structures.

#### ***Les Dernières nouvelles des Olympiques 2010 olympiques 2010***

*La construction de l'anneau olympique (Olympic Oval) dont la date d'achèvement est prévue pour l'automne 2008 tire à sa fin. La structure en bois utilisée pour l'anneau a été terminée. Cette structure de toit en bois innovatrice est l'une des plus grandes du genre au monde. Les étapes de construction de cette structure ont été filmées dans le but de créer un documentaire qui sera diffusé par les chaînes de télévision publiques. L'initiative Branché sur le BOIS! est à la recherche de partenaires dans le secteur de la promotion / réseaux de télévision tout en continuant à surveiller le projet jusqu'à son achèvement. Aussi, Branché sur le BOIS! entend terminer une étude de cas en profondeur de cette structure à l'automne.*

*Branché sur le BOIS! a aussi travaillé en étroite collaboration avec les architectes et les ingénieurs qui s'occupent de la construction des autres installations pour 2010 soit la piste de curling et le centre nordique et ont fourni des avis techniques à l'équipe de construction qui a veillé à ce que les solutions en bois soient retenues pour toutes les structures olympiques.*

- **Mid-rise Wood Building Study**

Discussions of the feasibility and practicality for the construction of wood structured buildings over 5 stories have taken place. Experts evaluated and identified details specific to this study and developed a plan of action during an expert forum and a research document has been completed. The next step of this project is the development of an actual prototype structure.

For more information on this study or to obtain research documents please contact Jennifer Duthie at: [jduthie@cwc.ca](mailto:jduthie@cwc.ca)

#### ***Étude sur les immeubles de taille moyenne***

*Nous avons tenu des discussions au sujet de la faisabilité et de la valeur concrète de la construction de bâtiments à ossature de bois de plus de cinq étages. Des experts ont évalué et identifié des détails particuliers de cette étude et élaboré un plan d'action au cours d'un forum d'experts et un document de recherche a été préparé. La prochaine étape de ce projet est la conception du prototype de la structure.*

*Pour plus d'information sur cette étude ou pour obtenir des documents de recherche veuillez communiquer avec Jennifer Duthie à : [jduthie@cwc.ca](mailto:jduthie@cwc.ca)*

- **Solid Wood Wall Study**

Wood **WORKS!** supported a design and construction team in the development of conceptual schematics of a panelized solid wood wall structure for a typical office building. All structural assemblies including exterior walls, floors and roofs compose the massive wood wall system, similar to buildings already built in Europe. Driving factors behind this study is to assess viability, costing and feasibility of these assemblies. Also, with respect to sustainably -- wood acts as a carbon sink. Massive wood assemblies store large quantities of carbon for the lifetime of the

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building. No other material can make this claim and as such wood has proven time and again to be the superior building material for many factors.

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• **Étude de mur en bois massif**

*L'initiative Branché sur le BOIS! a appuyé une équipe de conception et de construction dans le développement d'un schéma conceptuel d'une structure en panneaux de mur en bois massif pour un immeuble à bureaux typique. Tous les assemblages structuraux, y compris les murs extérieurs, les planchers et les toits constituent le système constructif de mur en bois massif, semblable aux bâtiments déjà construits en Europe. Cette étude vise à évaluer les facteurs comme la viabilité, l'établissement du coût de revient et la faisabilité de ces structures. En ce qui a trait à la viabilité -- le bois agit comme un puits de carbone. Les assemblages de bois massif emmagasinent de grandes quantités de carbone pendant toute la durée de vie du bâtiment. Aucun autre matériau ne peut avoir cette prétention et à ce titre le bois demeure depuis toujours un matériau de construction supérieur à l'égard d'un grand nombre de facteurs.*

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• **Wood WORKS! Supported Research Reports on the Sustainability File**

1. Detailed Analysis on the possible effects / impacts the USGBC LEED Building Rating System could have on the building sector

2. Review / assessment of the GBI Green Globes Building Rating System from a marketing perspective

Both reports made possible with the support of Natural Resources Canada.

**Branché sur le BOIS! Dossier des rapports de recherche sur la viabilité**

1. Analyse détaillée des effets / impacts possibles que le système USGBC LEED pourrait avoir sur le secteur du bâtiment.

2. Examen / évaluation du système d'évaluation des bâtiments écologiques d'un point de vue du marketing.

*Les deux rapports sont rendus possibles avec l'appui des Ressources naturelles Canada*

## British Columbia

• **CODE CHANGES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

In order to help architects, engineers and designers understand the proposed changes to the BC Building Code, Wood WORKS! is developing a page dedicated to information about wood in mid-rise construction on their website.

In September, the British Columbia government announced that the BC Building code will be changed to allow for wood construction in buildings up to six storeys. The changes are scheduled to be implemented in January 2009, Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman announced.

Coleman noted that raising the roof on wood-frame construction will open opportunities for construction of midrise, medium-density housing, and said this type of building provides an option for communities that want to take advantage of the environmental benefits of density while preserving the character of their communities.

Wood WORKS! BC and the Canadian Wood Council have been working closely with provincial code officials on the changes. Mary Tracey, Executive Director for Wood WORKS! BC, said they have been receiving numerous requests for information on wood design in mid-rise construction. In order to meet the demand for information, they are in the final stages of developing a section of the Wood WORKS! website to address the questions.

The website will address the following topics:

1) The history and use of Midrise buildings in other jurisdictions: for example did you know that several European countries and the US States of Washington and Oregon have been building 5+ storeys of wood frame buildings for over six years now?

2) Timeline (to date): a chronological order of events and a highlight of the involvement of

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

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### British Columbia:

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[Vancouver Convention Center Expansion Project](#)

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### 2010 Olympic Venues:

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[Olympic Speed Skating Oval, Richmond](#)

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### Alberta:

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[YMCA, Downtown Edmonton, AB](#)

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CWC/Wood *WORKS!* staff on how this concept was developed and accepted over time.

3) Sustainability and Environmental Attributes: this will involve a detail discussion on the Environmental benefits of allowing Six Storey wood frame construction and will include a Carbon Sequestration calculation on a typical six storey wooden building.

4) Combustible Construction? : A discussion and comparison of fire rating assemblies that use wood components and that of other building materials.

5) Construction Issues and Potential Solutions: this will become a major information source for designers et al. as well as a forum for discussing issues of concerns and how to solve them. Sample topics will include: how to deal with shrinkage, what new products or methodologies are currently available in the marketplace that can address the seismic and larger overturning forces in a six storey building as compared to a traditional four storey building.

- **Call for Nominations for the 5th Annual Wood Design Awards**

Wood *WORKS!* BC is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Wood Design Awards competition. The awards honour excellence in wood-based projects and recognize the people and organizations that are pioneering and presenting the use of wood in British Columbia.

We wish to thank the following associations and companies for making this event possible.

**Event Sponsors – Forestry Innovation Investment and Natural Resources Canada**

**Award Sponsors - BC Wood, Broadleaf Logistics, Canfor, Coast Forest Products Association, Council of Forest Industries, Gorman Bros. , Structurlam, Tembec, Western Archrib, Western Red Cedar Lumber Association, Weyerhaeuser**

**Bronze Sponsors – Mill and Timber and Sustainable Forestry Initiative**

The award categories include, Interior Wood Beauty – Residential, Residential, Green Building, Multi – Unit Residential, Commercial, Institutional Wood Design, Western Red Cedar Award – Residential, Western Red Cedar – Non- residential, Industry Leader, Architect, Engineer, Wood Champion. As well a new category Interior Wood Beauty- Commercial has been added this year.

Nominated **projects** will showcase the special qualities of wood such as strength, beauty, versatility, and cost-effectiveness. Projects commissioned after January 2006 will be accepted.

In recognition of a leader within the Forest Industry nominations are now being accepted in the Industry Leader category. **The Industry Leader** Award acknowledges contributions made to the expansion and future growth of the wood industry in British Columbia. This award honours an individual or company that stands out as an advocate for wood and helps BC realize more benefits from its wood production.

For award program information and nomination forms visit the Wood *WORKS!* BC Gala website at <http://www.wood-works.org/BC%20Wood%20WORKS/BC%20Gala/?Language=EN> or contact the event coordinator Lorna Malone at [lmalone@wood-works.ca](mailto:lmalone@wood-works.ca) or call 1-877-929-9663 ext 4.

**The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 6, 2008**

- **Wood Solutions Fair 2009**

The Vancouver Wood Solutions Fair, 2009 will be held at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, March 18. A full day of educational programming is planned. The preliminary program includes the following presentations. In architectural design there are presentations on Christ the Light Cathedral in California, the Art Gallery of Ontario, Richmond Oval,

BC Wood Design Awards 2008, Timber Frame Construction, and Sustainability – Thinking like Cathedral Builders.

For those wanting more information on proposed changes in the BC Building Code to permit non-combustible construction to 6 storeys, the program will include a panel discussion and guest speakers from jurisdictions where 5-8 storeys have been built.

In design and constructions the program includes presentations on Lateral Design for Wood Buildings: Design Principles and Loads, Project Costing, 3D Modeling, Roof and Floor Trusses in the 21st Century, and Western Red Cedar Lumber.

Exhibitors wishing to participate, contact event coordinator Lorna Malone at [lmalone@wood-works.ca](mailto:lmalone@wood-works.ca).

Thank you to the Western Red Cedar Lumber Association for their Silver Sponsorship of the Canadian Wood Solution Fairs 2009.

- **2009 Wood Catapult Competition**

This year the third annual Wood Catapult Competition will again take place at the UBC Campus in Vancouver on March 28, 2008, although on a different sports field (Whit-Matthews). Free parking will also be provided by BC Wood *WORKS!* in the parking Plaza beside the field.

The purpose of the competition is to challenge registered college / university students to design and build a wood siege engine capable of accurately hitting targets at 20, 30 and 50 meters using a cement ball. Teams consisting of students and one faculty member submit a short report prior to the competition about their design. On the morning of the competition each team will be required to give a fifteen-minute presentation to the judges, after their weigh-in and set up. In the afternoon, timed performance trials and distance trials will determine the winners and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams (\$1500, \$1000 and \$500 respectively) as well as prizes for Best Presentation, Maximum Distance and Aesthetics/Spirit.

January 16, 2009 is the registration deadline for the upcoming Wood Catapult Competition to be held at UBC on March 28, 2009. Teams from two different universities have already expressed their interest in competing again this year. We are hoping that the later date will encourage participation from more schools throughout western Canada. For further information see our website at [www.wood-works.ca](http://www.wood-works.ca) (BC Wood *WORKS!*/Competitions).

## Alberta

- **Presentation to the NAIT Architecture Students**

On December 11 and 12, Les Josza, Forintek Canada, was in Edmonton to present to the NAIT Architecture first year students in regards to wood properties. The topic correlated directly to their products and materials course. Instructors and the assistant chair of the program gave high remarks on the presentation stated: "the presentation tied in very nicely to the course curriculum and the students enjoyed the presentation. Now that we know about you guys we'll ask you back next year!"

- **Workshop -- Practical Aspects of Wood Quality for Architects and Engineers**

Workshop being held in Edmonton February 17th & Calgary February 19th, 2009

- **Wood *WORKS!* Expanding its Reach**

Wood *WORKS!* is reaching out to Saskatchewan! Staff will be attending Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Feb 2-3, 2009 and hosting a Lunch & Learn, February 3, for local Architects, Engineers, and the Saskatchewan design community.

- **Mark your calendars -- BuildEx**

For Edmonton BuildEx, at the Shaw Convention Centre, March 17 & 18, 2009.

- **Wood *WORKS!* Alberta presents the 3rd Awards Gala**

April 23th, 2009. This will be held at Snow Valley Lodge, Edmonton. Nominations are now being accepted. Nomination Deadline March 27th, 2009

- **Wood Solutions Fair**

Wood Solutions Fair" to be held at the Mayfield Inn, Edmonton, April 8th, 2009.

Contact for any of the events can be directed to Juanita Bobbitt [jbobbitt@wood-works.ca](mailto:jbobbitt@wood-works.ca) or by calling 780-489-5900

## Ontario

- **2009 Wood *WORKS!* Awards Calendar Now Available**

For a complete list of the 2008 Wood *WORKS!* Award winners, or a complimentary copy of the new Award Winners Calendar (for 2009), please forward your request to Tim Buhler [tbuhler@wood-works.ca](mailto:tbuhler@wood-works.ca)

- **Ontario Wood *WORKS!* 3-Year Growth Plan**

After consultation with industry, government, designers, users and other partners, Ontario Wood *WORKS!* has published a 3 year Growth plan taking the project to 2012. Please contact Marianne Berube

( [maberube@wood-works.ca](mailto:maberube@wood-works.ca) ) to request a copy of the plan.

- **Construct Canada**

- **Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, December 3rd – 5th**

- The 2008 Wood Zone Pavilion was huge success at Construct Canada for the 2nd year in a row. With 23,695 attendees, 450 seminars, 200 presentations, and 1100 Exhibits, Construct Canada drew the decision-makers responsible for design, construction, retrofit, and renovation of office, high-rise residential, industrial, medical, educational, and institutional buildings. Construct Canada is a meeting place for builders, developers, contractors, engineers, architects, specifiers, distributors, and buyers from Canada and around the world but it is also a means to reinforce existing relationships. The IWS booth formed the feature area of the wood-zone and illustrated simple heavy timber construction. It combined locally grown white cedar with engineered wood products – and successfully showed different joinery methods and connections. It gave the attendees a chance to touch the wood, and interact with a very positive space. In conjunction with the Wood Zone, we also held 2 educational seminars on wood products and trends.

- (1) Sustainable Building Materials -The Green Role of Cement, Masonry, Plastics, Steel & Wood in Construction Today by Rob Jonkman, Manager, Structural Engineering & Sustainable Design, CWC

- (2) Wood *WORKS!* Wood Construction Applications for Mid-Rise Buildings by Shelly Craig, Principal, Urban Arts Architecture & Marianne Berube, Executive Director, Ontario Wood *WORKS!*

- **Meeting with Minister Cansfield, Ministry of Natural Resources  
Toronto, December 16th**

- Met to discuss proposal for new NRCan office/administration buildings and Federal government procurement policy.

- **Meeting with NRCan  
Ottawa, December 17th**

- Met to discuss proposal for new NRCan office/administration buildings and Federal government procurement policy.

- **2009 Student Wood Product Design Competition Launched**

- Faculty Advisor Registrations are now being accepted for the 2009 Student Wood Product Design Competition. If you teach an architectural, engineering or forestry related course at an accredited Ontario College or University and would like your students to participate in the 2009 contest, please email Sarah Hicks ( [shicks@cw.ca](mailto:shicks@cw.ca) ) or call 1-8666-886-2574 ext. 384

- **Upcoming ....**

- International Builders' Show, Nevada (January 20 – 23)

- Wood *WORKS!* North American Directors Meeting, California (January 19)

- Wood Design Luncheon Conferences (February 25 – 26)

- Join us for a day of continuing wood education in Sudbury on February 25 or Winnipeg on February 26. Contact Tim Buhler ( [tbuhler@wood-works.ca](mailto:tbuhler@wood-works.ca) ) to register.

## Québec

- **Cecobois.com Online**

- The Cecobois, (Centre d'expertise sur la construction commerciale en bois) website has just been launched online. Internet users can now access sections dealing with wood advantages, wood applications and properties, wood and the building code and wood and the environment. They will also find an inventory of projects, manuals and publications, lists of manufacturers and suppliers, a lexicon, design tools, examples of plans and specifications, as well as news and events to come.

Your comments will be appreciated. Have a good visit at [www.cecobois.com](http://www.cecobois.com)

### ***Cecobois.com en ligne***

*Le site Internet de cecobois, le Centre d'expertise sur la construction commerciale en bois, est maintenant en ligne. Les internautes peuvent y consulter des sections portant sur les avantages du bois, le bois et ses applications, le bois et ses propriétés, le bois et le Code du bâtiment et le bois et l'environnement. On y trouve également un répertoire de projets, des manuels et des publications, des listes de fabricants et de fournisseurs, un lexique, des outils de calcul, des plans et devis types ainsi que des nouvelles et les événements à venir. Vos commentaires sont appréciés. Bonne visite sur [www.cecobois.com](http://www.cecobois.com)*

- **Technical Guides in Production**

The Cecobois team has created two technical guides that will soon be available online at [www.cecobois.com](http://www.cecobois.com) They deal with I-beams and open web beams. Two other guides in production will deal with roof trusses and engineered wood posts and beams. These guides will help engineers and architects designing buildings with wood.

### ***Guides techniques en production***

*The L'équipe de cecobois a rédigé deux guides techniques qui pourront bientôt être consultés sur [www.cecobois.com](http://www.cecobois.com) Les sujets traités sont les poutrelles en I et les poutrelles ajourées. Deux autres guides sont en rédaction qui porteront sur les fermes de toit et les poutres et colonnes en bois d'ingénierie. L'objectif des guides est d'aider les ingénieurs et les architectes dans la conception de bâtiments utilisant le bois.*

- **Seminar on the Non-residential Construction Market**

Cecobois, in collaboration with FPIInnovations-Forintek and the Centre de recherche sur le bois and the Consortium de recherche FORAC of the Université Laval, are organizing a seminar on commercial construction. The seminar will be held on December 10 at the Hotel Plaza Quebec, in Quebec City. This seminar will give an opportunity to take stock of the actual knowledge about opportunities and challenges for the structural and appearance wood products industry with regard to the non-residential construction market in the province of Quebec. Subjects such as market perspectives, development initiatives, obstacles to overcome, technological innovation and the strategic positioning of the steel industry in relation to the wood industry will be discussed. Online program and registration:

<http://www.quebecwoodexport.com/fr/event/Seminairesurlemarchedelaconstructionnonresidentielle.htm>

### ***Séminaire sur le marché de la construction non résidentielle***

*Cecobois, en collaboration avec FPIInnovations-Forintek et le Centre de recherche sur le bois et le Consortium de recherche FOR@C de l'Université Laval, organise un séminaire sur la construction commerciale. Le séminaire aura lieu le 10 décembre à l'Hotel Plaza Québec, à Québec. Ce séminaire permettra de faire le point sur les connaissances actuelles des opportunités et des défis pour l'industrie des produits du bois de structure et d'apparence en regard du marché de la construction non résidentielle au Québec. Les sujets tels que les perspectives de marché, les initiatives de développement, les barrières à surmonter, l'innovation technologique et le positionnement stratégique de l'acier par rapport à celui de l'industrie du bois y seront abordés. Programme et inscription en ligne:*

<http://www.quebecwoodexport.com/fr/event/Seminairesurlemarchedelaconstructionnonresidentielle.htm>

- **Cecobois at the Contech Fair**

Cecobois set up an exhibitor's booth at the Contech fair that was held in Montreal on November the 5 and in Quebec City on November 19, 2008. More than 3,000 participants attended these two events. Representatives of Cecobois have given a talk on the applications of wood in non-residential construction. You can have access to this presentation at the following address:

[http://www.cecobois.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=161&Itemid=26](http://www.cecobois.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=161&Itemid=26)

### ***Cecobois aux salons Contech***

*Cecobois a eu un stand aux salons Contech de Montréal le 5 novembre dernier et à celui de Québec le 19 novembre à titre d'exposants. Plus de 3 000 personnes ont participé à ces deux événements. Des représentants de cecobois y ont donné une conférence sur les possibilités du bois*

*dans la construction non résidentielle. Les personnes intéressées peuvent consulter la présentation à l'adresse suivante :*

*[http://www.cecobois.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=161&Itemid=26](http://www.cecobois.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=161&Itemid=26)*

- **Features in the Media**

Cecobois was featured last November in a news story in the newspaper Les Affaires. "Choosing wood for the construction of commercial, institutional or industrial buildings is posing a gesture in favour of the environment and economy of Quebec" says Louis Poliquin, Director of Cecobois. Also, a radio interview was given to the CBC in Montreal on November 19, 2008. You can listen to this interview "Taking a hard look at building with wood" by going in the archives of November 18 at the following address: <http://www.cbc.ca/quebecam/archives.html>

**Reportage dans les médias**

*Cecobois a récemment fait l'objet d'un reportage dans le journal Les Affaires en novembre dernier. « Choisir le bois pour la construction d'édifices commerciaux, constitutionnels ou industriels, c'est poser un geste en faveur de l'environnement et de l'économie québécoise », a souligné Louis Poliquin, directeur de cecobois. De plus, une entrevue radiophonique a été accordée à la CBC-Montréal le 18 novembre dernier. Vous pouvez écouter l'entrevue Taking a hard look at building with wood à partir des archives du 18 novembre à l'adresse suivante :*

*<http://www.cbc.ca/quebecam/archives.html>*

- **Courses for Engineers**

Cecobois will organize two courses on the design of wood frames during winter 2009. These courses will deal with light wood framing (one day) and posts and beams framing (one day) of multiple stories buildings. These courses are based on real designs made in Quebec and in Ontario in accordance with the National Building Code 2005 and the CSA 086 Design Standard.

**Formations pour ingénieurs**

*Cecobois offrira deux formations sur la conception des charpentes en bois à l'hiver 2009. Les formations traiteront de la conception en ossature légère (une journée) et de la conception en poutres et poteaux (une journée) de bâtiments multi-étagés. Les formations seront basées sur des conceptions réelles faites au Québec et en Ontario conformément au Code national du bâtiment 2005 et la norme de calcul CSA 086.*

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

The Wood WORKS! project is a national, industry-led initiative, spearheaded by the Canadian Wood Council, to promote the use of wood in commercial, industrial and institutional construction. The Wood WORKS! E-Bulletin is our method to communicate to you the many activities, accomplishments and successes of the initiative throughout the past month, as well as upcoming projects and events we are currently working on.

*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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