



**Ontario Develops Best Practice Guideline for Fire Safety during Construction**  
*Canadian Wood Council Collaborates with Ontario Ministries and Stakeholders*

**OTTAWA, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – As an organization dedicated to safe construction practices, the Canadian Wood Council (CWC) and its Ontario Wood *WORKS!* program expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for the opportunity to participate in the development of a best practice Guideline: *Fire Safety during Construction of Five- and Six-Storey Wood Buildings in Ontario*.

The Guideline was developed by the MMAH in consultation with the Ministry of Labour (MOL) and the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (under the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services). In addition to CWC, expert stakeholders included: the Residential Construction Council of Ontario, the Ontario Home Builders' Association, the City of Toronto, FPInnovations, and the Ontario Building Officials Association.

“This Guideline is a very important and progressive step forward in developing the full potential of higher wood buildings in Ontario,” explained Marianne Berube, Executive Director for the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* program. “Advances in wood science and building technology have resulted in stronger, safer, and more sophisticated products that are expanding the options for wood construction, resulting in more choices for builders and architects.”

“A culture of safety during construction is paramount if we are to realise the benefits that this form of modern, sustainable construction can offer to communities across the province,” stated Michael Giroux, President of the Canadian Wood Council. “CWC encourages the construction industry to follow this Guideline which represents a collective commitment to safety.”

To view the Guideline please visit: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=14939>.

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