



## Canadian Wood Products Industry Supportive of Climate Change Considerations as part of Long-Term Infrastructure Plan for Ontario

*Canadian Wood Council Supports Announcement made by Ministry of Infrastructure*

**OTTAWA, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) applauds yesterday’s announcement by the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding a long-term infrastructure plan, focused on building Ontario up, that includes climate change considerations. This announcement aligns with the forest product sector’s ‘30 by 30’ climate challenge – a commitment from the sector to help Canada remove 30 megatonnes (MT) of CO<sub>2</sub> by the year 2030. The climate challenge, launched last year, symbolizes the Canadian wood products sector’s ongoing contribution and commitment to a low carbon economy and a sustainable future.

“The climate change considerations that form part of the Ministry of Infrastructure’s announcement are encouraging for the Ontario wood products industry,” says Etienne Lalonde, Vice-President of Market Development for the Canadian Wood Council. “Renewable wood products from sustainably managed Canadian forests help construction sector stakeholders achieve a balance between functionality and cost objectives, with the added bonus of reduced environmental impacts on the overall built environment.”

The Canadian and Ontario forest products industry has an excellent track record reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adheres to some of the toughest forest management regulations in the world. Individuals working and living in wood buildings can rest assured that their construction and design teams made a responsible environmental choice by choosing Canadian wood products.

“When it comes to life-cycle assessment of construction materials, wood performs exceptionally well,” explains Marianne Berube, Executive Director for the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* program. “The Ministry’s phased life-cycle assessment approach for major infrastructure projects will help ensure the sustainability of our built environment. We applaud this strategic investment in Ontario’s future.”

To learn more about the Canadian Wood Council’s commitment to climate change, please visit [www.cwc.ca](http://www.cwc.ca).

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