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## First Northern Passive House Conference for Canada Canadian Wood Council and Wood *WORKS!* Show Their Support

**August 23, 2013** – Today the Canadian Wood Council (CWC) announced its sponsorship support for the Canada Passive House Institute (CanPHI) conference, being held in Vancouver on September 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The CanPHI is a registered non-profit organization that provides Canadians with the knowledge, tools, networks and confidence to design and construct buildings which meet the International Passive House Standard - the world's highest level of energy efficiency.

The CWC, through its Wood *WORKS!* Project, has long been involved in assisting designers to understand how the use of wood can enhance the quality of a building, increase its environmental performance and help to reduce its carbon footprint. This year, the Council is working with CanPHI to promote the first Northern Passive House event to designers, builders and manufacturers across the country.

“Wood has tremendous thermal, structural, aesthetic and environmental properties which increasingly lead many designers to incorporate it into Passive House design – in Canada and around the world,” said Peter Moonen, Sustainability Coordinator for the CWC.

“The CWC and the forest sector support improvements in building performance and our involvement and support for the CanPHI conference is another way to demonstrate this.”

The conference runs from September 27<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>, but events in advance have created a tremendous opportunity for designers to learn about the Passive House concept for Canada. Pre- and post-conference events have expanded Canada's first conference on **affordable energy efficiency for a changing climate** into a week-long building science extravaganza.

Several renowned speakers will be conducting unique events at the conference including:

- Tomas O’Leary's [exam prep](#) course,
- Wolfgang Feist's [components workshop](#),
- CaGBC's [crash course](#), and
- Andrew Peel's [therm class](#),

Other companion events prior to and during the conference include a B.C. Building Envelope Council fundraiser with Joe Lstiburek, a keynote by Henry Gifford, and a Sunday morning Living Building Tour hosted by the Cascadia Green Building Council.

Early Bird registration for the conference ends Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Those wishing to register to get the early bird rate can use the special CWC discount code at <http://phn2013.eventbrite.ca/?discount=CWC@phn2013>.

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