



Wood WORKS! BC congratulates Nakusp on official opening of its new Emergency Services Centre

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Wood WORKS! BC executive director Mary Tracey today congratulated the Village of Nakusp for completion and official opening of its new Emergency Services Centre, the first municipal building in BC to be completed under the province's Wood First Act, and tied to the community's own Wood First Resolution. The act aims to increase demand for wood products by requiring provincially-funded projects to use wood as the primary building material. Wood WORKS! BC worked with Nakusp on its Wood First Resolution and subsequently the new "build with wood" requirements under the act.

"We congratulate Nakusp for its leadership and vision, being among the first in BC to adopt a Wood First Resolution back in 2009, and the first to complete a project under the Wood First Act, that is also tied to its community's Wood First Resolution. Clearly Nakusp recognizes the integral role that the forestry industry plays in their local economy, and is doing their part to increase prosperity in the community and in the province," stated Ms. Tracey. "Wood is the most sustainable, natural and renewable building material on Earth, and we are pleased to see extensive use of wood in Nakusp's new Emergency Services Centre."

Wood WORKS! is a national industry-led initiative of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood and wood products.

The new Emergency Services Centre, which will serve residents of Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes region, features a fire hall, search and rescue centre, ambulance station and regional training centre. The community set out to include features and construction material secured and milled through its own community forest company. "We are pleased to be able to provide a home for our emergency services in one building in Nakusp and excited that we are able to provide it with "wood first" in mind. We are a logging community and believe that we should support the industry wherever possible," said Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling.



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