



## Premier John Horgan Supports a Strong and Sustainable Future for BC's Forest Industry

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) applauds Premier John Horgan's [announcement today](#) at the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) annual convention to choose wood construction wherever possible for public sector buildings. Two landmark projects mentioned as examples where wood will be showcased prominently are the new Royal BC Museum in Victoria and the new St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

"Premier Horgan's announcement in support of increased wood opportunities in BC is welcome news for an industry that supports jobs, market development, and CleanBC's plan to reduce climate pollution for the province," explained Rick Jeffery, Interim President of the Canadian Wood Council. "An investment in the wood products industry is an investment in BC."

Lynn Embury-Williams, Executive Director for Wood *WORKS!* BC added, "Our technical staff at Wood *WORKS!* BC, in conjunction with the experts at the Canadian Wood Council, look forward to assisting the design and construction community of BC with these projects."

Wood products from sustainably managed forests are revolutionizing the construction industry and gaining appeal from design and construction professionals and local governments that are committed to sustainable development and climate change mitigation.

"This is the beginning of the change our forest industry needs," Premier Horgan said. "We have committed \$20 billion in public infrastructure over the next three years – schools, housing, hospitals and more. I have directed that all these projects consider the use of engineered wood as a primary building material, whenever and wherever possible."

To learn more about opportunities for wood building products and systems in construction, visit [www.cwc.ca](http://www.cwc.ca).

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