

Policy Statement #32 (WoodFirst)

THAT Council adopts the following WoodFirst Resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Parrsboro recognizes the historic, present and future value of the wood culture in Nova Scotia:

AND WHEREAS Nova Scotia's forest industry, as an integral part of the Municipality's economy, is developing new markets and new opportunities for wood products as part of a long-term strategy toward a health wood industry:

AND WHEREAS the Town of Parrsboro recognizes that wood is sustainable and renewable and that wood structures minimize or eliminate the carbon footprint of a building;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Parrsboro recognizes that wood meets building code requirements as permitted in the Canadian Building Code (2010 edition);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parrsboro will continue to support the development of its wood culture by:

- when building new structures, renovating or adding on to existing buildings, the government shall strive to employ the material that has the lowest environmental impact, within building code requirements;
- using building materials with the lowest carbon footprint (where technical standards permit), when considering new construction, retrofit and refurbishment projects;
- using building materials and systems with the lowest embodied energy – wood-frame solutions – (where technical standards permit), when considering new construction, retrofit and refurbishment projects;
- always including a wood structure/material option when considering new structures, or performing renovations or additions to existing buildings;
- ensuring that all municipal infrastructure projects receiving Provincial or wood industry financial support employ the appropriate structural or architectural use of wood;
- ensuring that the performance of wood systems and products are considered whenever appropriate throughout all phases of infrastructure procurement and ownership.

Date passed by Council: Council Meeting, January 24, 2012 (#12-01)