



## Recognizes Excellence in Wood Architecture

**Vancouver, BC, July 14, 2021** – The Canadian Wood Council’s Wood *WORKS!* BC Program recognizes excellence in contemporary design and building with wood in Vancouver at the virtual 16<sup>th</sup> Wood Design Awards in B.C. Many design and building professionals joined the virtual event, including architects, structural engineers, members of project teams, local government, industry sponsors and guests. Winners and nominees of the Wood *WORKS!* BC 2020 Wood Design Awards were honoured and recognized for their leadership and innovation in structural and architectural wood use.

BC Provincial Minister Katrine Conroy (Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) provided a special message, congratulating the award winners while also outlining some of the forest industry changes her government is currently working on. She also mentioned a number of high - profile wood buildings in BC that are expected to get underway soon.

There were over 50 nominations in 9 categories for the 2020 awards – with nominations from all over the province, as well as some international project submissions from as far away as Taiyuan, China. All projects illustrate distinctive and unique qualities of wood such as strength, beauty, versatility, and cost-effectiveness while showcasing a variety of wood uses.

“With wood now recognized for its ability to significantly reduce greenhouse gas impacts in our built environment and increase construction efficiency, it now plays a leading role in the current design and building revolution. The continued exploration of new frontiers with wood is the foundation of our awards program and the projects presented here this evening provide a view into the future,” explained Lynn Embury-Williams, Executive Director of Wood *WORKS!* BC

### **This year’s winners in the wood design categories include:**

- **Residential Wood Design:** Perkins&Will, Vancouver, BC, for **SoLo** in the **Soo Valley, BC**
- **Multi-unit Wood Design:** Studio 531 Architects, Vancouver, BC for **Cubes** in **Courtenay, BC**
- **Environmental Performance:** Public Architecture and Communication, Kelowna, BC for **UBCO Skeena Residence** in **Kelowna, BC**
- **Commercial Wood Design:** Proscenium Architecture and Interiors, Vancouver, BC for **MEC Vancouver Retail Store** in **Vancouver, BC**
- **Institutional Wood Design: Small:** dk Architecture, North Vancouver, BC for the **Skeetchestn Health Centre** in **Savona, BC**
- **Institutional Wood Design: Large:** Lubor Trubka Associates Architects, Vancouver, BC for the **Tsleil-Waututh Administration and Health Centre** in **North Vancouver, BC**
- **Western Red Cedar:** HDR Architecture Associates, Penticton, BC for the **Lakehouse** in **Summerland, BC**
- **Wood Innovation:** Perkins&Will, Vancouver, BC for the **Pavilion at Great Northern Way** in **Vancouver, BC**
- **International Wood Design:** Michael Green Architecture, Vancouver, BC the **Catalyst Building** in **Spokane, Washington, USA**



**Two Jury's Choice** awards were also awarded. The first award went to **Waymark Architecture** in Victoria, BC for the **Charter Telecom Headquarters** located in Victoria, BC. The second Jury's Choice award went to **Francl Architecture Inc.** in Vancouver, BC for the **West Village District Energy Centre** located in Surrey, BC.

Ms. Embury-Williams gratefully acknowledges the nine forest industry sponsors; Canfor, Conifex, the BC Council of Forest Industries, FPInnovations, the Gorman Group, Interfor, the Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association, West Fraser Timber and Western Forest Products.

To access the virtual Awards video please click on the link:

<https://youtu.be/UCvMvwyJRm0>

To learn more about the Wood Design Awards in BC, please visit the Wood *WORKS!* BC website at [Wood WORKS! BRITISH COLUMBIA – Wood-Works](#). Wood *WORKS!* is a national industry-led program of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood products and systems.

Through workshops, seminars, conferences and case studies, Wood *WORKS!* provides education, training and direct technical assistance to building and design professionals, and local governments involved with commercial, institutional and industrial projects throughout BC.

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