



Mid Rise Construction

Moderator(s): Chris Peck

DATE: Tuesday, September 30th, 2014 TIME: 1:40 pm

LOCATION: Strategy Room 1

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. Steven Street - Canadian Wood Council

DESCRIPTION: Steven Street-Technical Director, Canadian Wood Council - This presentation will focus on Mid-rise wood construction. The presentation will briefly touch on code history to provide context for pending amendments to the NBC & OBC that, if adopted as proposed, will allow for 6-storey combustible construction. Municipalities will be interested in the new opportunities these code changes will create. Applications include urban in-fill projects and greenfield densification (i.e. multi-unit residential). The speaker will also discuss building materials and the use of panelisation in 4, 5 & 6 storey projects.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Steven Street, Technical Director

Steven joined the Wood WORKS! team in 2007 after a career in off-site panelisation and prefabrication. In his role as Technical Director, he provides information and technical support to design professionals, helping facilitate the increased use of wood products in commercial, industrial and institutional construction. Steven is actively involved in numerous key Canadian market development programs including Cross-Laminated Timber and the role wood plays in Mid-rise construction. He guest lectures at many Colleges and Universities on wood and wood use and is a regularly invited speaker at technical events presented by the Ontario Building Officials Association, Ontario Wood Truss Fabricators Association, and the Canadian Wood Council. Recent audiences have also included the Ontario Home Builders Association, the Toronto Society of Architects, the Maritime Lumber Bureau, and the Toronto Land and Development Conference.

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