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2019 nominees announced for 15th annual Wood Design Awards in BC

VANCOUVER, Feb. 4, 2019 – Wood *WORKS!* BC is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2019 Wood Design Awards in BC. There are 103 nominations in 14 categories, all of which recognize excellence in contemporary design and building with wood.

The winners will be announced at the 15th annual Wood Design Awards evening, to be held on Monday, March 4th at the Vancouver Convention Centre (West), where they will be recognized for their leadership and innovation in wood use. More than 400 design and building professionals, including architects, structural engineers and project teams along with industry sponsors will be attending the highly anticipated evening event.

Submissions this year are from many locations in BC as well as the US and Asia, with international projects in China, Korea and Tajikistan. A diversity of projects of all types and sizes demonstrating outstanding architectural and structural achievement using wood are amongst the nominees, which include a research laboratory, an energy facility, a winery, First Nations structures and mid-rise projects.

The panel of four judges were:

Ethan Martin, PE, Northwest Regional Director – WoodWorks, Portland, OR

Kimberly Johnston, Architect AIBC, MRAIC, LEED AP, Principal, Johnston Davidson Architecture + Planning, Vancouver, BC

Angelique Pilon, Director, Urban Innovation Research, UBC Sustainability Initiative, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Trevor Hedstrom, Design Manager, Winton Homes & Cottages, Prince George, BC

“We are impressed by the calibre of nominations as well as the variety of building types and sizes of structures using wood. In addition to some very innovative and distinctive buildings, there are more projects this year that are focussed on building performance and construction efficiencies, which are two key benefits of using wood. This is exciting as we are celebrating a milestone of 15 years of Wood Design Awards in BC,” stated Lynn Embury-Williams, executive director of Wood *WORKS!* BC.

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The Wood Design Awards are presented by Wood *WORKS!* BC, the Canadian Wood Council and its member associations; with funding support from Natural Resources Canada and Forestry Innovation Investment.

EVENT INFORMATION:

2019 Wood Design Awards in BC – Monday, March 4, 2019

Vancouver Convention Centre – West, 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC

Tickets are on sale now: [wood-works.ca/bc](http://www.wood-works.ca/bc)

To learn more about the Wood Design Awards in BC and view the nominees, please visit the Wood *WORKS!* BC website at www.wood-works.ca/bc

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BACKGROUND:

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

Wood *WORKS!* BC is proud to be part of Wood Innovates BC, a platform to bring people and resources together in-person and through digital channels to drive innovation in wood design, building and manufacturing.

