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# **The Future of Building – Wood and the Carbon Neutral Pathway**



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## OVERVIEW

1. Carbon
2. Kit of Parts, Tech, Prefab
3. Mass Timber Buildings
4. Education & Training



SECTION 1

# Carbon

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Total potential carbon benefit:  
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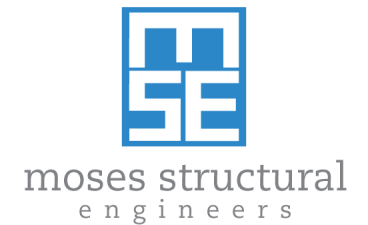
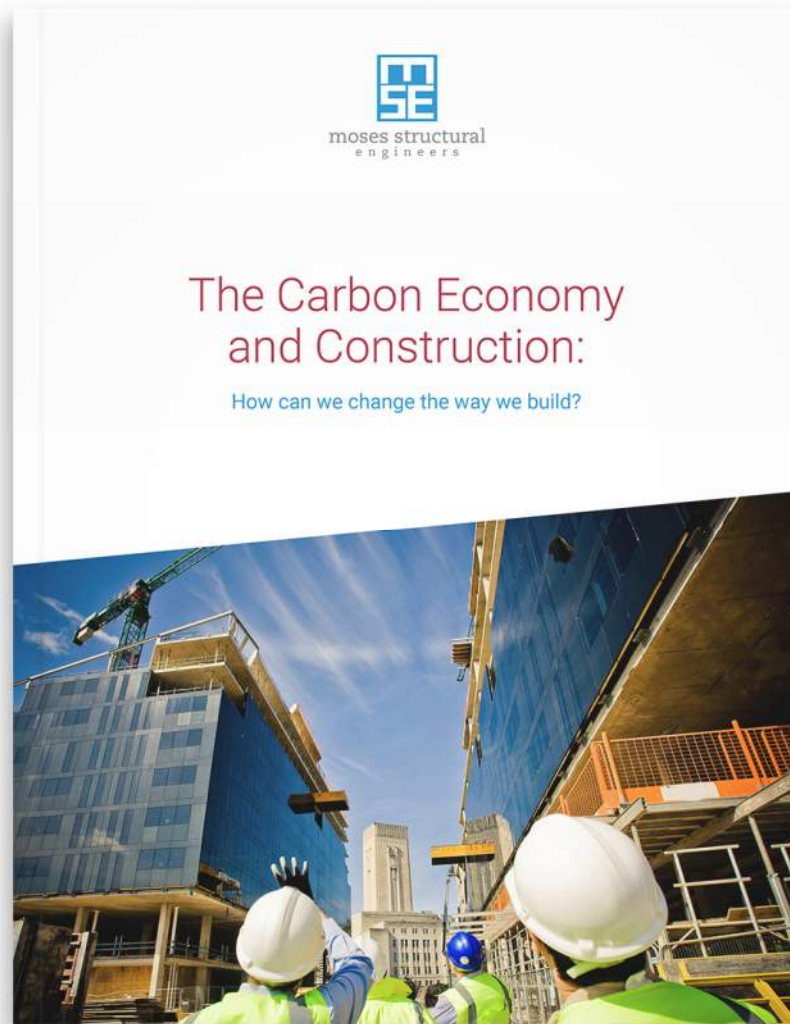
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# The Carbon Economy and Construction



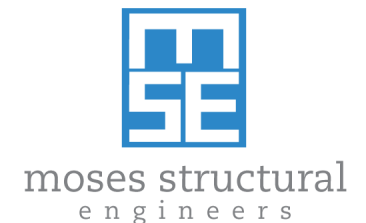
# Carbon demands

## **Building operational energy**

- Over 50-100 year building lifespan
- Increases over time

## **Building EMBODIED energy**

- Materials extraction, processing, construction
- 100% realized on opening day
- And again when components replaced (e.g. roofing, windows)



# Options

## Concrete

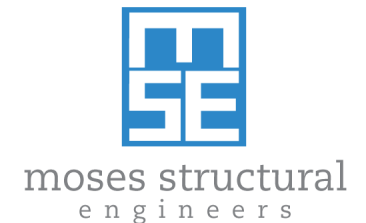
- Accounts for about 7% global CO2 GHG (cement)

## Aluminum and glass

- Facades
  - Global sand shortages
  - High embodied energy
  - Replaced every 20-30 years

## Wood and Plants

- Energy from sun
- Absorbs CO2 from atmosphere



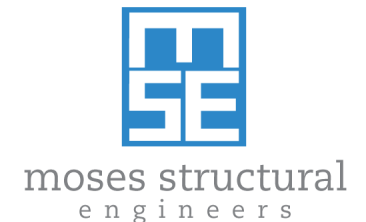
## Does this matter in Canada?

10<sup>th</sup> largest GHG emitter in world, 2015

4<sup>TH</sup> largest global producer of oil

One of the highest per capita emissions globally

- Targetting 30% reductions by 2030 (compared to 2015)
- Targetting 100% by 2040

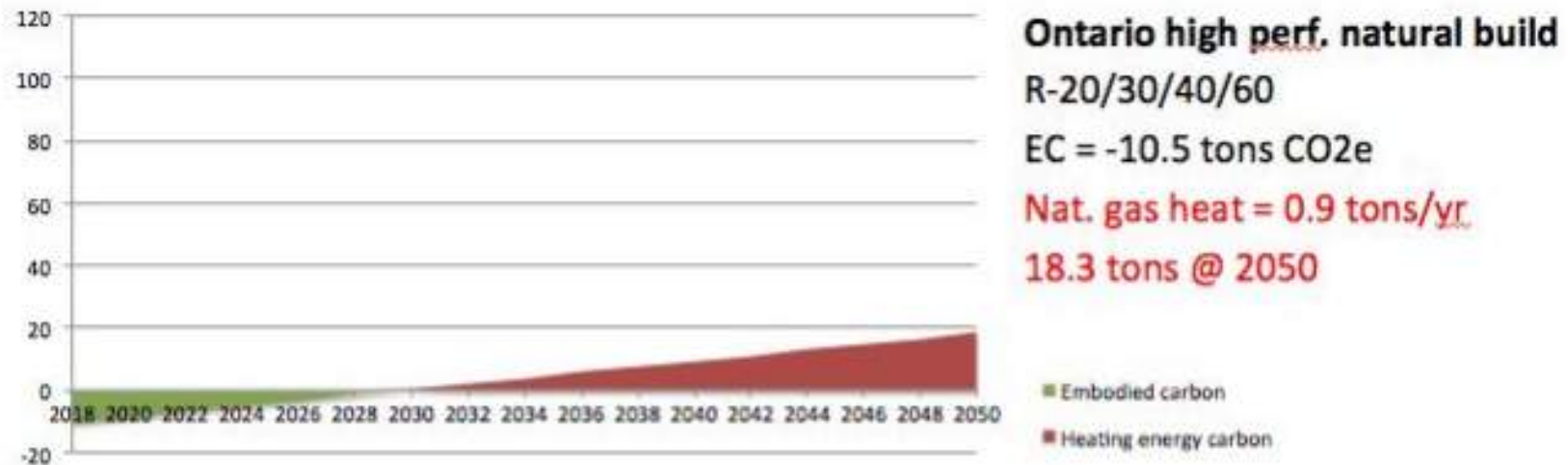


## Straw-clay, or straw-bale



# Sample Study

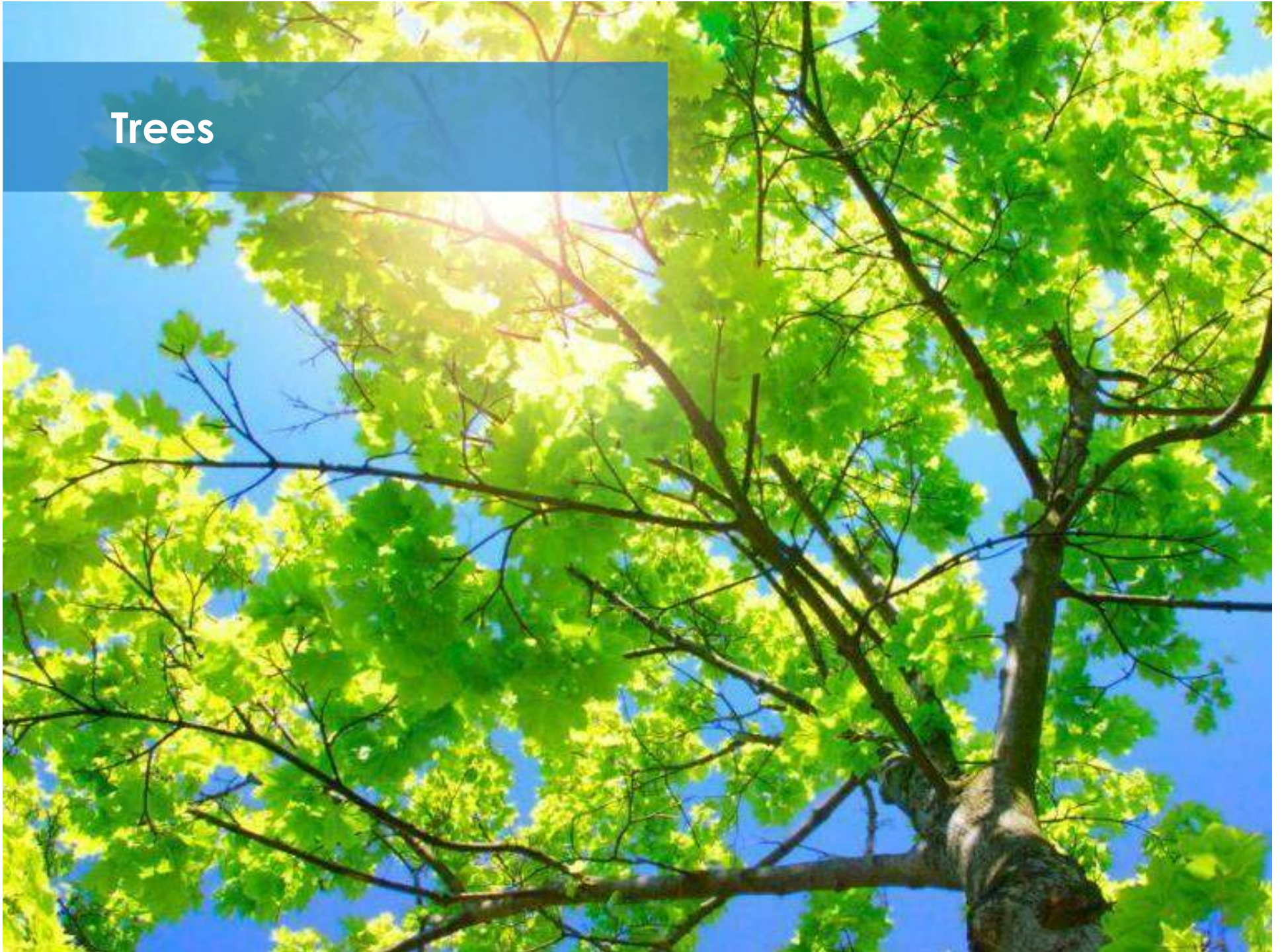
## Natural materials, high performance



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Source: Chris Magwood – Endeavour Centre – [chris@endeavourcentre.org](mailto:chris@endeavourcentre.org)

# Trees



# Sequester = Absorb

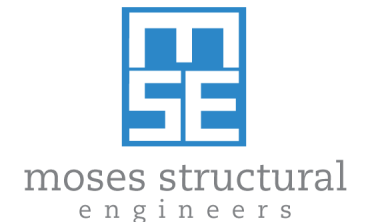
2 cubic metres of wood

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**1 ton**

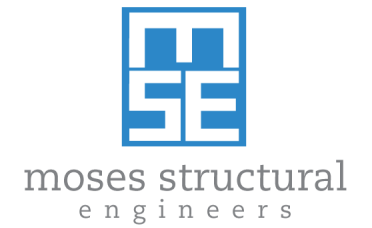
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1 tonne CO<sub>2</sub> removed from  
atmosphere



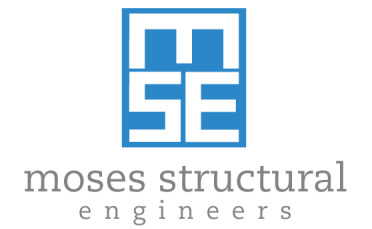
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## Tall Wood Buildings in Toronto



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SECTION 2

# Kit of Parts, Technology, Prefabrication

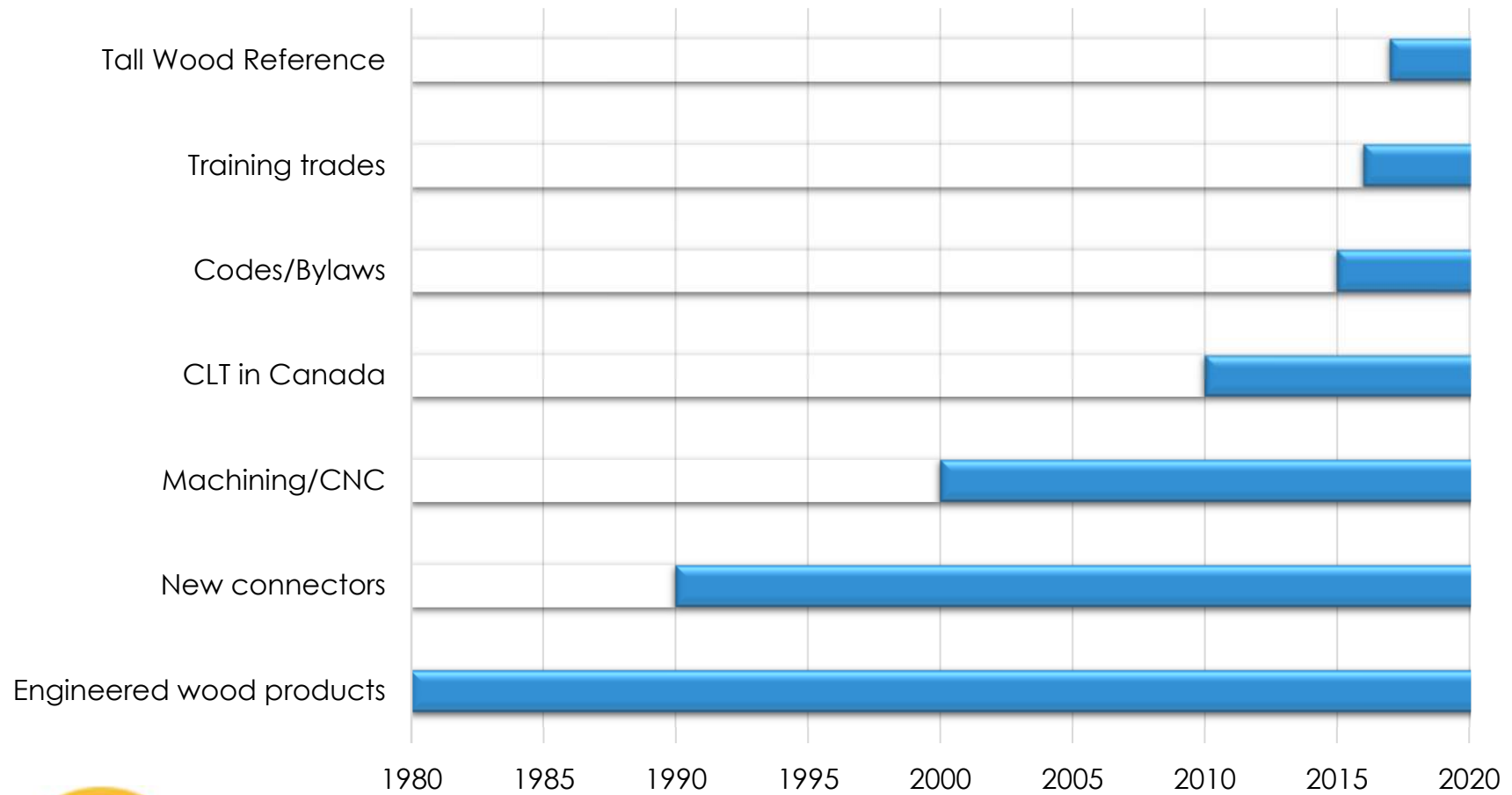
## Nail Laminated Timber (NLT)



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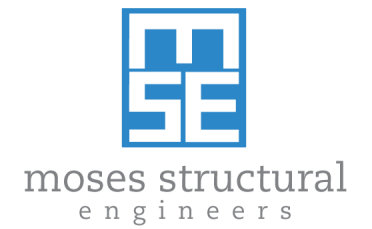
# Advances in Timber Engineering



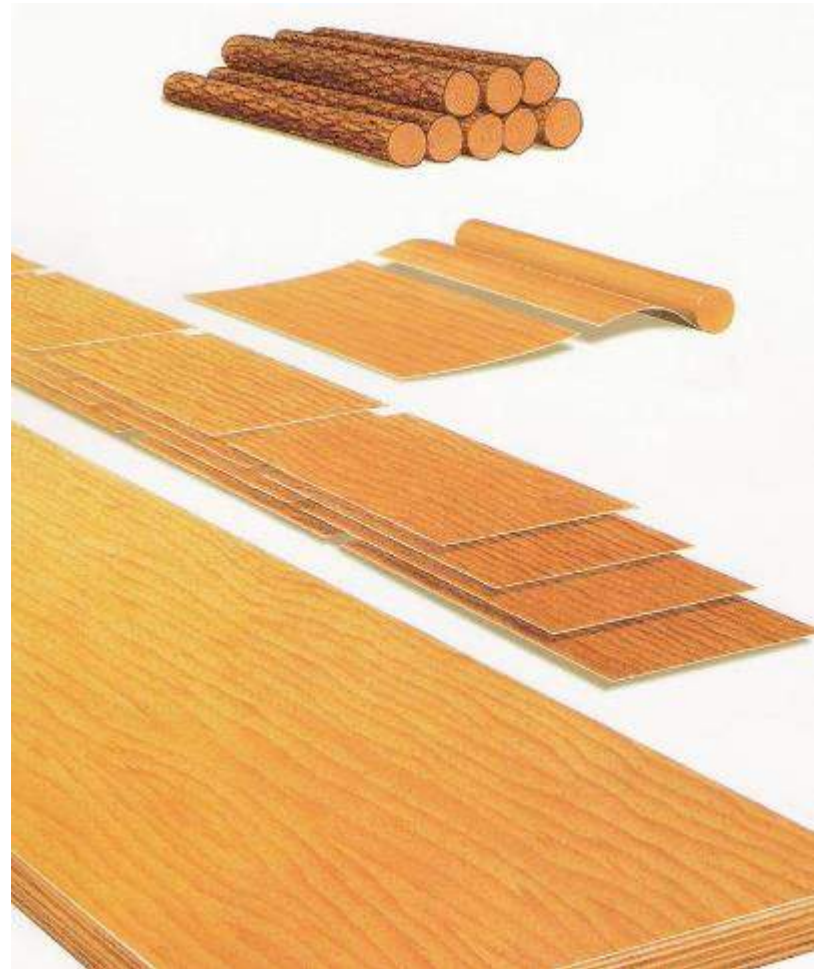
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## Engineered Wood: Glulam Lumber



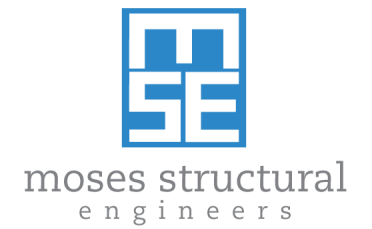
## 1980's Engineered Wood: **LVL – laminated veneer lumber**



**TimberStrand® - LSL**



**Parallam® - PSL**



2018:  
**MPP – mass plywood panel**



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Courtesy: Structurlam Products Ltd., Penticton, BC

## 2000 1<sup>st</sup> CNC, Canada



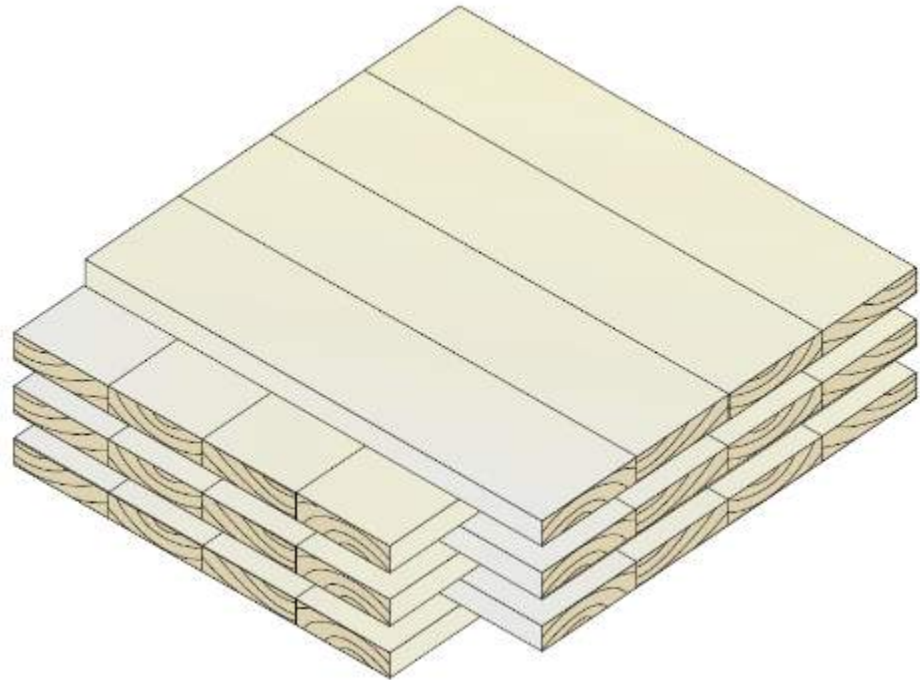
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# Cross-laminated Timber (CLT)

- Solid wood panel
- Many applications
- Better strength
- Better fire resistance
- Dimensionally stable
- Speed of construction



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Image source: FRInnovations

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Photo: David Warne & Merk

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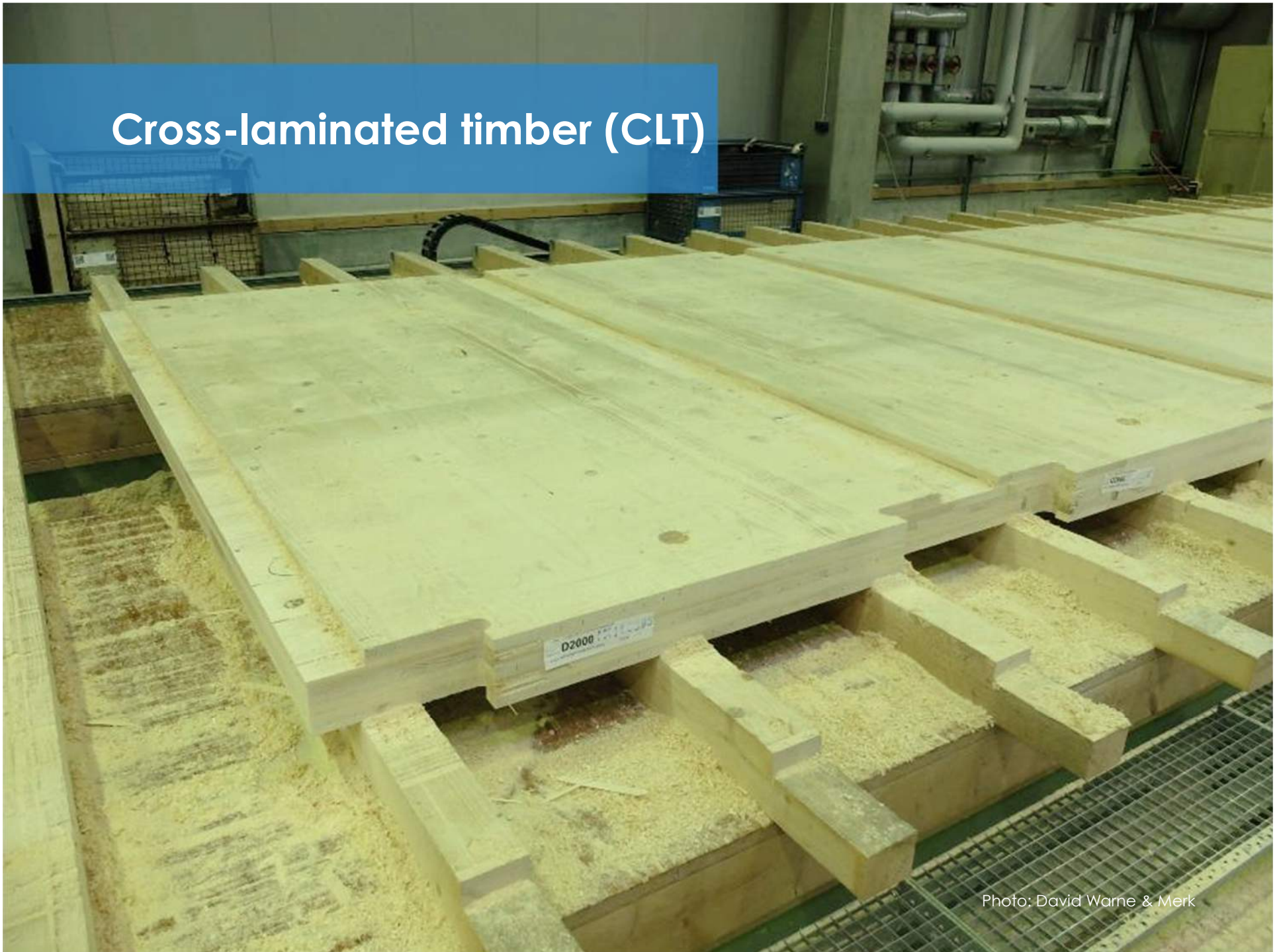


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## CLT Production - global

**2010**

**50,000 cubic meters**

**2015**

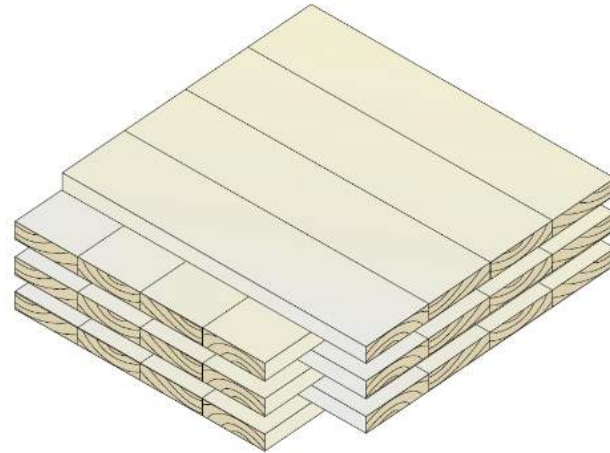
**100,000 cubic meters**

**2018**

**200,000 cubic meters**

**2019-2020**

**New plants in US and Canada with over 180,000 cubic meters**



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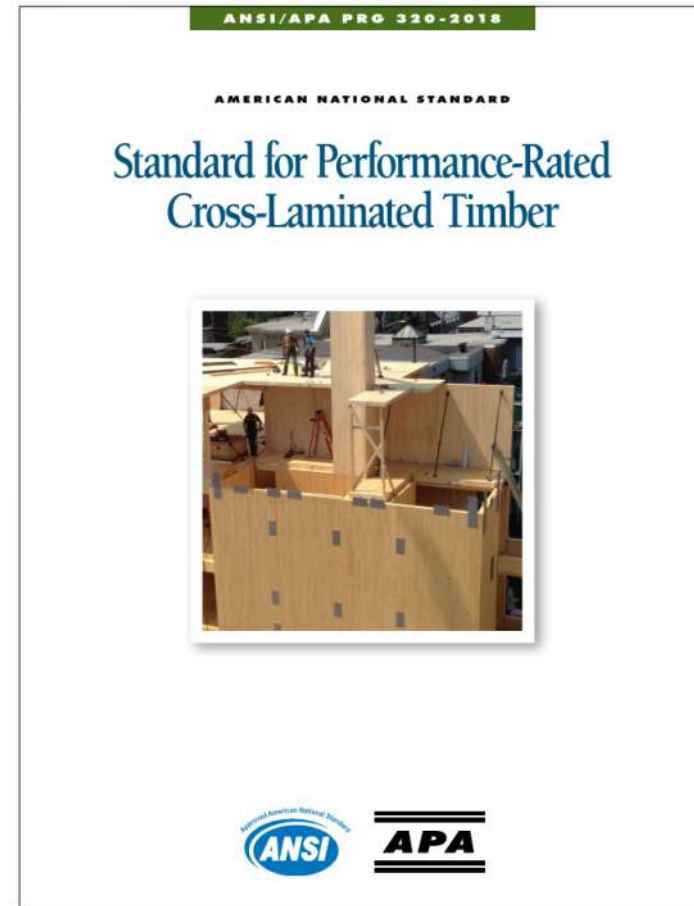
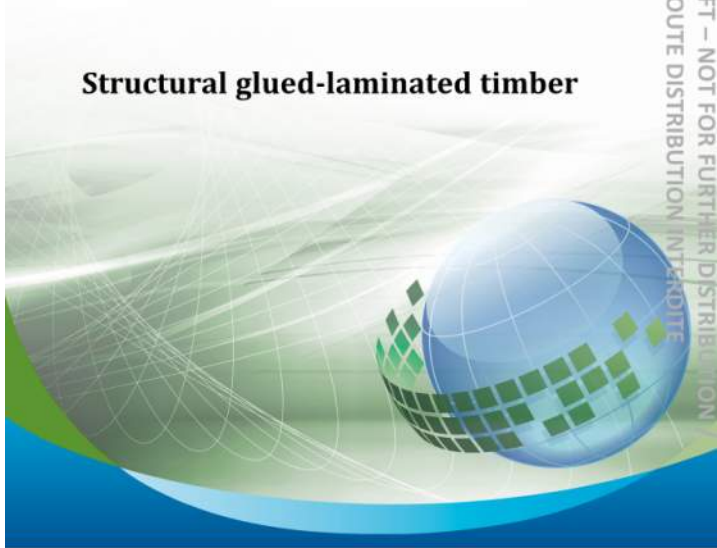
# Material's Standards



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Structural glued-laminated timber

BALLOT DRAFT – NOT FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION  
ÉBAUCHE : TOUTE DISTRIBUTION INTERDITE



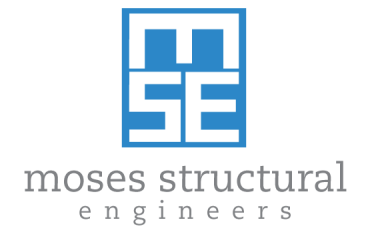
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## Ontario's Tall Wood Building Reference

A Technical Resource for Developing Alternative  
Solutions under Ontario's Building Code

October, 2017



# Fire Scenarios/Design Fires



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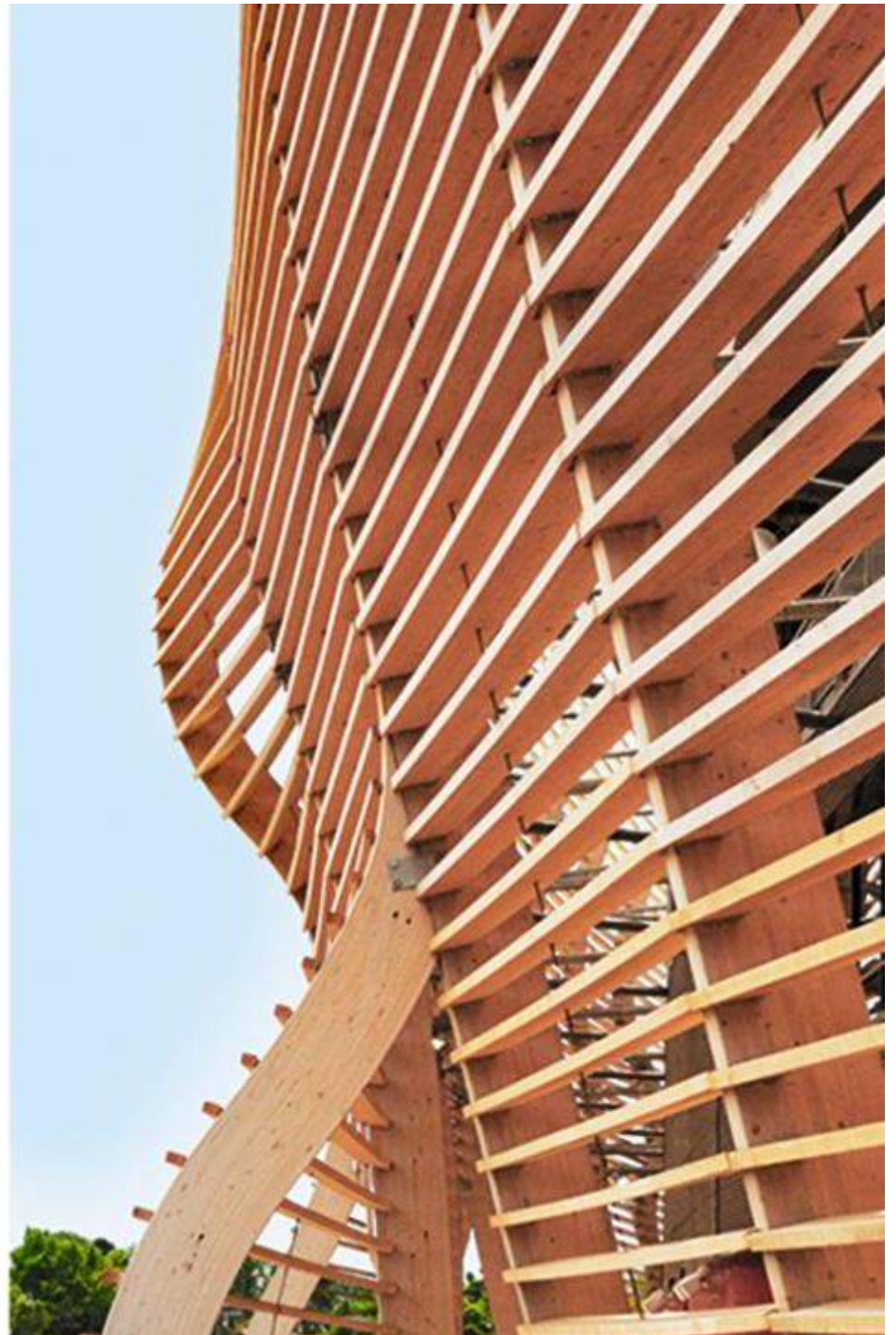
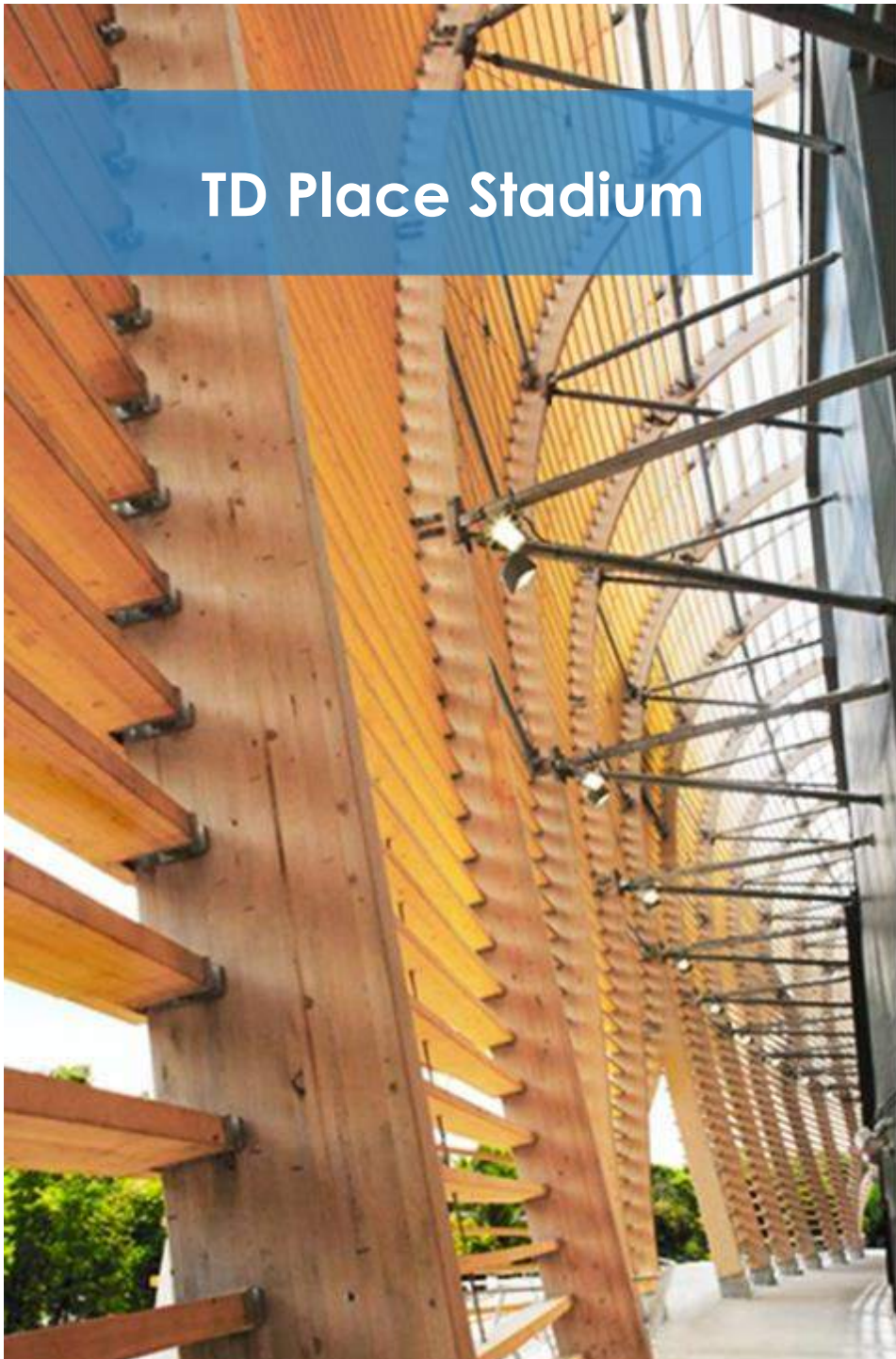
3-ply, after 2h 5m



SECTION 3

# Mass Timber Buildings

# TD Place Stadium



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Construction: Spring Valley Custom Classic

# 2009: 9-storeys, 9 weeks, London 310 t CO2 offset

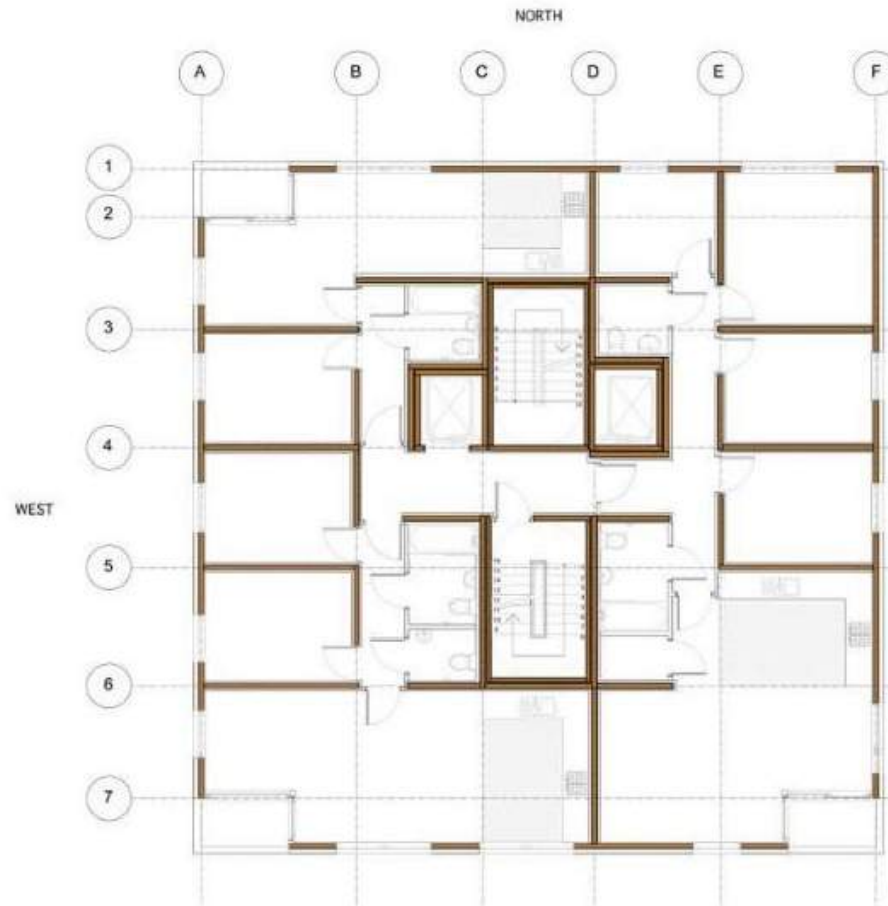


- Honeycomb structure
- Rotated plans
- Load-bearing walls, floors and cores
- Tallest timber building in the world



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Courtesy: Waugh Thistleton Architects



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2012 Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> CLT Retail - Playvalue Toys Ottawa, ON





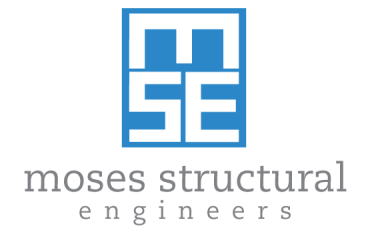
## 2009 MEC Burlington, Ontario



## 2017 Ottawa – Private Residence



Courtesy: 555 Design Build



# This could have been Toronto's 1<sup>st</sup> 6-storey mass timber building



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# Origine, 13-storeys Quebec City

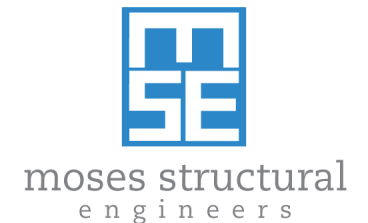


# Arbora, Montreal



# 2012

## 8-storeys, 8 days! Austria





# University of Toronto

Architect: MJMA & Patkau Architects



# The Arbour, George Brown College, Toronto

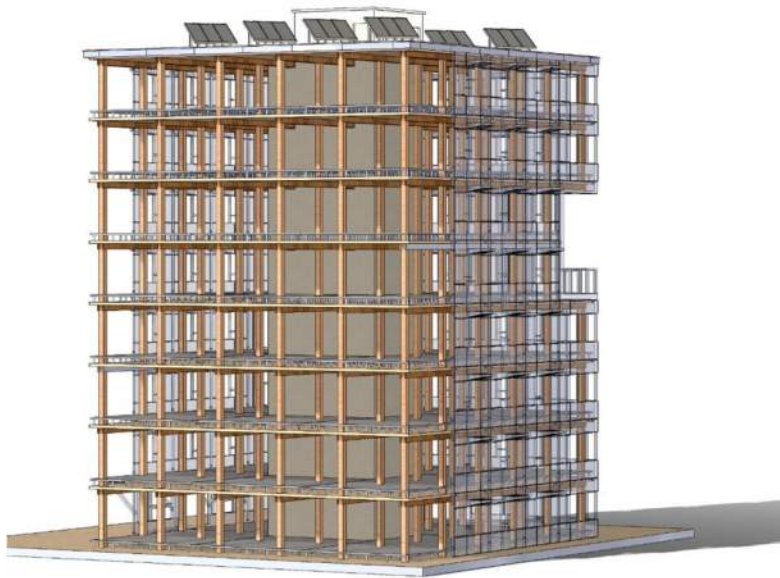
Architect: Moriyama and Teshima



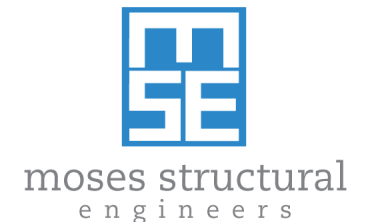
SECTION 4

# Education & Training

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- Engineers, Architects
- Carpenters
- Developers
- Building Owners
- Government (politicians, civil servants, planners, building officials)



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## Tour of forestry operations in Timmins

Group of architects, engineers and builders from Southern Ontario take in harvesting operations and tour Timmins sawmill.



Ron Grech

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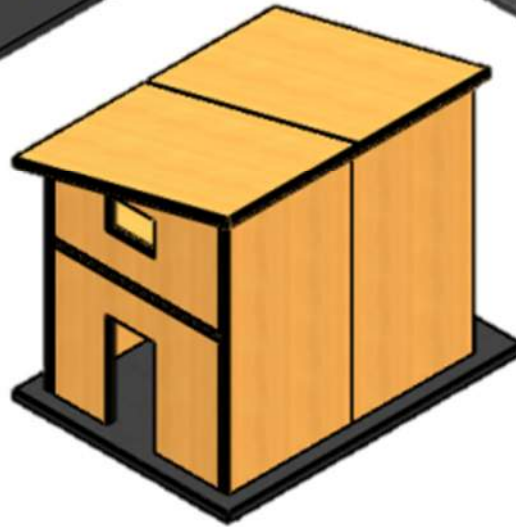
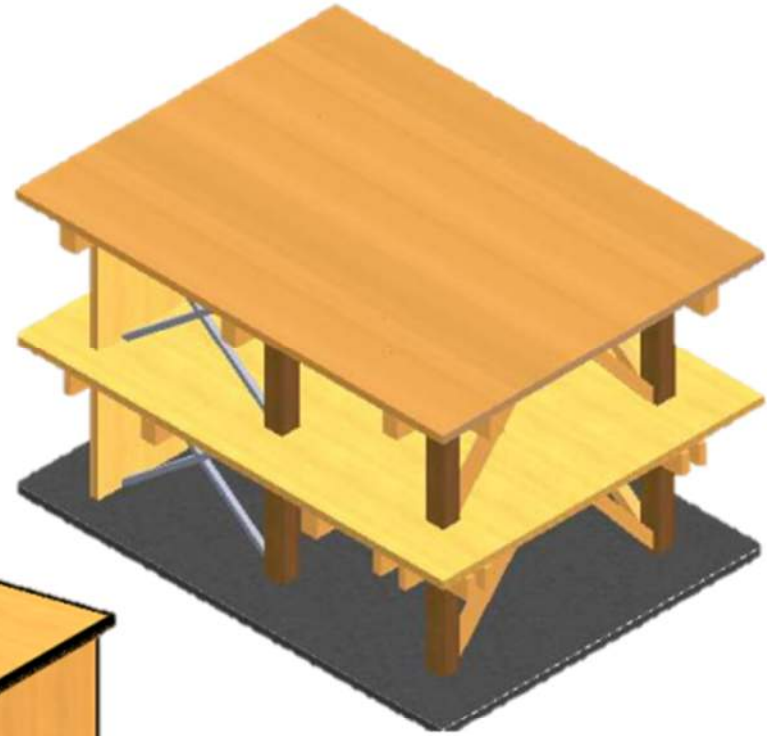
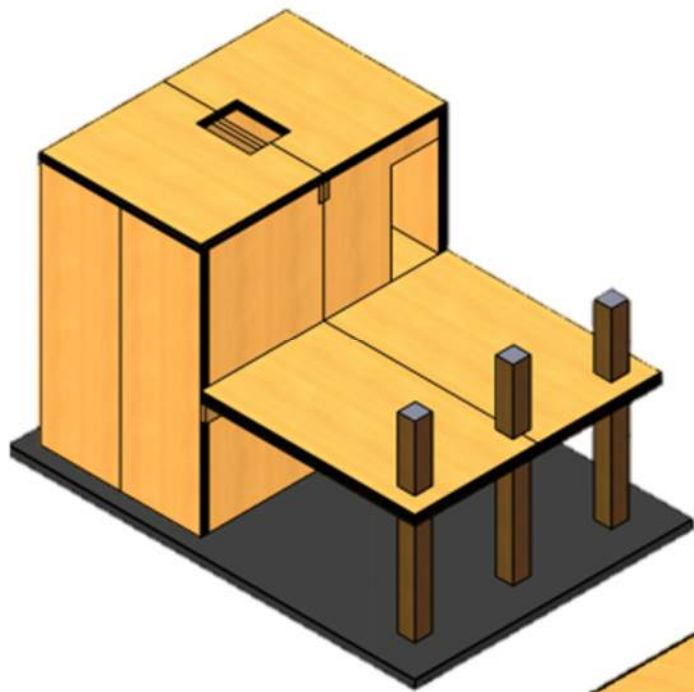


Joël Cantin, interim manager of the Timmins EACOM sawmill, led a tour of architects, engineers, and union leaders through the mill Thursday. Also seen addressing the group here before heading into the mill is Christine Leduc, director of public affairs for EACOM Timber Corporation. RON GRECH/THE DAILY PRESS *JPG, TD*



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# 2018 Mass Timber Training



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# Moses Structural Engineers presents 5<sup>th</sup> Annual TimberFever

## TimberFever Design-Build Competition connects students with wood and creativity

Ontario Construction News staff writer

The results are in from the #TimberFever Design-Build Competition last weekend at Ryerson University.

The competition, in its fifth year, is based on students conceiving and building wood structures in an intense weekend of teamwork and competition.

They received a "surprise brief" at the start - and had the task of building an Urban Parklet out of wood.

Organizers say a mix of students from architecture and civil engineering programs were placed in 16 teams with limited building supplies, where they collaborated on design and construction.

Industry leaders volunteered their time to mentor the teams and judge the completed parklets. Carpenters Union Local 273 provided hands-on support during construction.

"We're working hard to make this a national competition," said David Moses at the TimberFever Awards Ceremony on Sunday. "TimberFever's five-year anniversary was a tremendous success with architecture and civil engineering students from universities across Canada, including Ryerson, U of T, UMB, McGill and more."

Moses is the event's founder and principal of Moses Structural Engineers.

"Since the beginning, we've felt a real sense of community around TimberFever, where everyone comes together to collaborate, teach and inspire. It's been wonderful to watch and we're so thankful to everyone involved."

While judges selected winners after the weekend competition, the decision on the People's Choice Award is still open, and available for online voting. You can access the project images and briefs here.



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## TimberFever 2019 gets students collaborating

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DON PROCTER — Participants take part in the design-build competition at TimberFever 2019 held at Ryerson University in downtown Toronto.

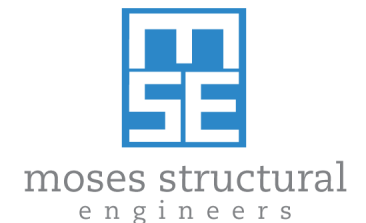


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# Conclusion

## Summary

1. Major shift in how we conceive buildings
2. Not much standardization...yet
3. Education required for developers, institutional decision-makers, building officials



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