




# ▼ Cariboo Wood Innovation Training Hub



# Thank you!

- Fraser Basin Council
- Cariboo Regional District
- City of Williams Lake
- University of British Columbia Alex Fraser Research Forest


# Background



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| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project start</li></ul>         |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory committee</li></ul>    |
| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fraser Basin Council</li></ul>  |
| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Manager hired</li></ul> |
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# Vision

- By 2030, the Wood Innovation Training Hub attracts local to international learners for innovative and applied training in specialized wood mastery. Ensuring the best use of a tree to optimize value will be at the heart of all training programs. Learners will master value added wood manufacturing skills through immersive experiential training onsite with experienced craftsman.
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# Needs assessment process





# Themes

1. Skills Gap
2. Market Opportunity
3. Technology Adoption
4. Collaboration
5. Education and Training
6. Resource Availability
7. First Nations Involvement



# Program Development

- Skills Gap
- Education and Training



# Fall and Winter 2025 Program

- Program offering – September and January
  - Design
  - Wood Science
  - Wood Connecting
  - Timber Framing
  - How to break down a log
- Next Steps
  - Learning Objective Development
  - Teachers
  - Partner with Cariboo Chilcotin Aboriginal Training Employment Center



# Other Offerings

- Speakers
  - Dr Harry Nelson May 23, 2025
- Workshops
  - Contemplative Forestry (Dr. Jason Brown, SFU)
  - Joinery Weekend Course (Instructor needed)
- Tours
  - OT, Leading Edge, Durfeld's

# Challenges

## Opportunities:

Positioning the Cariboo Region as a leader in value-added wood product craftsmanship and education

Creating a talent pipeline to support the growth of the value-added wood sector

Fostering innovation through collaboration between academia and industry

Attracting tourism, new investment and businesses to the region

## Challenges:

Securing long-term funding and resources

Attracting and retaining qualified instructors with industry experience

Balancing the diverse needs of various stakeholders

Ensuring accessibility for learners from remote communities

# Questions?

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