

Up to 12 Storey Tall Wood Building - Early Adoption Initiative







What are the current BCBC & NBC requirements?

▶ 6 Storey max height allowance for wood frame

Taller than 6 storey construction requirements:

- "Noncombustible construction"
- ► Fire-resistance rating of structural members minimum of 2 hours
- Automatic fire sprinklers
- ► Unlimited height, unlimited area



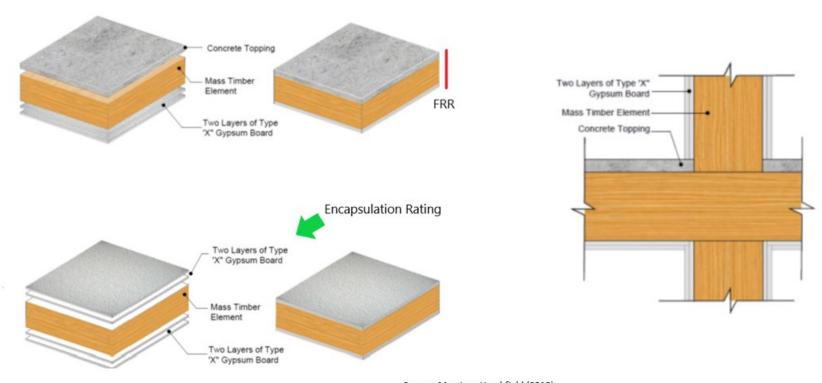
What are the proposed BCBC & NBC requirements?

Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction (EMTC) requirements:

- ▶ 2 hours Fire-Resistance Rating of structural members
- Automatic fire sprinklers
- ▶ Limited Height of max 12 storey & 42m to top floor
- Limited Bldg area of 6,000 m2 for Group C
- ► Encapsulation rating of 55 min

How is the encapsulation rating achieved?





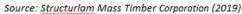
Source: Morrison Hershfield (2018)

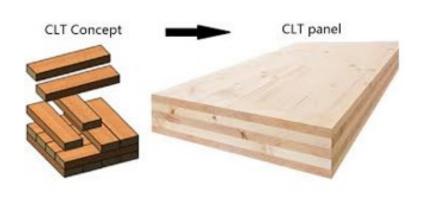


What is the structure of EMTC?

► NEW CLASS or ADDITIONAL OPTION

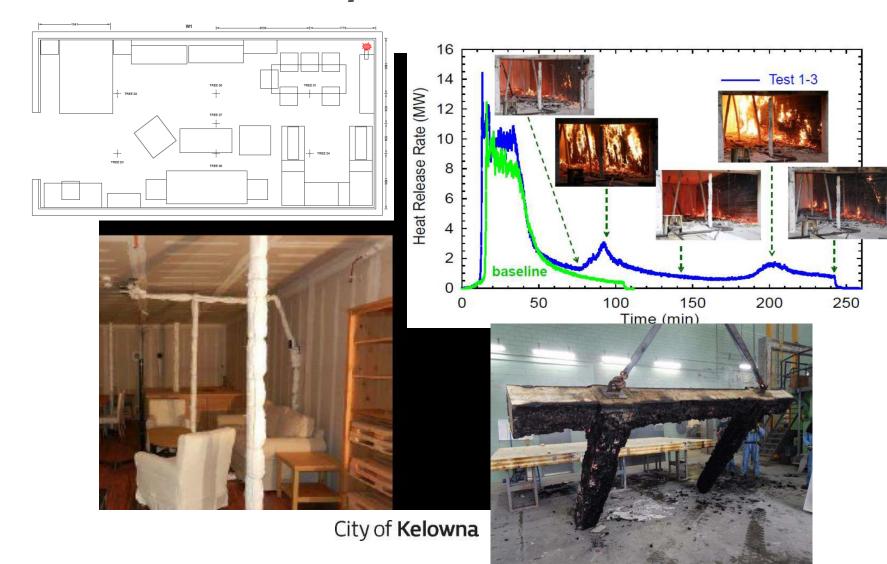






Source: ASCE (2013)

EMTC & Glued Laminated Beam & Post Fire Tests by NRC







- City Council's support for the initiative;
- Building and fire departments support the participation;
- ► At least one building official holds a Level 3 competency certification from the Building Officials' Association of BC; and
- ► The jurisdiction's land-use bylaws support buildings greater than six storeys in height



What are the benefits for the City?

- ▶ Brand new additional construction method to choose from
- ▶ Approx. 1/5 the weight of comparable concrete building
- ▶ Positive economic implications
- ► Helping to grow local and global markets
- ► Ease of assembly for the development industry
- ▶ Learning opportunity for city staff prior to BCBC change
- Climate-friendly construction