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Passionate about wood

This year's Wood Advocate - Engineer award winner David Moses is a frequent lecturer on green building and timber engineering and has published numerous articles on timber and composite materials. With a commitment to advocating for wood construction that began at a European wood engineering conference over a decade ago, Moses is passionate about wood as a building material.

“My colleagues and I realized that we were so far behind we were basically building in a fashion that was hundreds of years old and there had been no real improvements. In the meantime, steel and concrete and the other building materials had been advancing considerably,” Moses said.

“What we saw there made us realize we really had to improve on what was happening here in Canada and the U.S. We brought back a lot of those ideas and tried to advance them with our own Canadian style.” His structural engineering company Equilibrium Consulting Inc. has numerous innovative and award winning heavy timber projects to its credit.

Moses says that our easy access to the material particularly in Ontario is a huge benefit to working with wood.

He goes on to explain that with some skill almost anyone can build with it and changes are easily made without preordering a lot of materials. Moses says, environmentally, “it is the best material we can use.”

“I think the future potential for wood construction is fantastic. There is a lot happening right now with new and innovative products. We have a combination of high interest from engineers and architects and more promotion of wood; thanks to the WoodWORKS! program,” Moses said. “Those professionals are demanding this new higher level of design and that is going to drive demand on the product side down the road.”



**Rick Brouckxon, LP with
engineer David Moses.**