

CFBA Committee Reports 2022 - 2023

Governance

- Oversaw CFBA's ongoing compliance with Corporations Canada requirements
- Reviewed Data Security / IT recommendations for the CFBA

Conference / Education

- Sincere thank you to the CFBA Conference Committee for working since November 2022 to deliver the April 28th 2023 event.
- Significant components: Education, Annual General Meeting, Builder Awards competition
- Board of Directors contribute requests for topics of interest / Education
- Conference Committee works with the CFBA office staff to plan all details of the conference
- Thank you to: Committee Members Steve Beadle (of OMAFRA) and Terry Rothwell (of Tampa Hall), and to Sally and Carrie in the CFBA office
- Biggest undertaking for the CFBA each year
- We hope you enjoy the day!

In Ground Pressure Treated Wood Post

Happenings since 2022 Conference

CFBA Executive Members (2) were extended an invitation by Wood Preservation Canada (WPC) to tour Pastway Planing Ltd. to observe their pressure wood treatment facility. Pastway Planing, a CanWel Company since 2013, is a long-established Canadian company supplying pressure treated wood products.

WPC published a new information guide in 2022 titled ["Pressure Treated Structural Barn Posts ---A Specifier's Guide"](#) that was shared on the CFBA website for builder and other industry stakeholders' information.

The above publication defines that structural farm building wood posts are classified as "non-residential"; hence, a commercial/industrial product. As such, structural farm building wood posts must as a minimum meet the UC 4.1 Use Category requirements as defined by CSA 080. This requires that posts must be special order, to ensure lumber yard stock of "residential"



grade posts, are not substituted. There must be a recognized official treatment stamp visible on the timber face designating the chemical treatment type and approved use category---UC 4.1 or 4.2. All posts for structural application with ground contact will be incised (having tiny incisions on surface) to ensure penetration and retention of the preservative.

All Ontario wood treatment facilities currently use preservative chemical Micronized Copper Azole (MCA) which has yet to be approved by Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) at a higher density treatment for UC4.2 Use Category. It is recommended builders consult with their specifier (engineer) for applications that require higher resistance to wood decay. This is defined as areas with a high potential for deterioration, and/or in-ground posts serving as critical, permanent wood members difficult to replace.

WPC updated the content of the ["Specification Guide for Non-Residential Pressure Treated Wood Products; Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial"](#), that was shared on the CFBA website for builder and other industry stakeholders' information.

The CFBA's In-Ground Pressure Treated Wood Post Committee appreciates the WPC effort & willingness to provide updated educational materials for our Association members. Education will help members focus on the importance of sourcing appropriate designated pressure treated wood products or choosing alternative solutions where needed.

Awards / Awards Steering

- The work of the Awards / Awards Steering Committee was on hold during 2022 – 2023
- The pause enabled the Committee and Board of Directors to give consideration to the direction of the Awards / Awards Steering Committee and the responsibilities ahead
- The Awards / Awards Steering Committee will be asked to review and potentially revamp the Builder Awards competition in 2023
- The Awards / Awards Steering Committee will be asked to develop criteria for consideration of awards presented to individuals, such as an honorary CFBA membership, and the Gary Award in 2023
- We look forward to additional Directors joining the CFBA Board of Directors and interest in the Awards / Awards Steering Committee in 2023



Farm Building Code Advisory Group

- The Farm Building Code Advisory Group reviewed and participated in the proposed farm code changes in the Ontario Building Code's Phase Three - Fall 2022 consultation. The Farm Building Code Advisory Group provided comments and a letter in response to the proposed changes.
- The Farm Building Code Advisory Group supported CFBA members by responding to requests for assistance as members participated in the Ontario Building Code's Phase Three - Fall 2022 consultation.
- The Farm Building Code Advisory Group participated in a survey on the *Advisory Council and Engagement Mechanisms in the New Codes Development System* from the National Research Council Canada, and encouraged CFBA member engagement.

Communication

- The Education and Information pages on the CFBA website were revised and content management is now easier. Sharing information and educational opportunities with members is a significant focus and priority of the CFBA.
- The CFBA worked with its webhost to secure the CFBA website. The CFBA website is now secure.
- The CFBA website was actively managed to add NEWS content and other resources on a regular basis.
- The CFBA implemented a newsletter that was utilized to share information leading up to the 2022 Golf Tournament.
- The 'How to Join / CFBA Membership Application' webpage was revised and refurbished to enhance the benefits of membership and make this more prominent and accessible on the website.
- A proposed plan & policy for implementation of social media was developed.
- Requests from members for use of the CFBA logo on their websites and other marketing material were received, reviewed, and responded to.
- The Communication Committee incurred turnover in 2022 – 2023 and this was reflected in the work the team was able to accomplish. The committee was unfortunately unable to move forward all items before them in the 2022 – 2023 timeframe.
- We look forward to additional Directors joining the CFBA Board of Directors and the Communication Committee in 2023



Membership

- New CFBA members 2022 – 2023:
 - Township of Puslinch
 - Lil' Country Woodshop
 - FX Coating
 - Nova Mutual
 - Ideal Roofing
 - S-5!
 - Agrotec Construction Ltd.
 - Coastal Equestrian Build
 - Britespan Building Systems
 - Powerhouse Management
- Yearly membership fees for Builders and Suppliers have increased to \$398 and Affiliate memberships have increased to \$67. This modest increase reflects a 2% yearly increase approved by the membership on February 28, 2019.
- A focus meeting will be held in June to discuss CFBA Membership Growth & Builder Engagement. Members are welcome. Please email Sally at cfba@cfba.ca if you would like to participate. This will likely be an in-person meeting that includes lunch. We are always looking for new members, especially builders. If you know of anyone who can benefit from being a member of CFBA, please contact anyone on the board, a membership committee member, or Sally and Carrie.

Golf

- 142 people participated in the event in 2022, held at Craigowan Golf Club
- Despite the rain that delayed the start, it was a successful day. Craigowan Golf Club handed out certificates for complimentary 18 hole rounds to all golfers due to the rain delay.
- A **\$1050 charitable donation** was raised for Camp Fire Circle. Half of this was donated by an employee of (CFBA member) Dufferin Concrete.
- The CFBA realized close to \$13,000 in income from the Golf event in 2022
- A great day was had by all!
- Please plan to join us for our next golf tournament on **Wednesday September 20, 2023** at Craigowan Golf Club

