

Log Home & Timber Frame

Market and Industry Expansion Project

Province Supports the Log Home & Timber Frame Market and Industry Expansion Project

The Pine Beetle Epidemic Response Branch of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Responsible for Labour partnered with Western Economic Diversification Canada, Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition, and the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition to develop and implement the Log Home & Timber Frame Market and Industry Expansion Project. Its purpose was to identify and implement actions that will help expand markets for the log home and timber frame building sector, resulting in more value-added employment in rural communities.



Project funding announcement in 100 Mile House

There were several major components to this project:

- The Athena Institute was contracted to complete a life cycle assessment analysis of log and timber frame construction. This life cycle analysis will help the industry demonstrate the environmental benefits of log home construction.
- RDH Building Engineering was contracted to complete a number of activities for the project:
 - I. To conduct log wall “energy” testing.
 - II. To make recommendations for changes to construction techniques and detailing to comply with building codes and improve the energy performance of log wall units.
 - III. To conduct whole building air leakage testing.
 - IV. To conduct whole building energuide modelling.
 - V. To prepare submissions for building code administrators to explain testing results in the context of building code updates.

Another component of this project was the development of a new website www.bclogandtimberbuilders.com. Flame Design was contracted to develop the website to effectively promote B.C.’s log and timber frame home building sector.