A NEW PARADIGM FOR SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Prefabricated, panelized building solutions to address the urgent housing needs of vulnerable individuals.
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PARADIGM SHIFT:
MOVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION OFF-SITE

ELEMENT5 PROVIDES STATE OF THE ART TOOLS

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WHY MASS TIMBER?

Affordable
The optimized CLT design incorporates manufacturing efficiencies that help drive down cost. Furthermore, the use of prefabricated mass timber components helps reduce the construction schedule which can generate significant cost savings over a strictly site-built project.

Rapid
Site-built projects can be subject to weather delays, coordination issues, skilled local labour shortages, and other disruptions. In factory-built projects, timelines are compressed, with site preparation and fabrication often happening concurrently. Components are shipped in sequence for quick assembly.

Durable & Secure
Mass timber residential buildings are pre-engineered to meet or exceed building code, fire code, acoustic, and envelope performance requirements. This efficient, safe and durable construction method delivers buildings that enhance occupant comfort and provide long-term value for building owners.

Healthy
People naturally respond to a warm, welcoming wood building. New research in the field of building science shows that this response is more than just a feeling. Incorporating wood and other natural elements into our buildings can directly contribute to the health and well-being of building occupants.

Sustainable
Wood is a natural, renewable, and sustainable construction material with a lighter carbon footprint than steel or concrete. Prefabricated mass timber offers enhanced sustainability by increasing performance and minimizing waste. We use sustainably sourced Ontario wood to manufacture our products.

Adaptable
Designed for manufacture and assembly, the optimized CLT structural grid presented in this solution is easily modifiable. No building is too big or small. It can be modified not only to offer alternative unit sizes, but also to meet the unique site, size, and height requirements, within certain parameters.

Energy Efficient
The superior quality control of the factory means a site assembled building performs better than a site built one. Our CLIPS envelope solution exceeds the energy efficiency standards of the 2015 National Energy Code for Buildings and can be customized to achieve any standard, even Passive House.

Construction Safe
In off-site construction, the controlled indoor setting makes the most efficient use of labour resources and greatly improves worker health and safety. There is a reduced need for working at heights, and the warm, well-lit, dry environment reduces the risk of slips, trips, and falls.
SOLUTION COMPONENTS

- CLT WALL PANELS
- CLT ROOF PANELS
- PREFabricated Envelope Panels (CLIPs)
- Optional cantilevered CLT or modular balconies
- Windows (pre or post installed)

- CLT STAIRWELLS
- CLT STAIRS
- GLULAM COLUMNS
- CLT ELEVATOR SHAFT
SUPERIOR SPEED

This four storey, 41 unit, 27,000 s.f. multi-unit residential building was assembled in only 20 working days.
TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

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ADAPTABLE UNIT STRUCTURE

Studio
270-300 sqft

1-bed
540-600 sqft

2-bed
810-900 sqft

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ADAPTABLE BUILDING STRUCTURE

*Massing examples meant to convey a wide range of possibilities, not limited to those which appear on this page.*
OPTIMIZED UNITS

OPEN CONCEPT LIVING AND DINING

ENTRY AND KITCHEN

UTILITY AND WASHROOM

BEDROOM

1. Adaptable balcony
2. Prefabricated envelope panels (CLIPs) with factory or site installed cladding and windows
3. CLT & Glulam structural system
4. Balcony structure
5. Concrete topping for acoustic performance
6. Suspended ceiling to hide mechanical and electrical systems
7. In suite laundry

Affordable housing by Element5
CROSS LAMINATED INSULATED PANELS (CLIPs)

Cross-Laminated Insulated Panels (CLIPs) are a cost-effective, customizable, complete building envelope solution made from CLT. CLIPs are prefabricated off-site in a controlled factory environment and add value to projects by shortening overall construction timelines, facilitating rapid building enclosure, and increasing both the quality and energy performance of the building envelope.

Although they are prefabricated components, CLIPs provide a bespoke solution that can be designed to meet the needs of each project. The wall assembly can be structural or non-structural and customized to achieve any R-value or thermal criteria including Passive House. They can be built to varying degrees of completion in the factory where windows, doors and cladding can all be pre-installed, and are suitable for both all-wood and hybrid construction.
CLADDING AND BALCONY OPTIONS

Fibre cement
Panel-framed balcony

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HPL (High Pressure Laminates)

Picket balcony

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ACM (Aluminium Composite Materials)

Hung balcony

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Solar facades
Fibre cement
Framed balcony

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PERFORMANCE

FIRE
Fire Resistive Rating
Reference IBC 703.2
ASTM E119 1-hr and 2-hr floor and roof assembly

Through Penetration Fire stop
Reference IBC 714.4.1.2
ASTM E814 (Hilti)

Flame Spread Index and Smoke Development Index
Reference IBC 803.1.1
ASTM E84

SOUND
Acoustic floor assembly
ASTM E336
ASTM E1007

VIBRATION
Seismic panel strength
ASTN D5456 for in-plane shear strength
ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

LEED
Materials And Resources
Credit 5 Regional Materials 1-2
Credit 6 Rapidly Renewable Materials 1
Credit 7 Certified Wood 1

Indoor Environmental Quality
Credit 4.4 Low-Emitting Materials:
Composite Wood and Agrifibre Products

NBCC ENVIROMENTAL SEPARATION
5.3.1.1. Required Resistance to Heat Transfer
Using CLT in an exterior wall assembly provides a continuous thermal
break between interior and exterior providing up to 1.25 R/inch.

5.4.1.1. Required Resistance to Air Leakage
When designed as such, Wood can act as an air barrier. Consult a
professional to ensure continuity if the air barrier system is achieved.

5.5.1.1. Required Resistance to Vapour Diffusion
A Vapour permeable membrane is part of the Element5 clip system.

PASSIVE HOUSE CANADA
Passive House windows
Adequate ventilation strategy
Thermal insulation
Airtightness
Thermal bridge reduced design
PRODUCT CERTIFICATIONS

Certified CLT

Our production facility in St. Thomas, Ontario, is 3rd party certified to meet the certification requirements of APA to manufacture cross laminated timber.

Certified GLULAM
Glulam products for use in Canada are manufactured and tested for its intended use in compliance with the CSA O122 standard for structural glued-laminated timber.

Our production facility in St. Thomas, Ontario, is 3rd party certified to meet the certification requirements of APA to manufacture structural glued laminated timber.

FSC Certified
Element5 is Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Chain-of-Custody certified by SCS Global Services for manufacturing in St. Thomas, Ontario.

As an FSC Certificate Holder, we can produce mass timber products certified as FSC Mix (Trademark License Code: FSC-C166066).
HEALTHY PEOPLE

There’s no question anymore that building with wood products from sustainably managed forests is the best choice for the environment. Not surprisingly, new research is showing it is the best choice for people, too.

When considering the impact of the built environment on human health, there are many reasons to build with wood instead of alternative materials. Beyond its pleasing aesthetics, wood is hypoallergenic, has antimicrobial properties, has excellent sound absorption and does not emit VOCs. Collectively, these benefits help mitigate the negative physiological effects a building can have on occupants, creating instead natural, healthier indoor environments where people can thrive.

Recent studies suggest the use of wood indoors lowers stress reactivity of the sympathetic nervous system—which is associated with lower blood pressure, lower heart-rate, reduced psychological stress, improved resistance to illness, and a better ability to focus attention.

The term ‘biophilia’ that is commonly used today means ‘the love of living things’ in ancient Greek. Biophilic design is an antidote to humanity’s growing disconnection from nature, and the negative human health impacts resulting from increasing urbanization. By incorporating wood, other natural materials, and biophilic design principles into our buildings, we have the power to make a significant, positive impact on occupant health and well being.
HEALTHY PLANET
BENEFITS OF BUILDING WITH WOOD

Growing forests absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.

Carbon storage plateaus in older forests and can slowly be released as trees decay or burn.

Wood buildings store carbon and it remains stored over the lifetime of the building.

Harvesting for wood products ensures that carbon continues to be stored.

Natural regeneration and planting begin the cycle.
SERVICES OFFERED

Comprehensive professional services are part of the total solution.

Mass timber construction is bringing much-needed change to the way we build. Enhanced collaboration and offsite technologies are increasing the speed and quality of construction, delivering better value for owners and occupants alike.

If you are new to mass timber, we can help you assemble the skilled team needed to successfully realize a project under this delivery model.

Disciplines covered include:

Cost Consulting
Design Consulting
Planning
Timber Engineering
General Contracting
MEP Consulting
Fire, Envelope and Acoustic Consulting
3D/BIM Modeling
Shop Drawings
Manufacturing
Delivery
Assembly
ABOUT ELEMENT5

Element5 is a rapidly growing fabricator and off-site manufacturing company committed to using sustainably sourced lumber to produce high-performance mass timber products and systems that improve the built environment.

We are specialists in the design for manufacture and assembly (DfMA), production, and installation of mass timber structures. The vertical integration of our company minimizes risk, reduces interferences, and maximizes value for project owners.

We support the advancement of mass timber construction by offering a fully integrated suite of professional services and products as a simplified solution for the design, supply, and construction of mass timber buildings.

Fabrication Excellence
We are Canada’s newest and most technologically advanced mass timber manufacturer. We produce visually superior edge-glued CLT that is perfect for exposed architectural applications.

Investment in Innovation
Our St. Thomas operation is the most automated CLT production facility in North America. We also develop innovative, value-added components like Cross-Laminated Insulated Panels (CLIPs) and hollow core CLT floor cassettes (BOXX panels).

Integrated Professional Services
We offer a complementary suite of professional services and products as a single-point solution for the design, supply, and construction of mass timber structures. We help make mass timber easy.

Commitment to Sustainability
We take pride in using FSC - certified Ontario lumber inputs to manufacture our mass timber products for use in sustainable, high-performance wood buildings.
Element5 is a mass timber fabricator and offsite manufacturing company that specializes in using sustainably sourced local lumber inputs to manufacture high performance mass timber components and buildings. We offer a fully integrated suite of professional services and products as a single point solution for the design, supply, and construction of mass timber buildings.

Interested in learning more? Scan the QR code to access a virtual tour of our factory to see our CLT manufacturing process up close.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN ELEMENT5

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our products, services, or the design and development of sustainable mass timber housing that can be delivered quickly to meet the needs of housing providers and the people they serve.

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