

RCCAO podcast focuses on timber construction in Ontario

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VAUGHAN, ONT. — Two recent **Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO)** podcast guests made the point that using wood and mass timber for construction of more buildings in Ontario could help stimulate the economy and create spinoff jobs in manufacturing the products.

[Carpenters' District Council of Ontario](#) president Mike Yorke, who is a director of the RCCAO, and Steven Street, a mass timber and wood products business consultant who does work for [Moses Structural Engineers](#), were guests on a podcast, entitled [Timber Talk](#), that was released Aug. 10 by the [RCCAO](#). It is the seventh instalment in a nine-part series called Conversations About Construction.

While mass timber has become a global movement, especially among European countries, the uptake in Canada has been slower.

“What we need to do in Ontario is take a look at that and the best practices and say, ‘We can emulate that and we can create wealth in our own communities here in this province,’” said Yorke.

“We’re in a scenario right now where we have this huge potential in front of us. We’re coming out of a pandemic and trying to figure out how to drive economic prosperity. A lot of people are hurting, and this for me is an example of what we can explore. I think it has real potential for Ontario.”

Dave Trafford, host of the Weekend Morning Show on Newstalk 1010 in Toronto, hosts the discussions. Two more podcasts are scheduled to be released on Mondays over the coming weeks.