

## A Review and Report from the CFBA's In-Ground Pressure-Treated Barn Post Committee

The CFBA continues its efforts to support the primary stakeholders as the Canadian Farm Building Industry looks at Pressure Treated (PT) - Sawn Timber Posts used for *In-Ground* applications.

### Background:

A recent farm owner complaint to his farm builder of accelerated decaying of in-ground PT-sawn timbers has prompted the CFBA Board to form the **In-Ground Pressure Treated Wood Post Committee**. This committee has been formed to help review and report the findings to the CFBA board. The CFBA would then provide information and education follow up to its membership. The CFBA understands how critical this topic is and have had discussions with primary stakeholders. The CFBA Board has highlighted the importance of this through our appointment of a task committee.

### Committee Mandate:

- Collaborate with all identified primary stakeholders who could be impacted by or involved in this situation
- Help the primary stakeholders determine how to address and resolve potential safety issues resulting from this occurrence
- Share information & educate association members--acting as a conduit to provide and share information between our association members and the primary stakeholders
- Review & participate in discussions with Wood Preservation Canada (WPC)
- Keep the CFBA board informed of committee action & progress

From initial communications and a virtual meeting held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, with Wood Preservation Canada, it appears WPC is motivated to support the

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Canadian Farm Building Industry by providing new, updated information and make available a webinar series directed toward education for the CFBA members engineers, treatment providers, suppliers, regulators, industry associations & other designated stake holders. More details on the availability of this information will follow in the coming weeks.

It is the objective of the appointed committee to act swiftly so this problem, as identified, can be dealt with in a timely manner. Post frame buildings using available industry PT- timber posts have, historically, been used extensively within the agriculture industry.

We must become better informed of recent chemical or application changes to ensure specifier guideline considerations & CSA standards are permitting our industry & members to continue to deliver quality post frame structures to the Canadian farm industry.

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