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## FEAT Student Bursaries Available

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The deadline for \$11,000 worth of student bursaries available from ASTTBC's charitable foundation, the Foundation for Education & Advancement in Technology, is fast approaching. The following bursaries are available through direct application to FEAT:

- **FEAT High School bursary** for a high school student who is a child/grandchild of an ASTTBC member and who is enrolling in an ASTTBC/CTAB accredited program (1 at \$1,000).
- **Wade Wicks Memorial bursary** for technology students overcoming 'extraordinary challenges' with priority given to those with physical challenges (1 at \$1,000).
- **ASTTBC / BC Hydro bursary** for women in technology (2 at \$1,000).
- **ASTTBC / BC Hydro bursary** for students in electrical, mechanical, civil & structural or environmental technology (2 at \$1,000).
- **ASTTBC / BC Hydro bursary** for internationally trained professionals in technology (1 at \$1,000).
- **ASTTBC / TD Meloche Monnex bursary** for students in any ASTTBC/CTAB accredited technology program at a college or institute in British Columbia (3 at \$1,000).

**Deadline for applications for 2007 has been extended to JUNE 22.** More information on applying is on the ASTTBC web site. Go to [www.asttbc.com/about/foundation](http://www.asttbc.com/about/foundation)

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## Retention Campaign

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ASTTBC is looking to add a few great people to be a part of a dedicated group of individuals on this year's Member Retention Team. The ASTTBC retention campaign, which runs annually, is scheduled to begin in the first week of July and end in September. The focus of the campaign is to advise members of the benefits of retaining membership.

**This is not a volunteer position. Team members are remunerated for successful efforts.**

Your time commitment is generally in the order of about 10 hours per week. Most, if not all of this is done during your free time and will likely be in the early evening. Past team members have found it very rewarding and have been very successful.

If you're interested or want to find out more details, please reply by email with a brief expression of interest to Jason Jung, ASCT, Manager, Technology Careers at [jjung@asttbc.org](mailto:jjung@asttbc.org). **Deadline for submissions is June 8, 2007.**

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## **ASTTBC Announces Awards For Women In Technology**

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New for 2007! ASTTBC will recognize both women in technology and their employers. The following new awards have been approved by Council:

### **Women Technology Leadership Award**

- The objective of the Women Technology Leadership Award is to honour a woman who: is an ASTTBC member; has distinguished herself in her field of technology; and has demonstrated leadership within the Association or local community by serving as a role model and promoting careers in technology.

### **Employer Award For The Enhancement Of Career Success Of Women Technology Professionals**

- This award recognizes employers for creating a work environment that enhances the career success of women technicians/technologists. Qualifications include: an employer who has written policies or established practices which facilitate the full participation and advancement of women in its organization; these policies or practices serve as a model for other employers; women technology professionals are employed at various levels in the organization.

Candidate nominations should be submitted to the ASTTBC Awards Committee. Nominations can be made by members or non-members.

There is no limit to the number of awards that may be presented each year. Employers may receive the Award more than once provided it is for a different purpose each time. *Effective June 15th nominate well deserving people on-line at [www.asttbc.com](http://www.asttbc.com).*

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## **ASTTBC On CBC Radio Making The Case For Home Inspection**

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There is a great deal of interest on the part of home buyers to know how to locate a qualified home inspector. ASTTBC is encouraging the BC Government to bring in legislation to license house inspectors and to designate ASTTBC as the licensing body. John Leech, ASCT, CAE, Executive Director & Registrar of ASTTBC was interviewed about this on CBC Radio's Almanac Show on May 7, 2007. *To hear the interview, click on [www.asttbc.org/pub/John\\_Leech\\_CBC\\_070507.mp3](http://www.asttbc.org/pub/John_Leech_CBC_070507.mp3)*

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## **Protection For New Home Buyers To Be Improved**

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Amendments to the Homeowner Protection Act were recently introduced in the Legislature. The amendments include strengthening licensing requirements for residential builders; require anyone wishing to build a home under the owner-builder exemption to meet more stringent criteria; a strengthening of enforcement provisions; and an independent appeal process for both licensed builders and owner builders.

In letters to Premier Gordon Campbell, Hon Rich Coleman, Hon John Les and Hon Murray Coell, John Leech, ASCT, CAE, ASTTBC Executive Director & Registrar applauded the proposed changes. He went on to highlight other key issues including:

1. the role ASTTBC has been playing in the Modernization Project designed to address key issues with other aspects of the built environment.
2. amendments needed to the Architects Act to remove restrictions that currently limit the practice of ASTTBC members.
3. the need for regulation of house inspectors

4. ensuring that all municipalities in BC pass bylaws requiring anyone inspecting and testing fire suppressions systems be qualified, registered and accountable.

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## Modernization Strategy Team Seeks Input

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In January 2006, the provincial government initiated the Modernization Strategy to respond to the need for change in the building regulatory system, the system for achieving safety in the design, construction and occupancy of buildings. Proposals have now been put forward and are available on [www.housing.gov.bc.ca/modernization/](http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/modernization/). Comments are welcome. These proposals reflect work to date with over 150 stakeholders, including ASTTBC, from every sector of the building regulatory system owners, developers, designers, builders and trades, local governments and consumers who have been actively involved in shaping the work of the Modernization Strategy. The Modernization Strategy is examining the roles, responsibilities, accountabilities and processes supporting the building regulatory system. This is your opportunity to influence decisions that may affect you, your profession and/or your association before these decisions take place. This consultation ends July 31, 2007.

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## Municipal Sewage Regulation Review

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The Ministry of Environment is currently reviewing regulations and developing codes of practice for specified industries and activities under the *Environmental Management Act*. The ministry has released an update on the review process for the Municipal Sewage Regulation in the form of an information document. The purpose of the review process information document is to inform stakeholders and the public of the Municipal Sewage Regulation review process and for the ministry to develop a contact list for dissemination of information as part of the consultation process throughout the multi-phased review. Detailed information, as well as a PDF version of the review process information document are available at: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/epdiv/ema\\_codes\\_of\\_practice/index.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epdiv/ema_codes_of_practice/index.html)

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## **ASTTBC Joins Public Construction Council**

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ASTTBC has been approved for membership on the Public Construction Council. Initially John Leech, AScT, CAE will serve as the ASTTBC representative. The Council objectives include fostering a positive relationship between BC's construction industry and government; cooperating with public tendering authorities for the purpose of effectively scheduling public construction activity to achieve the fullest utilization of construction industry resources; and assisting public sector owners so they receive the broadest base of competitive bids.

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## **Forest Measurements Specialists May Be Transferred To ABCFP**

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Representatives from the Forest Measurements Resource Board, ASTTBC, and the Association of BC Forest Professionals have been working together on a proposal to transfer the FMRB from ASTTBC to ABCFP. It is intended that a proposal go to respective Councils in May, 2007. Brian Robinson, RPF, Manager of Professional Development and Member Relations at ABCFP will be looking after the implementation of Forest Measurements Certification should the responsibilities be transferred to the ABCFP. "I am pleased with the Statement of Principles Negotiating Framework in its entirety," he says. "ASTTBC and FMRB have done a great job with Forest Measurements Certification and I am happy that the FMRB will continue to function as is. Our profession, and the public, will benefit from the inclusion of these new members. Since Forest Measurement Specialists perform important functions for Forest Professionals, it makes perfect sense that they be included under one Code of Conduct. I feel that this inclusion to our profession adds a final completeness to the forestry team where we can all work together in the public interest. He continued "Some of our existing RFTs are Forest Measurement Specialists so it is essential that all of these specialists join the rest of the team. I will ensure these new members are welcomed and integrated into the Association and their present and future needs are met."

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## **Flood Preparedness For Wells & Septic Systems**

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*Note - The Province is partnering with the Canadian Red Cross to operate a toll-free flood information line. It will be activated May 22 and will initially operate from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. daily. The hours of operation will be extended as needed. Multi-lingual service will be available. **The flood information number is 1-888-350-6070.***

With the potential for flooding this Spring, the Ministry of Health has been working with other government agencies to ensure the highest possible level of readiness in the event of flooding in various areas of the province. In addition to basic personal preparedness information provided by the Provincial Emergency Program, the Ministry of Health is encouraging home and business owners with well water systems or septic systems to take the following steps to reduce the risk to their systems.

### **Well Water Systems:**

1. Before: In advance of any flooding, have the cap on drilled wells inspected to ensure seals are not cracked, damaged or missing. The seal cap prevents vermin and contaminants from making contact with drinking water, and provides access for pump wiring. Use of a qualified professional for this inspection and any repairs is recommended. At the very least, sandbag around the well-head to prevent water from entering. Surface and shallow well water sources can quickly be affected by flood conditions. Dug wells that become flooded will need to be disinfected and tested to ensure water is safe to drink. Information on disinfection is available through the [BC HealthFiles](#)
2. During and after: Watch for any change in water taste, odour or colour. Surface water users in vulnerable areas are likely to be quickly affected by flood conditions, with increased turbidity (cloudiness from sediments.)
3. If you suspect your well has been flooded, experience changes in water conditions, or hear nearby community systems have initiated boil water advisories, have your water tested before using for any domestic purposes such as drinking, washing foods or cooking.
4. Flooding can also introduce sediments that can damage pump systems. Ensure pump inlets in shallow wells, lakes or streams are clear of any debris before starting.

### **Septic Systems:**

1. Before: In advance of any flooding, you may want to have your tank pumped to reduce any possible back-up of sewage into your residence. But, if you have had your septic tank pumped and flooding of the tank area is possible, ensure the tank has been refilled to prevent flood waters from floating the tank out of the ground.
2. During: Septic systems can be affected by flood waters as the water table rises. You can minimize the impact by reducing the amount of water handled by your system. Should flooding of your septic field and tank area occur, there is very little that can be done. You should discontinue use of your system, and do not empty your septic tank.
3. After: If sewage has backed up into the basement, clean the area and disinfect the floor with a chlorine solution of one-half cup of chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water. Do not use the sewage system until water in the disposal field and around the house has receded. If you suspect damage to your septic system, have it professionally inspected and serviced.

This information from the Ministry of Health is being passed on as a public service by ASTTBC. ASTTBC registers qualified practitioners through its Onsite Wastewater Registration Program.

For drinking water and sewage questions, contact the drinking water officer in your Health Authority for more information.

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## **Construction Association Takes New Name**

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The Northern British Columbia Construction Association has changed its name to British Columbia Construction Association-NORTH. *For additional information visit [www.nbcca.bc.ca](http://www.nbcca.bc.ca)*

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## **Recruitment Tools For The Tech Sector**

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**CTEN**, the Canadian Technical Employment Network, is a national, web-based employment referral service operated by the technology associations across Canada. Members of ASTTBC can search for a job and register confidentially at no charge. Employers can easily post job openings and search for candidates at a very reasonable cost. Visit [www.cten.ca](http://www.cten.ca).

ASTTBC has also partnered with the Vancouver Sun and Province as a participant in **Working.Com**. Whether it's individuals finding the job they are looking for, or employers attracting talent to their company, [working.com](http://working.com) provides an efficient meeting ground.

The Vancouver Sun and Province is publishing a **special feature** with a spotlight on the career and training opportunities in the various trades and technical sectors. Employers and recruiters can advertise their job opportunities. Booking deadline is June 11, 2007. For information contact: Antonio da Luz, Recruitment Solutions, Vancouver Sun and Province at 604-605-2283 or [adaluz@png.canwest.com](mailto:adaluz@png.canwest.com)

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## **BC Hydro To Expand Technical Staff**

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Engineers, technologists and technicians will play a crucial role in BC Hydro's plans to expand its existing infrastructure to meet the province's future needs and to prepare for the 2010 Olympics. BC Hydro requires technical expertise across many disciplines to develop and implement major capital projects in generation, distribution and transmission of electricity. For information visit [www.bchydro.com/careers](http://www.bchydro.com/careers)

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## **TechCanada Report To Address Skills Shortage**

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Canada has long been a world leader in the application of new technology. Technicians and technologists and other technically skilled professions are key elements in Canada's productivity and thus it's economic success. To maintain this legacy, attention needs to be focused on Canada's emerging skills shortage. The Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists, in cooperation with its provincial associations, notably ASTTBC, took an important step to avert a skilled labour crisis by convening the TechCanada Roundtable, a forum that brought together stakeholders from industry, government and academia. CCTT will soon release a report on the proceedings. Visit [www.cctt.ca](http://www.cctt.ca) for developments.

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## **Labour Mobility Agreement In Place**

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The Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between Alberta and BC came into effect April 1, 2007, and will be fully implemented by 2009. The agreement is intended to facilitate movement of professionals and other labour between the provinces. ASTTBC is working closely with ASET, our sister association in Alberta, to make sure that the certification provided by our Associations and our transferability agreement meets the goals of TILMA. To learn more about TILMA, visit the BC Ministry of Economic Development web site at [www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/popt/media\\_room/bc\\_ab\\_trade\\_investment\\_mobility\\_agreement.htm](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/popt/media_room/bc_ab_trade_investment_mobility_agreement.htm)

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## **WorkBC Addresses Province's Skills Shortage**

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BC is facing a shortage of skilled workers across the province that is unprecedented. This is the result of four broad trends coming together... an advantaged position in the world marketplace, a growing economy, an aging workforce, and fewer young people entering the job market. BC has a unique advantage in our proximity, cultural ties, and natural connections to the Asia Pacific. As BC works to train new workers and provide the skills they need to prosper in this Pacific Century, government plans to do more to attract and recruit skilled workers. For detailed information on the WorkBC Action Plan and what BC is doing to address skills shortages, visit the WorkBC web site. In addition to background on the BC labour market and the action plan, the web site is a one-stop source of information on finding work and planning a career in BC. Visit [www.WorkBC.ca](http://www.WorkBC.ca)

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## **Kamloops Gaining International Recognition**

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The Community Project of the Year Award has been awarded by the Economic Development Association of BC to Venture Kamloops for its innovative 'Move-to-Kamloops' marketing and business attraction campaign. "This recognition is well deserved," said Kamloops Mayor Terry Lake, "We are all very proud of the team that has propelled Kamloops into the provincial and international spotlight." The campaign was launched in 2006 in the Vancouver market as well as overseas in the Netherlands and United Kingdom. Representatives from Venture Kamloops were also key participants in 'KamTECH-focus 24!' an intense one-day push by ASTTBC and partners to build

momentum around careers in technology. ASTTBC, Venture Kamloops, and Thompson Rivers University will soon be meeting to plan next year's 'KamTECH'.

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## **Mining Tops \$5 Billion In BC**

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Mining in BC is a \$5.6 billion industry. Investment in mineral exploration soared to a record-high \$265 million in 2006. More than 600 exploration projects were underway in 2006, with more than 20 potential mine development projects. BC is the world's second largest metallurgical coal exporter, and, all together, more than 28,000 jobs are generated from BC's minerals economy in over 50 communities. This was the backdrop as the province headed into 'Mining Week In BC' May 12-18, 2007. "We have seen significant job growth as a result of mining in Prince George mainly in the support industries like Finning and Terra Tech," said Pat Bell, Minister of State for Mining and MLA for Prince George. "Jobs are abundant as the latest jobs stats show. Who would have guessed that Prince George would be at 4.1% unemployment when in 1998 we were at 16.6%." It is one more sign of BC's robust economy and the potential for a coming skills shortage.

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## **Co-op Students Available For Summer**

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Students from the Camosun College Technology Co-op programs are available for the summer term from June to October. Employers can to post a job online at [www.camosun.bc.ca/coop/jobpost.php](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/coop/jobpost.php)

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## **BTech Degree Offered At TRU**

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Thompson Rivers University is now accepting applications for its new Bachelor of Technology - Trades and Technology Leadership degree program. As an open learning program, start dates are flexible and designed to suit the schedule of students. Spaces are limited. Check the TRU web site at [www.tru.ca/trades/btechtll.html](http://www.tru.ca/trades/btechtll.html)

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## **Canadian Technology Standards To See Update**

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The Canadian Technology Human Resources Board has secured financing to replace government funding. The CTHRB is developing plans to update the Canadian Technology Standards by June 30, 2008. Nominations are being accepted from industry and the profession to assist with revisions for the following disciplines: Bioscience; Building; Chemical, Civil; Electrical; Electronics; Forestry; Geomatics; Industrial; Information; Instrumentation; Mechanical; Mining; Petroleum.

Other products like the 'Look Ahead Get Ahead' career information guide, the CTHRB web site and the newsletter will also be updated. 'Look Ahead Get Ahead' career awareness information will describe 60 careers for technicians and technologists in applied science and engineering technologies. For information e-mail [info@cthrb.ca](mailto:info@cthrb.ca)

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## **Environment Awards Announced**

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Arbor Vitae means 'tree of life.' The new 'Arbour Vitae Awards' by the Ministry of Environment are a celebration of unique British Columbians and of the lasting legacy of their work. Every day, people in BC make a difference in the betterment of the environment. They may be volunteers, or outstanding non-profit or private sector employees who have made it their personal mission to protect and improve the environment. They make a difference through hands-on work, or by educating/informing the public, promoting the benefits of sound environmental practices. If you are interested in nominating someone in your organization, neighbourhood or community whose work and dedication make a difference in one or more aspects of environmental protection and stewardship, visit [www.env.gov.bc.ca/mea](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/mea)

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## **Sustainability Programs & News**

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### **Car Sharing Hits The Road In Vancouver**

Car sharing is a new model for automobile transportation. It avoids the cost of ownership and the time involved in picking up and returning rental cars. With car sharing, cars are parked around the city in many neighborhoods. Members make a real-time on-line reservation, walk to

the car, swipe their member card to unlock the door, and drive off. Cars can be used by the hour or day. Car sharing has been available in Europe since 2000. It is now on the road in certain cities in the UK, Australia, the USA and Canada including Vancouver. It appears that among regular car-sharing users as many as 30% have either sold their own cars or have decided not to buy one. If shared cars become as ubiquitous as ATMs, that number could rise dramatically. For information on car sharing in Vancouver visit [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com)

### **Financial Assistance For Energy Conservation**

Conserve energy and you can save money and help the environment. National Resources Canada offers financial assistance for homeowners and owners of small and medium-sized organizations through the [ecoENERGY Retrofit program](#) to reduce energy use in [buildings and houses](#), [industry](#), [personal vehicles](#) and [fleets](#). For information visit [www.oeenrncan.gc.ca](http://www.oeenrncan.gc.ca)

### **GlobeNet News Available**

The GlobeNet News is a free electronic newsletter on topics like the environmental, social, economic and security impact of climate change; up-to-date climate change reports from the United Nations, the UK, and the USA, etc., and discussions on technological advances such as the latest on clean coal technology. GlobeNet News is published by the GLOBE Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation created to help environmental firms, corporate environmental managers, and financial institutions capitalize on international opportunities in the business of the environment. To subscribe visit [www.globe-net.ca/news](http://www.globe-net.ca/news)

Recent articles in GlobeNet News:

**Light bulbs** - both the federal government and the government of Ontario plan to set energy efficiency standards for lighting and to ban the sale of inefficient bulbs. The government plans to establish the regulations by the end of the year, leading to complete phase-out of inefficient incandescent lighting in common applications by 2012.

**Bio-fuel** - production of ethanol, bio-diesel and other bio-fuels has expanded dramatically in response to concerns about energy security and climate change. Policy supports have been established, and Canada is among those

encouraging ethanol and bio-diesel production. A growing chorus of naysayers is challenging both the climate change benefits and the use of biomass itself for energy production. The article investigates the pro's and con's.

**Green Consumers** this articles investigates if the actions of the individual consumer, multiplied many times over, can change how the goods we use in our everyday lives are produced.

### **Alberta Places Moratorium On New Water Licences**

Only a generation ago, Canada was seen as a boundless storehouse of resources. The pioneering spirit was all about 'taming the wilderness'. Now water scarcity may even be an issue in the land of plenty. Alberta Environment has imposed a moratorium and will no longer accept new water licence applications to draw water from the Bow, Oldman, and South Saskatchewan River sub-basins. In northern Alberta, the demand from planned mining operations in the oil sands is projected to soon exceed the capacity of the Athabasca River. For more information on the South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan, visit [www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water](http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water)

### **BC Climate Action Team Seeks Input**

The government is committed to a goal of reducing British Columbia's greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33% below current levels by 2020. One of the important tools in this will be the tax system according to a statement by Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance. The Province has already used tax incentives to encourage the purchase of hybrid vehicles, the production of wind power and the use of bio-fuel. The Climate Action Team is inviting any ideas, comments or suggestions for fiscal or tax initiatives. Submissions should be sent to *The Finance Ministry at: Tax Policy Branch, Ministry of Finance, Room 105, 617 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 1X4*

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### **B.C. Joins Western Regional Climate Action Initiative**

British Columbia has joined with Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington to partner in the new Western Regional Climate Action Initiative. The purpose of the WRCAI is to identify,

evaluate and implement ways to collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region and to achieve related co-benefits.

### **Canada Introduces Sustainability Act**

A new Bill (C-437), the Canadian Sustainability Act, was introduced in the House of Commons on May 1st, 2007. This enactment will provide the legal framework for preparing and implementing a National Sustainable Development Strategy that will eliminate all major environmental problems by 2030 and achieve environmental sustainability. It requires the Government of Canada to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development. It provides for the adoption of the official National Sustainable Development Strategy of the Government of Canada. It provides for the appointment of the Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Advisory Council to advise the Government on the development of the National Sustainable Development Strategy. The enactment also provides for the appointment of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development by the Governor in Council. It lists the Commissioner's powers and obligations, which include monitoring progress in achieving sustainable development and reporting to Parliament on the implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy.

### **Denmark Leads On Energy Independence**

An article in the April 16, 2007 issue of the Wall Street Journal looks at Denmark's success in holding the line on energy consumption. Use of fuel and electricity has remained unchanged for 30 years, even as economic output has doubled and unemployment has been kept low. Danish consumers and businesses pay for the wide variety of government-driven initiatives to conserve energy. In Denmark, taxes constitute more than half of the cost of electricity and electricity is 43% more expensive than in the USA. The article states that the average Dane uses 6,600 kilowatt hours of electricity a year, compared with 13,300 for Americans. From being dependant on imported oil in the 1970's, Denmark has become self-sufficient in energy and now exports oil, gas and electricity.

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### **BC Public Service Launches HR Program**

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The BC Public Service has launched 'Where Ideas Work' as a brand that represents the best of the BC Public Service. The goal is to attract quality candidates to the BC Public Service and inspire pride in the organization. At the same time, a program has been launched to retain and promote talent within the BC Public Service. Included is a new Scholarships for Public Servants program, Scholarships for the Children of Public Servants, loan forgiveness for both new recruits and current employees, and a fellowship program for graduate and PhD students.

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## Coming Events

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**Smart Growth BC Conference** 'Building Complete Communities-Developers Leading The Way', June 1, 2007, Vancouver. Presentation on a 3,000 acre 'city-within-a-city' sustainable community project in South Carolina; Whistler's Athlete Village; opportunities for Smart Growth Development and more. [www.smartgrowth.bc.ca](http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca)

**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Course**, June 4-8, 2007, Victoria. The goal is to understand the direct relationship between the physical environment and crime and to provide participants with the knowledge to become actively involved in the planning, design and/or development process as it relates to preventing crime and nuisance behaviour through the incorporation of CPTED design strategies. Sponsored by The City of Langford & Langford Fire Department. Contact: Greg Perkins at 250-743-8948 or [liahonasecurity@shaw.ca](mailto:liahonasecurity@shaw.ca)

**MISTIC Seminar On Entrepreneurship** 'The First 99 Milestones', June 5-6, 2007, Nanaimo. The objective of 2-day 'The First 99 Milestones' seminar is to equip entrepreneurs with an integrated step-by-step template for designing, financing and building their ideas into commercial successes. Visit [www.mistic.bc.ca](http://www.mistic.bc.ca) and click on Events.

**Kamloops Chamber of Commerce** 'Help Wanted: Accessing Foreign Workers', June 6, 2007, Kamloops. Luncheon update on Provincial and Federal Foreign Worker programs. Phone: (250) 372-7722; email: [mail@kamloopschamber.bc.ca](mailto:mail@kamloopschamber.bc.ca)

**Consulting Engineers of BC** Annual General Meeting, June 7, 2007, Vancouver. AGM business session, workshop on identifying and

grooming future leaders, and post-event scotch tasting social.  
[www.cebc.org](http://www.cebc.org)

**BC Society of Landscape Architects** 'Specimen Trees ConiferTour', June 9, 2007, Pitt Meadows. Join in tour of fields of unique conifers. Following the conifer tour there will be a presentation of new plant introductions. [www.bcsla.org](http://www.bcsla.org)

**Vancouver Regional Construction** - Awards of Excellence, June 10, 2007 deadline for nominations. The VRCA Awards of Excellence highlight outstanding projects and the contractors and trades contractors involved in their construction. [www.vrca.bc.ca](http://www.vrca.bc.ca)

**Canadian Water Resource Association Conference**, - 'Science & Technology: Implications for Water Management', June 25-28, 2007, Saskatoon. The conference will look at how to break the cycle of increasing demand and decreasing availability of water.  
[conference.cwra.org](http://conference.cwra.org)

**Canadian Green Building Council Events** 'Buildings in the Balance' lecture series, various dates and locations. [www.cagbc.org](http://www.cagbc.org) or [www.cascadiagbc.org](http://www.cascadiagbc.org)

1. LEED Canada for New Construction June 21, 2007, Victoria
2. LEED for Construction, June 22, Victoria
3. A New Approach to Integrated Building Design June 22, Burnaby
4. Green Building Codes and Policies June 27, Vancouver
5. Deep Green Buildings and The Integrated Design Process July 11, Vancouver
6. LEED Canada for New Construction, September 14, Burnaby
7. LEED Canada for Commercial Interiors, October 3, Burnaby

**BIG Little Science Centre** Summer Science Camps, Kamloops. The camps run from July 16 20 and August 13 17, 2007. The morning is tentatively for kids ages 6 to 9 and the afternoons for 10 to 12+ year children. For more info contact [gord@bcscs.org](mailto:gord@bcscs.org) or call (250) 554-BLSC. [www.biglittlesciencecentre.org](http://www.biglittlesciencecentre.org)

**CanWest Horticulture Show**, September 12-13, 2007, Vancouver. CanWest is Western Canada's largest horticulture trade show representing nursery, floriculture and landscape supplies companies.  
[www.CanWestHortShow.com](http://www.CanWestHortShow.com)

**Canadian Brownfields Conference**, October, 18-19 2007, Montreal. Focus on building sustainable cities and the potential of achieving economic and cultural growth through the redevelopment of brownfields. Themes will include political and technological innovation, municipal and private sector partnerships and international experiences to revitalize communities and restore urban cores. [www.canadianbrownfields.ca](http://www.canadianbrownfields.ca).

**Canadian Society for Chemical Technology** 'Laboratory Safety course', October 29-30, 2007, Edmonton. [www.cheminst.ca/profdev](http://www.cheminst.ca/profdev)

**GLOBE 2008, March 12 -14, 2008**, Vancouver. Corporate sustainability and finance; energy and the environment; building better cities. [www.globe2008.ca](http://www.globe2008.ca)