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'Professional Technologist' is Priority for New ASTTBC President



Vancouver Mechanical Technologist **Bill MacPherson** (AScT) has become President of the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC, a professional regulatory body responsible for registering engineering and applied science technicians, technologists and technical specialists. The ASTTBC is the province's eighth-largest professional association, on track to surpass a membership of ten thousand this year.

The incoming President told ASTTBC's annual meeting in Surrey last weekend that his priorities are to "adopt the interprovincial credential of Professional Technologist - **PTech** - and continue to unite technology associations in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC, within **Technology Professionals Canada**. And we will continue to build on the good relationships we enjoy with our professional partners, especially BC's Professional Engineers and Geoscientists. "

On graduation from BCIT in Mechanical Systems Engineering and Business Administration, Bill worked as Project Management Administrator on a \$6.4B offshore oil platform project in Europe. Returning to Canada, MacPherson spent eight years with Johnson Controls in Vancouver. He joined his present employer, Broadway Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Co. Ltd., fifteen years ago.

MacPherson has served on ASTTBC's governing Council as a Member, Secretary Treasurer and most recently, Vice President. Bill has devoted years of service to the Board of ASTTBC's educational charitable organization, FEAT. His BCIT connection continues with membership on the President's Advisory Council and as a Director for the Alumni Association for 16 years. He retains appointments to two BCIT Program Advisory Committees.

"I've been active with ASTTBC since my student days, beginning in 1983," MacPherson says. "Credit my father, Don, an ASTTBC member for over 40 years, with passing along his passion for innovating and building, and for community service. Eleven members of our family are in applied technology careers," the incoming ASTTBC President smiles.

Bill enjoys the professional challenges of developing new energy-efficient and green heating and cooling systems for commercial, industrial and residential buildings. Aside from his ASTTBC commitments, Bill's community activities include supporting Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.