

Christy Clark Connects with ASTTBC's Henry Murphy



Premier Christy Clark says hello to ASTTBC's Community Representative in the Okanagan, Henry Murphy, AScT, an instructor at Okanagan College.

A little dated but not too late to report on a special Canada Day... outside the Kelowna Hockey Rink, Prospera Place... [Premier Clark](#) (MLA for Westside-Kelowna) was posing for photographs. Henry Murphy AScT was straining to get a good pic. The Premier, noticing that Henry was having a hard time getting a good shot, approached Henry and asked if he would like a photo with her. Henry passed the camera to his partner Zina and this photo materialized....! Henry recalled the chance meeting, "I thanked Christy from ASTTBC as I pointed out the hat I was wearing". Henry spent a few moments chatting with the Premier who was accompanied by Mayor Walter Grey and former MLA Ben Stewart, owner of Quails Gate Wineries. "Christy was at the Canada Day festivities in Kelowna to cut the Canada Day Cake. She drew a large crowd. She was a very pleasant person to talk to," Henry enthused.

ASTTBC has been making steady gains with members of the BC Cabinet and MLAs in general in elevating the profile and significance of technology education and careers and of the role of ASTTBC's 10,000+ registrants and ASTTBC as a professional regulatory body. Reaching out to Henry as she did provided ASTTBC with yet one more opportunity to make a connection with leaders, like the Premier, who play a key role in guiding youth, parents and teachers to the skills needed in BC for many sectors including key initiatives such as LNG, mining, oil and gas and infrastructure. "Henry is one of the

biggest champions for ASTTBC," said Executive Director John Leech. "It came as no surprise that Henry would be there wearing an ASTTBC cap."

John went on to say that Premier Clark has assisted ASTTBC in a number of ways, including sending a special video message for those attending ASTTBC's AGM and the Technology Awards and Recognition Celebration. "I recall one meeting of about 20 people in the Premier's Vancouver Office prior to the launch of the BCJobs Plan. When the Premier invited feedback I offered a few suggestions relating to technology education and careers and the role of ASTTBC's technology professionals. The Premier demonstrated understanding of our role and of the value of technology professionals to growing and sustaining BC's economy." In part as a result of ASTTBC's efforts the BC Government has added 'technical' careers to the BCJobs Plan, joining 'trades' as an area warranting special attention.