

## **Colin Smith, PEng FEC, CSSE Speaks at ASTTBC Meeting**



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ASTTBC Honourary Member, Colin Smith, spoke to 65 ASTTBC members at a recent breakfast meeting in Victoria. A summary of Colin's presentation follows:

"In his recent State of the Union address, President Obama recalled President Kennedy's earlier observation that his country's administration ought not to be in competition with its Congress but that they ought to be partners for progress.

"The same could be said for technologists and engineers. ASTTBC and APEGBC have cooperated in numerous endeavours over the years but, given their distinct status and memberships, they inevitably find themselves having competing interests at the interfaces of practice as they independently uphold their duties of protection of the public and the legitimate interests of their respective members.

"I continue to believe that the Professional Forester's model, which has RPF's, technologists, technicians, and some licensees all in one organization, most closely replicates the realities of our workplace, and is a goal that we might ultimately achieve in engineering. In the interim, I was pleased to see the recent formation of the ASTTBC - APEGBC Joint Board to oversee practice matters relating to ASCT's. Hopefully it will prove to be a constructive mechanism for providing technologists opportunities to perform services of enhanced professional responsibility."

Colin was recently honoured by The Engineering Institute of Canada with the Canadian Pacific Railway Engineering Medal for years of leadership and service to the Institute at the regional branch and section levels.