

AIBC Council Establishes New Titles for Architectural Technologists **-Building Designers Excluded-**

The Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) has been working for several years to consider how building designers and others might be embraced within the Institute. After lengthy discussion and significant member engagement, the Council has decided that Building Designers will NOT be a special class within their membership.

The AIBC Council posted a summary of its October 2013 meeting, as follows:

- *Council approved a motion from its Associates Task Force calling for the following designations to be introduced for the three Associate categories of registrant: Architectural Technologist AIBC; Intern Architect AIBC; and Retired Architect AIBC. While several options were considered, it was agreed that the use of the institute's initials was consistent with the designation for architects (Architect AIBC) while providing clarity and assurance to the public. These designations for associates are to come into effect as of January 1, 2014. Attention will now focus on the matter of associates practicing independently, providing design services within the exceptions of the Architects Act.*
- *AIBC Council President Scott Kemp Architect AIBC reported on a recent meeting with the Honourable Amrit Virk, Minister of Advanced Education. The minister and other senior ministry staff spoke with Kemp, Council Vice President Darryl Condon Architect AIBC, Council member Gordon Richards Architect AIBC, Lieutenant Governor Appointee Steve Simons, AIBC Deputy Executive Director and General Council Thom Lutes and AIBC Director of Communications David Wiebe. The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce the recently-appointed minister to the institute and its representatives, and to discuss issues of government priority and process. This included council's interest in bringing about unspecified changes to the Architects Act to address deficiencies in the century-old legislation and reflect the evolution of the profession. The minister expressed support for this direction, explaining the process and prioritization that surround what is ultimately a government decision, and provided some direction as to how the institute can best prepare for the opportunity, should it arise.*