

Engineers Canada CEO Meets Technology Professionals Canada (TPC)



Engineers Canada CEO, Kim Allen, PEng (left) welcomed Technology Professionals Canada representatives, Alberta CEO Barry Cavanaugh (centre) and BC Executive Director, John Leech

Kim Allen, PEng, the relatively new CEO for Engineers Canada, proved a great host when Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) visited their offices in Ottawa. Association for Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET) CEO, Barry Cavanaugh, and ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech, met with Kim to talk about areas of common interest such as promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). TPC is an alliance of the Technology Professional Associations in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

"We shared information on various initiatives designed to promote technology education and careers," said ASTTBC's John Leech. "A couple of yearly initiatives, National Technology Week (NTW) in November and National Engineering Month (NEM) in March, were noted as two opportunities for the professional associations to work together. Engineers Canada has allowed ASTTBC and other associations to use their logo when ASTTBC is promoting technology education and careers during NEM. In recent years ASTTBC has engaged with NEM in addition to dedicating considerable effort into NTW.

The Ottawa discussions also focused on Engineers Canada's 'Canadian Framework for Licensure', a multi-year initiative designed to work toward best practices in the regulation of Professional Engineering in Canada. TPCs Barry and John were interested in learning more about the program and indicated a desire to utilize the model for the technology professional associations. Kim was open to use of their modeling as the professional associations that are members of TPC engage in best practice models for the professional regulation of technologists and technicians. The licensing of Professional Technologist in Alberta was discussed with a view of better understanding Engineers Canada views on the PTech title and practice.

The three CEOs acknowledged the need to stay connected as the associations work to ensure the most effective regulatory model in service to the public.