

**Skills Canada's Amber Papou & ASTTBC's John Leech
Meet Over Latte**



It was outside the Pan Pacific Hotel... a cool Vancouver day... sipping on a Starbucks latte... where Skills Canada BC Executive Director Amber Papou met up with ASTTBC CEO John Leech. Technology education and skills within the Skills Canada BC mandate was the focus of the conversation. “Amber is working hard to increase the exposure of tech ed,” said Leech. “It is a real challenge for Skills Canada to focus more attention on technology without taking away from trades. I applaud her dedication to balancing between trades and technology.”

ASTTBC and Skills Canada BC signed a Memorandum of Agreement last year, signaling a joint interest in working collaboratively in support of technology education and careers and, more broadly, on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). During their conversation the two spoke of ASTTBC's efforts to promote tech careers with women and also with First Nations.