

Engineering Consulting Companies Meet ASTTBC



ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford (left) presented ACEC-BC Chair Cameron Gatey with an eagle feather carved by First Nations Salish artist Len McKay

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies BC (ACEC-BC) Executive met recently with the ASTTBC Executive to consider areas of common interest such as promoting engineering and technology careers to youth. “We had a great discussion spanning over three hours,” said ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford. “ACEC-BC represents 90 employers in BC, almost all employing technologists, technicians and technical specialists. It is natural we would want to maintain a close working relationship with the leaders at ACEC-BC and work collaboratively in areas of mutual interest.” Much of the conversation was linked in some way to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Following the meeting ASTTBC President, Dave Rutherford presented ACEC-BC Chair, Cameron Gatey with an eagle feather, an ASTTBC-commissioned piece by Salish carver Len McKay.

The two associations have been meeting at least annually over many years, looking for ways to cooperate in the development of the members of the engineering team and encouraging more youth to consider a career in engineering and technology. Topics for the recent meeting included careers topics:

- . *promoting engineering and technology education in K-12*
- . *encouraging youth to consider a career in engineering and technology*
- . *National Engineering and Geoscience Month and national Technology Week*
- . *Science Charter*

- . *Women in engineering and technology*
- . *First Nations engaging STEM careers*
- . *Internationally trained professionals*

Business-related topics included:

- *Qualification Based Selection*
- *proportional representation*
- *client contract language*
- *ACEC-BC Fee Schedule.*

A number of actions came out of the dialogue. The two senior staff from ASTTBC and ACEB-BC will get together to work on these actions and the two Executives agreed to meet again once further work is done on topics covered.