

MLA Harry Bains Visits ASTTBC Office



Surrey-Newton MLA, Harry Bains, (left in photo) visited the ASTTBC office to talk with ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech, about matters of interest to the Association. TOP on the list was ASTTBC's recent Report, *A Strategic Direction for Technology Education and Skills*, released by ASTTBC on January 29, 2013. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/2013launch.pdf>

Harry was particularly interested in learning of ASTTBC's efforts to promote technology education and careers, indicating that this area of training, in addition to trades and university education, is critical to BC's future growth, development and sustainability. Harry is the Official Opposition Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure and in this role reviewed with John some of the needs he has identified in the area of rapid transit.

"We had a great chat about ASTTBC's role as a professional regulatory body as well as ASTTBC's considerable efforts in the past 8 years to promote technology education and careers," said Leech. "I reviewed with Harry a few of the changes needed to the ASTT Act to address administrative issues, changes needed for ASTTBC to be effective in its role as a self-governing professional association."

Harry was toured through the ASTTBC office and in his time visited with several staff. Harry said he was quite impressed with the ASTTBC office and the Association's approach to tele-commuting for staff. Harry asked that the Association stay in touch.