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## **ASTTBC Talks Technology Programs at CNC – CKPG News Interview**

Civil Engineering Technology is needed at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George says ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech.

During a recent visit to Prince George John Leech and CNC President, John Bowman, were interviewed by CKPG News. "The needs of industry are clear," said Leech. "A Civil Engineering Technology program will enhance technology education offerings in northern BC."

Leech explained how the BC Jobs Plan is a useful resource as a 'blueprint' for future growth, development and the need for qualified technical workers. "In the case of technology education we now ask Government to make the educational investments required to ensure northern BC has the much sought after technology professionals," stressed Leech. The ASTTBC Executive Director has been encouraging Government to make education programming and funding decisions tied to labour market demands.

ASTTBC has been a strong champion of recent proposals to introduce new engineering technology programming at CNC. The Northern Technical & Engineering Society, in which several ASTTBC members play a leadership role, was established specifically to promote diploma of technology and engineering degree programs at CNC and UNBC respectively.

The CKPG-TV interview was aired Monday March 26 click here to view:

<http://www.ckpg.com/news/18515-cnc-wants-engineering-program-video.html>