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Dear Sirs:

At the 2010 FCABC annual conference a Resolution was passed requesting the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Union of BC Municipalities to support that all municipalities and regional districts in BC require ASTTBC technicians to conduct inspections, testing and maintenance of fire protection systems and equipment within their jurisdiction.

We received a reply from the OFC stating they were supportive of the objective and would be consulting with the Building and Safety Policy Branch and the Corporate Planning and Policy Branch on the *Fire Code* and the *Business and Consumer Protection Act*.

UBCM's initial communication needed clarification, and after providing further details, they have indicated their support that competent people with the necessary skills perform the proper testing of fire protection equipment and the need for local government bylaws to require building owners use ASTTBC certified persons/companies annually. They are considering ways to communicate with their local government membership. It was suggested in a phone conversation that ASTTBC put together an information package, including a sample bylaw, and forward it to BC's local governments to explain the benefits of having an ASTTBC bylaw for technicians working in their communities.

Yours truly,

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