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Onsite Wastewater/ASTTBC Releases ISSUES Paper – Sets Direction for Future

ASTTBC released an ISSUES paper which outlined proposed future directions to enhance professional registration and ROWP accountability.

"This 'plan' defines where we are going with the Onsite Wastewater Program. While ambitious we are convinced that the steps outlined in this position paper are required to better serve the public interest", said Executive Director, John Leech. "Since the paper was first prepared in September 2011 we have consulted with various groups including the Ministry of Health, BC Onsite Sewage Association and Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association. We received generally positive feedback and have committed to consult widely and openly as we advance the initiatives in the paper."

ASTTBC has been hosting multi-stakeholder meetings (three in total to date) in which many issues, including those in this paper, have been discussed. "It is great to see the stakeholders working well together," said Ron Hein, ASTTBC Manager, Onsite Wastewater Registration Program. Hein went on to indicate that the next few years will see many added features designed to enhance professionalism and better serve consumers.

For a copy of the Issues paper: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/owrpmarch2012.pdf>