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Minister Pat Bell Meets John Leech in Prince George



Pat Bell (Prince George-Mackenzie), Minister of Forest and Range and Pat's Constituency Assistant, Charlotte Groot, met recently with ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech to chat about key issues of concern to ASTTBC. The conversation covered several topics, with the most critical for ASTTBC being ASTTBC member recognition in forestry legislation and issues regarding onsite wastewater systems. Minister Bell has worked hard to address his constituents' problems with onsite wastewater installations and has maintained a close link with ASTTBC as these concerns emerged. While there are not a large number of problems, when they do crop up they are usually matters that warrant attention by ASTTBC and others such as the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport and local Health Authority. The Minister acknowledged ASTTBC's contribution in managing these issues and thanked John for ASTTBC's leadership role in making the Sewerage System Regulation work to its full potential. Leech also talked with the Minister about the lack of recognition of ASTTBC-members in forestry legislation. The Minister promised to look into the matter. Pictured are Minister of Forests and Range (right) Pat Bell and ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech.