

MLAs Sullivan and Stilwell Meet ASTTBC's John Leech



John Leech (left) and MLA Dr Moira Stilwell review with MLA Sam Sullivan ASTTBC's report, 'A Strategic Direction for Technology Education & Skills in British Columbia', issued early this year. The Report was released at a lunch hosted by ASTTBC and with special guest, then Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, Pat Bell. Pat Bell congratulated ASTTBC on its work and encouraged the Association to continue to offer up solutions for the growing skills shortage.

MLA Sam Sullivan and ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech were meeting to talk about technology education and careers and other key issues being worked on by ASTTBC when Dr Moira Stilwell dropped in to chat with Sam. This provided an opportunity for John to talk with both Sam and Moira about science and technology, with a focus on technology education, careers and culture. "The chance meeting with Moira allowed me to review recent developments in promoting technology education and careers as well as touch on other issues such as ASTTBC's work to secure appropriate Qualified Person recognition for ASTTBC members.

John updated Moira and Sam on the work of Science World and other interested stakeholders in drafting a 'Science Charter' that will serve as a high level statement of beliefs and intentions regarding science and technology. MLA Stilwell was invited early in the year to meet with the group to offer her insights and suggestions as the team crafted the Charter. The Science Charter will invite stakeholders to sign on to the statement, "We are committed to creating a vibrant province where active pursuit of scientific knowledge and technological innovation enables a healthy, prosperous and sustainable society." Moira Stilwell has been a strong advocate and leader for science and technology during her service as a MLA and Sam Sullivan is known for his leadership in the Sam Sullivan Foundation and with Tetra also as a strong supporter of ASTTBC and its members for their contribution to BC's growth and development.