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## **ASTTBC Supports New Accreditation Model**

The member associations of Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) have come together to launch an initiative geared to introduce a new model for accrediting technology programs in BC and throughout Canada. TPC members include the technology professional associations from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

TPC engaged the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to conduct a full study of the current system which has been in place for decades. CSA concluded that while the current system has many positive attributes which should be retained, CSA also recommended fundamental changes.

"ASTTBC Council has agreed to support changes for the accreditation of BC programs and supports the changes proposed by CSA," said Executive Director, John Leech. "The changes proposed are designed to create a more open, accountable and effective national accreditation scheme."

The current accreditation body, the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board, has been consulted throughout the process and CTAB will be represented on the TAC Interim Board.

To view the recent TPC release concerning Technology Accreditations Canada (TAC):

<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/tacrelease.pdf>