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## **TECC Records Progress in Promoting Technology Education & Careers**

The Technology Education and Careers Council (TECC) <http://tecc.ca/> was established by ASTTBC to help promote technology education and careers. The many industry and regulatory authority representatives have been working for over two years to draw greater attention to tech careers and to ensure BC has contemporary labour market information to help guide decision-making. TECC Chair Sandy Innes (Vice President, Telus) and Vice-Chair Jan Marston (Vice President, Terasen) reported many achievements in a recent update to the TECC Board:

- Ministry of Advanced Education added "and LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT" to its name – something TECC was promoting. This change was made prior to the recent Cabinet changes.
- Ministry has developed and now regularly updates and informs regarding LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)
- Assistant Deputy Minister provided LMI info to TECC Board
- Business Council of BC provided TECC Board with their LMI and 2020 forecasts
- BC Technology Industries Association provided their perspective re LMI
- TECC met with Ministers Black, Stilwell and MacDiarmid (March 2010)
- Minister Stilwell talked with TECC in March about possible Year of Science. TECC gives it two thumbs up
- TECC met with several MLAs in Victoria
- Premier and Minister Stilwell launch YEAR OF SCIENCE (Sept 2010)
- TECC will be featured in ASTT NEWS, fall 2010

TECC continues in its work to encourage policy-makers to provide the needed resources for technology education throughout BC.