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## TECC Meets Ministers Black, MacDiarmid and Stilwell



The Technology Education and Careers Council (TECC) met recently with three Cabinet Ministers to talk about TECC's work to enhance technology education and careers. TECC (<http://www.tecc.ca/>) was formed by ASTTBC in 2008 to bring industry's voice to the table in enhancing awareness of the key role of technology professionals and of the need to ensure a sustainable supply of technicians, technologists and technical specialists. Ministers Iain Black (Small Business, Technology and Economic Development), Dr Margaret MacDiarmid (Education) and Dr Moira Stilwell (Advanced Education & Labour Market Development) and Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act - talked with the TECC Board members about efforts to promote science and technology throughout BC and the importance of encouraging young British Columbians to stay engaged with math, science and technology in K-12. The three Ministers explored ways government, industry and ASTTBC might work more closely to ensure science and technology careers are well known and highly valued. The Ministers suggested it would be a good idea to meet with TECC a couple of times a year to enhance efforts in support of science and technology. Pictured are (left to right: Bryan Tisdale (President and CEO, Science World); Diane Sullivan (Vice President, BC Safety Authority); Sid Siddiqui, PEng (Vice President, Stantec); The Honourable Dr Moira Stilwell; Steve Cardwell (Superintendent, Vancouver Board of Education); John Leech (Executive Director, ASTTBC); The Honourable Dr Margaret MacDiarmid; The Honourable Iain Black; MJ Whitmarsh (CEO, Canadian Homebuilders Association of BC); Andrew Hay, PEng (Vice President, Okanagan College and College President's representative); and Jan Marston (Vice President, Terasen Gas and Vice Chair of TECC).