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## **ASTTBC Promotes Technology Careers in Local Papers**

Executive Director John Leech is promoting technology education and careers in Black Press community papers across BC as a lead-up to National Technology Week (NTW).

Recently Leech was presenting to the Legislature Standing Committee on Finances saying that BC needs to build a science and technology culture and within this, promote technology education and careers as technologists and technicians.

John congratulated government on the BC Jobs Plan as a guide to help focus attention on career opportunities. "I recently spoke with Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Development, Pat Bell, to express ASTTBC's appreciation for including 'technical careers' along with a focus on trades," said Leech. "Pat also talked about trades AND technology careers at a recent event hosted by Skills Canada. It was great to hear the Minister include technology education and careers as we see a growing concern about serious skills shortages in many parts of BC, especially in the north."

Leech stated that his message is also being delivered to the BC NDP MLAs, noting recent meetings with MLAs Bruce Ralston (ASTTBC's MLA in Surrey), Rob Fleming and Leonard Krogg. "It is critical that all MLAs talk about technology education and careers in their ridings across the province."

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