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Technology Professionals Canada-Leadership Council Meets

The TPC Leadership Council (TPC-LC) met in Saskatchewan to address key areas of mutual interest, notably the implementation of Technology Accreditations Canada (TAC). 'Full steam ahead' on moving TAC to the next phase and eventual implementation was the agreement of the four Presidents from BC, AB, SK and ON.

TAC will create a new model for the accreditation of technologist and technician programs at Canadian colleges, institutes and universities. *"At ASTTBC we see the potential for TAC to develop into an at-arms-length enterprise which will be delegated responsibility for accreditation by the professional associations,"* said President Bill MacPherson. *"The proposed TAC model is based on a few key recommendations in a study by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA)."* Many accreditation models, within Canada and globally, were examined by CSA.

ASTTBC's Executive Director John Leech visited the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) based in Washington, DC, an organization highlighted by CSA as having 'best practices' worthy of consideration. *"ABET utilizes a model fundamentally different from the current accreditation model,"* stressed Leech. *"After careful consideration I returned confident that the ABET model is the direction we should pursue."*

The TPC-LC appointed ASTTBC member [Grant Lachmuth](#), ASCT, RTMgr as one of the members of the TAC Interim Board.