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Minister Yamamoto (Building Code Renewal) Chats with ASTTBC's John Leech

The Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Building Code Renewal and ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech attended a recent conference on Housing Affordability hosted by the CHBA(BC) – they sat together at the same table for the better part of the day. This provided a great opportunity for the two to chat about issues relating to Government's plans to work on the BC Code, and in particular, as understood by ASTTBC, the processes and systems relating to the application of the Building Code. *"I said to the Minister that while the Code is a great technical document, we have a 'fractured' system at the moment and that much work is needed to make it 'whole',"* said John Leech in a recent interview. *"The Minister was listening intently to the offerings of all those in attendance at the conference and appreciated the comments and suggestions I put forward."*

Leech went on to say that during his chat with Minister Yamamoto he stressed the need to get back to some of the uncompleted work of an earlier /Modernization initiative, which included key issues such as roles, responsibilities and accountabilities, education and training and systems management. Leech stressed the need to recognize ASTTBC members as Registered Professionals. The Minister promised a meeting with ASTTBC in the near term to chat more fully about the Building Code Renewal initiative. Naomi Yamamoto is MLA for North Vancouver – Lonsdale.

Pictured Below: Naomi Yamamoto (left) & John Leech (right)

