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## **Minister Yamamoto Writes ASTTBC & APEGBC re Task Forces**

Minister Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of Advanced Education (MLA for North Vancouver ó Lonsdale) and Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act and the Engineers & Geoscientists Act, wrote recently to ASTTBC and APEGBC to extend congratulations and her appreciation for the work of the two associations on professional recognition and practice. *“I believe that the cooperation demonstrated in establishing the two Joint Task Forces... represents a significant step forward for both your organizations. I am pleased to hear of your collaborative efforts toward achieving resolutions to important licensing and practice issues affecting the practitioners in the fields of engineering, geoscience, and technology in our Province.”*

ASTTBC and APEGBC have been working together for a year on two key matters re professional recognition and practice: (a) Engineering Licensee (EngL); and, (b) Professional Technologist (PTech). The Joint Task Force dealing with the EngL has reported out and APEGBC is now implementing changes to enhance the program by improving access and processing as well as the scope of practice. The Joint Task Force dealing with the PTech in BC presented its final report to the two Councils, with the ASTTBC Council accepting the recommendations and the APEGBC Council seeking further clarification and additional consideration of a few issues. As a result the two Councils agreed to establish the ASTTBC ó APEGBC PTech Framework Development Group, Co-Chaired by APEGBC Vice President and ASTTBC President.

The Minister comments on the work of the PTech Group, *“I understand that the work of the ASTTBC/APEGBC PTech Task Force continues, with the establishment of a joint PTech Framework Development Group that will deliver recommendations on the scope of practice and legislative model for the proposed PTech designation in British Columbia.”* The Minister concluded, *“Thank you again for sharing word of your success with me”*.

To read the complete letter click here: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/letterapegbcasttbc.pdf>