Technology Professionals Add $55 Billion to GDP

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The report, Assessing the Economic Contribution of Canada’s Engineering and Applied Science Technicians and Technologists, also states that the average weekly wage rate for this profession has remained more than 20 per cent above the national average from 1997–98 to 2013–14. The report confirms that this diverse group of technology professionals contributed $54.7 billion to the national economy in 2011, or 3.3 per cent of GDP. The economic contribution of technology professionals extends into the professional, scientific and technical services sector, manufacturing, construction, public administration, the information, cultural and recreation sector, as well as the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector.

“ASTTBC’s message about the rewarding, recession-proof careers for engineering and applied science technologists and technicians is proven once again with the Conference Board of Canada study,” said ASTTBC CEO John Leech, AsCT, CAE. “Technology Professionals are crucial to BC’s economic growth, contributing an estimated $56 billion to the provincial economy, and a vital aspect of development, enhancing our innovation agenda and improving productivity.”

Conference Board of Canada Report Highlights

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- Canada’s engineering and applied sciences technologists and technicians contributed $54.7 billion to the economy in 2011–13, 3.3 per cent of Canadian GDP.

The report was funded by Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) and is posted online at... www.ConferenceBoard.ca and www.ASTTBC.org

ASTTBC CEO John Leech (l) receives the Technology Skills Appreciation Week proclamation from Hon. Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, with ASTTBC Secretary Treasurer Sarah Cample and ASTTBC President Keith Trulson.

BC Proclaims Technology Skills Appreciation Week

THE BC GOVERNMENT proclaimed March 21st – 25th as the first ever Technology Skills Appreciation Week. Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, and Amrik Virk, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services, made the announcement at a celebration event on March 17th at the BC Legislative.

The proclamation recognizes the valuable contribution of people working in applied technology and skilled trades to the province’s economy and labour force. Since BC’s technology sector is growing faster than the overall economy, it is critical for the province to attract, retain and develop in-demand skills.

“Technology Skills Appreciation Week provides a great opportunity to showcase the application of technology skills throughout the BC workforce,” said ASTTBC CEO John Leech, AsCT, CAE. “Technology skills are critical to the safety, growth, development and sustainability of BC’s economy and the environment. We applaud the BC government for recognizing the contribution of the many workers who employ technology skills every day whether as a technologist, technician, tradesperson, forester, construction worker, engineer, biologist, or one of many other careers.”

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ASTTBC members and leaders celebrating at the BCIT Distinguished Alumni Gala 2015 (l to r): Kevin Osmon, AScT, volunteer; Jason Jong, AScT, Manager, Professional Practice & Development; CEO John Leech, AScT, Vice President Trent Reid, CTech; President Keith Trelch, AScT, Engl; Geoff Sale, AScT, Manager, Internationally Trained Technology Professionals Program; BCIT Award Recipient Ralph Hargreaves, AScT, and Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCIS, CLS, ASTTBC Past President and Department Head, Geomatics at BCIT; and Jacqueline de Rauds, Manager, Executive Initiative.

Ralph Hargreaves, AScT, Receives BCIT Award

At the 2015 BCIT Gala, the BCIT Faculty and Staff Association Award was presented to ASTTBC member, Ralph Hargreaves, AScT. Hargreaves is a graduate from the first BCIT graduating class. He joined the BCIT faculty and retired in 2015 after 47 years of service to the Institute. ASTTBC congratulates Hargreaves on his contribution to BCIT, as he taught, mentored and nurtured hundreds of technology students.

ASTTBC Registrar Appointed Chair of Technology Accreditation Canada Standards Council

Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) has adopted the Canadian Technology Accreditation Criteria (CTAC) as its official standard for accrediting engineering technology and applied science programs. The purpose of the TAC Standards Council (SC) is to ensure the appropriate development and maintenance of national standards used for accrediting education programs and supporting the Provincial Association (PA) participation in the accreditation process. The SC consists of the Registrars from each Technology Professionals Canada province, one representative of educational institutions, and the TAC Executive Director. The ASTTBC Registrar, Charles Joyner, AScT, is the Chair of the SC for a two-year term ending in June 2017. Vonne Moritz, Dean of Science, Technology and Health at Okanagan College is the educational institution representative.

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Since 1910, McElhanney has attributed much of its success to the hundreds of technicians and engineers who have worked in Western Canada and around the world. This group represents critical McElhanney team members for all of our professional service groups, allowing the right skills to be applied to both understand and deliver our clients’ projects.

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The new PTech designation allows our clients to be confident that our staff who have earned this designation have attained a senior level with increasing overall project delivery and management responsibility, and a continuous professional development that advances their technical and soft skills. We are very proud that Rob Bedard, AScT, PTech, CPWI 3, Eng., one of the six original recipients of this PTech designation.

ASTTBC members play an important role in the continuously changing economy of British Columbia and Canada. At McElhanney, our dedicated team of technologists and technicians has helped ensure our 1,000-staff continue to deliver our clients’ high-quality projects. We are all very proud of the contribution these individuals make to our company, and thank ASTTBC for its continued leadership in the development of a strong brand that we can trust.

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ASTTBC REGISTERED members who wish to practice ‘Professional Engineering’ are encouraged to consider a ‘Limited License’ issued by APEGBC. These licenses are designed to recognize ASTTBC members and others with a combination of education and experience, and allow them to assume responsibility for certain functions within the field of ‘Professional Engineering’. The Limited License is qualified to use the designation ‘Engineering Licensee’ (EngL). A similar license is available for ‘Professional Geoscience’.

For information on the EngL, GeoL and current Licensees, visit… www.ipeg.bc.ca > Member Directories > Limited Licensees and Scales of Practice

PTech — Professional Technologist Certification Board Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the PTech certification Board (PTCB) took place on January 19th, 2016 at the ASTTBC office. The seven Council-appointed members of the Board discussed key issues regarding the structure and function of the new Board. The first order of business was the appointment of Bill Sims, AScT (Civil), PTech, as the Chair and Robert Bedard, AScT (Civil), PTech, CPWI 3, Eng., as Vice-Chair. The other members of the PTech certification Board include Nancy Fowler, ASTTBC (Electronics), PTech; Aaron Mulalley, AScT, ASTTBC (Mechanical), Eng., LEED AP; Ian Rood, AScT (Industrial), CHSCE, Prakash Jutla, AScT (Chemical), PTech, EngL; and Ken Schmidt, ASTTBC (Electronics), PEng (Electrical).

Council approved the PTech Certification Board policy that specifies the composition and function of the Board on September 24th, 2015. The Board is responsible for evaluating applications for certification as a PTech and will meet a minimum of five times annually with the majority of meetings being via conference call. “Conducting the first meeting of the PTech Certification Board within four months of Council approval is a significant achievement for ASTTBC,” said CEO John Leech.

To qualify for a PTech, you must be an ASTTBC member practitioner with a minimum of six years (AScT – two years + PTech – four years) relevant work experience typically in the design of products, procedures or the provision of services in complex technological areas. PTech applicants that meet the certification criteria will be registered as a Professional Engineer (PTE). The PTE designation shall be used in conjunction with the Applied Science Technologist (ASTC) as specified in the ASTTBC Bylaws.

The online application process for certification as a PTE will be available starting March 1st, 2016. For further information on the criteria and how to apply, go to www.asttbc.org and scroll down the homepage to view and select the PTE button.

ASTTBC Appoints Chief Compliance Officer

ASTTBC Chief Compliance Officer Ron Hein, ROWN

ASTTBC is pleased to announce the appointment of Ron Hein, ROWP, as the Association’s first Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). Ron is an onsite wastewater professional with over 26 years of experience in onsite wastewater services, education and training, and inspection. He will be responsible for overseeing and maintaining quality assurance and compliance issues of the Association.

Ron has extensive knowledge and experience in criminology, environmental sciences, conflict resolution, compliance, enforcement and investigations. He joined ASTTBC in 2004 as a Technical Advisor, and was soon assigned to the role of Manager, Onsite Wastewater Registrations. In 2013, Ron assumed the role of Director, Practice & Compliance, which involved strategic planning and development of programs, policies and guidelines from registration to practice.

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BC Forest Professionals Announces New CEO

ASTTBC congratulates Christine Gelowitz, RPF, on her new role as CEO of the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP). Gelowitz worked with the Provincial Government for two decades, most recently as an executive with the Ministry of Forest, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. She also served on the ABCFP council beginning in 2010 and became president in 2013.

David Sparanese Appointed Manager of Public Works – Saanich

ASTTBC Council Director David Sparanese, AScT, CPWI 3, was recently appointed Manager of Public Works with the District of Saanich. Sparanese has over 20 years of progressive experience in engineering and public works within local government. Thirteen of those years have been with the District of Saanich as Manager Street Operations and, most recently, as acting Manager of Transportation & Development Services. In 2014, he was appointed to the ASTTBC Council, and he is the Past President of the Public Works Association of BC (PWABC) and BC Chapter Delegate of the CPWA and AIPWA.

Erin Patrick Williams, RCSO, Receives National Award

Erin Patrick Williams, RCSO, is also an active senior member of the ASTTBC Construction Safety Officer Certification Board, recently appointed to the role of Manager, Onsite Wastewater Registrations. In 2013, Ron assumed the role of Director, Practice & Compliance, which involved strategic planning and development of programs, policies and guidelines from registration to practice.
BC Partners in Workforce Innovation

ASTTBC joined BC Partners in Workforce Innovation, a pilot project designed to help BC employers meet current and future workforce needs, and to connect people with diverse abilities to employment opportunities. Funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of BC, and managed by the BC Centre for Employment Excellence, this collaborative and innovative project aims to establish partnerships with leading employers in industries with identified workforce shortages that will encourage the hiring of people with disabilities.

The project will begin in the Greater Vancouver region, working with employers and a network of local disability employment service agencies to streamline the recruitment process by connecting businesses to qualified, job-ready candidates with diverse abilities. By participating in this initiative, ASTTBC will explore the appropriate alignment of persons with diverse abilities with various occupations in applied science and technology. ASTTBC is joined by a growing number of partnering organizations in this project, including BC Construction Association, London Drugs, Seaspan, Edgewater Casino, Open Door Group, Community Living BC and many other organizations.

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One of the many Immigrant Service Agencies with which ASTTBC routinely liaises, has asked ASTTBC to provide mentors for their clients who are seeking work as engineers and/or technologists, in almost all the disciplines ASTTBC recognizes. If you are likely to retire within the next 10 years, please consider giving back to the association, to the community, to the sector and to the economy by becoming a mentor. Visit www.ITTPBC.ca and sign up!

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Connecting with BC’s Science & Technology Community

One of the many ways ASTTBC connects with the science and technology community is by participating as a sponsor of annual events in the science and technology community. Here are some recent highlights:

- Title Sponsor of the Okanagan College Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest, March 4th in Kelowna.
- Gold Sponsor of the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC Convention, March 3rd – 6th in Kelowna.
- Bronze Sponsor of the CHBA BC Annual Georgie Awards, March 11th in Vancouver.
- Bronze Sponsor of the Association of BC Forest Professionals Conference & AGM, February 24th – 26th in Vancouver.
- Co-sponsor with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEBC) of the 2016 National Engineering and Geoscience Month Drawing Contest to encourage children ages 4 – 12 to think creatively about science and technology.
- Gold Sponsor of the Wood Design Awards BC, Canadian Wood Council (WoodWORKS!), February 29th in Vancouver.
- Platinum Sponsor of the 2016 Transportation Conference, January 28th, presented by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-BC, BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and TransLink, in Vancouver.
- Gold Sponsor of the Society of Punjabi Engineers and Technologists of British Columbia (SPEATBC) Dinner and Awards Banquet, January 30th in Surrey.
Message from the President & Chief Executive Officer

2015 set in motion a major initiative with the unanimous decision of the ASTTBC Council to launch Professional Technologist (PTech) in BC. Through the course of the year, the Council approved the first PTech certification policies, appointed the first PTech Certification Board and invited members of the Board to apply for PTech registration. Council approved six PTech applications in January 2016 following a rigorous review by senior members of the ASTTBC Board of Examiners.

2015 saw the fourth and final year of ‘FOCUS 2015: Practice & Accountability’ as a priority program to improve service to the public and profession by enhancing ASTTBC’s professional regulatory framework, including policies, processes and services. ASTTBC Council approved a policy that all members are required to report their Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and a user-friendly website was created to facilitate this.... cpd.asttbc.org

2015 saw ASTTBC work in partnership with the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to further enhance the tools and resources for foreign credential recognition, helping Internationally Trained Technology Professionals (ITTIP) secure employment in BC. A significant achievement was creating the new website, International Technology Education Recognition (ITER), where about 600 educational institutions across the globe are posted together with ASTTBCs assessment for the recognition of international programs compared to Canadian technology standards.... www.itededu.org. The knowledge gained from the Association’s efforts to improve the integration of ITTIPs is being applied to improve ASTTBC policies and services for all applicants regardless of their country of origin.

2015 brought enhancements to several Technical Specialist certification programs with improved certification policies, enhanced policies and procedures for conducting Practice Assessment Reviews. The Underground Utilities Locator Certification policy was approved, ready for the program launch in 2016. ASTTBC continued to seek Qualified Professional (QP) status for its members, and to identify the best way to introduce Professional Technologist (PTech) in BC.

2015 saw a contract signed to set the stage for the development of a new member management database, a project that has been in the works for three years. A modest surplus was added to the Association’s ongoing record of balanced Budgets.

2015 saw ASTTBC continue to work with the BC Government on its strategic direction for technology education and skills in BC, showcasing their value to the BC economy. ASTTBC worked to enhance First Nations’ participation in technology education and careers; encourage participation and career advancement for women in technology; and improve access for ITTIPs. The ASTTBC Foundation celebrated its Silver Anniversary at the annual Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration, marking 25 years of providing bursaries and awards for technology students and support for science and technology education in BC.

2015 saw technology sizzle in ASTTBC’s ongoing relationships, strategic partnerships, and outreach to science and technology stakeholders, governments, educators, industry and youth. ASTTBC members continued to enthusiastically share their expertise by volunteering for the ASTTBC certification and registration process and participating on committees and boards.

On behalf of the ASTTBC Council and staff, we thank all members, partners, governments and regulatory bodies for your support and assistance as ASTTBC continues to serve provincially and nationally, as one of the largest professional regulatory bodies in BC.

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Keith Trulson, AScT, EngL
President
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Highlights of ASTTBC Accomplishments in 2015
Coming January 1st to December 31st. For more details, visit www.asttbc.org

Goal #1 – Professional Legislation & Regulation
ASTTBC completed work to implement the Professional Technologist (P(Tech)) designation in BC. ASTTBC liaised with the Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education, and other elected Members of the Legislature on this milestone achievement.

Goal #2 – Rights to Practice
ASTTBC continued to advance Qualified Professional (QP) recognition for ASTTBC members.

Goal #3 – Professional Standards & Regulation
ASTTBC continued to maintain its solid foundation in professional regulation and professional accountability, including the handling of formal complaints against ASTTBC registrants.

Goal #4 – Professional Recognition

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the Association’s Group Plans and Services... www.asttbc.org
Goal #5 – Member Services

The TechJOBS Career Listings online service for members and employers continued to expand in its third year of operations. ASTTBC continued, in collaboration with the BC Government, initiatives to assist the Internationally Trained Technology Professional (ITTP) as they enter the BC job market and settle their families.

ASTTBC continued to communicate with members and stakeholders via our monthly online ASTTBC eNews, targeted emails, the bi-annual ASTTBC CONNECT publication, social media and postings on our website.

In 2015, ASTTBC boosted its active presence on social media, resulting in a 70% increase in member engagement on LinkedIn; a 90% increase in member engagement on Facebook; and a 60% increase in member engagement on Twitter.

ASTTBC continued to promote Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities for members, and delivered workshops and webinars.

ASTTBC’s Member Benefits Program updated TechCLUB products and services, and negotiated group discounts for members.

Goal #6 – Technology Education & Careers

In 2015, ASTTBC continued to advance the importance of technology education to meet labour market demand in BC. In collaboration with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC), Association of Consulting Engineering Companies British Columbia (ACEC-BC) and the Asia Pacific Gateway Skills Table (APGST), ASTTBC took part in a study of future labour market supply challenges for engineers, geoscientists, technologists and technicians. The study, titled ‘Engineers, Geoscientists, Technologists and Technicians Labour Market Information’, was part of a jointly-funded initiative to provide important supply and demand information on 31 occupations in BC.

ASTTBC celebrated National Engineering & Geoscience Month in March 2015 and National Technology Week November 1st – 7th to create awareness about technology careers. These public celebrations were promoted through ASTTBC eNews, ASTTBC CONNECT, social media, radio ads, and ASTTBC event sponsorships in the science and technology community.

At the 2015 Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration on November 14th, ASTTBC unveiled its fourth music video by The Kerplunks called ‘Science is the Recipe’, which teaches children about the basics of science.

ASTTBC full page ad promoting NEGM 2015 as placed in BCIT Student Association handbook for students.
In 2015, ASTTBC continued to cooperate and collaborate with other key stakeholders in group services to the public interest.

ASTTBC worked with the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, and the Federal Government to effectively address the needs of newcomers to Canada. This work involved changes to certification policies, putting in place software programs to assess credentials based on competencies and offering career resources. ASTTBC continued to lead in many ways when it comes to credential recognition of Internationally Trained Technology Professionals (ITTTP...www.ITTTPBC.ca)

The Technology Education & Careers Council (TECC) continued to support ASTTBC by providing leadership and advocacy in advancing technology careers and education in BC, in response to the skills requirements of industry.

The First Nations Careers Council (FNCCC) continued to explore joint opportunities with other stakeholders to work together to enhance technology careers within First Nations communities.

The BC Women in Technology (BCWITT) increased activities in promoting the advancement of women in engineering and applied science technology careers.

The 6th Annual ASTTBC TechGREEN Awards were presented at the 2015 Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration to recipients who demonstrated leadership in green living, sustainable best practices, energy conservation and environmental initiatives.

ASTTBC met directly and informally with many of the BC MLAs and several cabinet ministers.

Cabinet Ministers included:

- Bill Bennett
- Mike Bernier
- Shirley Bond
- Stephanie Cadieux
- Tyrell Lake
- Norm Leimark
- Mike Morris
- Coralie Oakes
- Mary Polak
- Linda Reid (Speaker)
- John Rustad
- Michelle Stilwell
- Steve Thomson
- Amrik Virk
- Andrew Wilkinson
- Naomi Yamamoto

MLAs included:

- Harry Bains
- Rob Chouhan
- Kathy Corrigan
- Adrian Dix
- Rob Fleming
- Simon Gibson
- Sue Hammell
- George Heyman
- Marvin Hunt
- Carole James
- Leonardo Krog
- Greg Kyllo
- Richard Lee
- Michelle Mungall
- Dr. Darryl Plecas
- Bruce Ralston
- Linda Reimer
- Shane Simpson
- Jordan Sturdy
- Sam Sullivan
- Ralph Sultan
- Jackie Tegart
- Terry Lake
- Raj Chohan
- Mark Hunt
- Dr. Andrew Weaver
- John Yap

In 2015, the ASTTBC Foundation provided $27,000 in bursaries and awards for technology students across the province, plus $20,000 in ASTTBC Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Fund support for learning activities for K-12.

The Public Representatives on ASTTBC Council include: Bryan Carr, PhD, and Honorary Member of ASTTBC, James Cole, MA; and, Robert Campbell, FEng, and Honorary Member of ASTTBC.

The Public Representatives presented their seventh annual report at the AGM 2015. The report was subsequently sent to the Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, the Honorable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education, and posted on the ASTTBC website. Late last year the three Public Representatives met with Minister Andrew Wilkinson to review the highlights of the Report.

As of December 31st 2015, ASTTBC membership stood at 10,570 including 8,435 technologists and technicians in all disciplines and 2,135 registrants in the Technical Specialist groups. ASTTBC ended the year in a solid financial position with a modest surplus of $111,937 and with $100,000 placed in reserve for special programs.

Full audited statements are available at...www.ASTTBC.org
ASTTBC Technology Awards Gala... a Tradition of Success

The ASTTBC 27th Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration was held at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel on November 14th, 2015. The annual gala is ASTTBC’s opportunity to recognize BC’s Technology Professionals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, and to say thank you to our many volunteers and partners who have contributed to the growth and development of the Association.

The gala opened with a video greeting from BC Premier Christy Clark. ASTTBC asked the provincial government to proclaim National Technology Week in BC during the first week of November, and Premier Christy Clark sent a letter of congratulations to each of the 2015 technology award recipients.

ASTTBC was honoured to have the Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, The Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, MLA from Vancouver – Quilchena, speak at the event. “The Minister spoke of the important role Technology Professionals play in their own communities and in building the BC economy,” said ASTTBC CEO John Leach, ASC, CAE. “It was a pleasure having him with us for the evening.”

Other MLAs in attendance were George Heyman, MLA from Vancouver – Fairview; Richard Lee, MLA from Burnaby North and Deputy Speaker; Dr. Darryl Plecas, MLA from Abbotsford South; Shane Simpson, MLA from Vancouver – Hastings; and ASTTBC Honorary Member Ralph Sultan, MLA from West Vancouver – Capilano.

The event was very well attended by many good friends and featured entertainment by Andrew Johns and the ASTTBC Foundation 25th Anniversary Silent Auction. Funds raised at this event provide bursaries and awards for technology students across BC. Thanks to all the donors and bidders who made this year’s Silent Auction such a great fundraiser.

In the News...

Gordon Gere to Receive Canadian Meritorious Service Medal

ASTTBC Honorary Member Gordon Gere was selected to receive the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Decoration) from His Excellency the Right Honorable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. The medal is awarded for an outstanding accomplishment that sets an example for others to follow and brings benefit to Canada. Gere is a retired teacher of 40 years, author, and founder of the Big Little Science Centre (BLSC) in Kamloops.

Dan Mooney Appointed Manager, Transportation – Coquitlam

Dan Mooney, ASC, CPW 1, an ASTTBC Past President and an ASTTBC Foundation Board Member, was appointed Manager, Transportation with the City of Coquitlam. Mooney manages three areas: Traffic Operations, Transportation Planning, and Parking Management. He has been with the City for over five years and has three decades of experience that covers all areas of his new responsibilities.

Bob Prasad Appointed VP of CH2M

CH2M, a global consulting, design, construction and operations firm, appointed Bob Prasad, ASC, RTMgr, to Vice President of Business Development, Canada & Western US for the Oil, Gas & Chemicals Business group. Prasad joined CH2M in 2001. He has also served a term on the ASTTBC Council and continues to support the Association through various volunteer roles.

ASTTBC Launches Technology Skills Appreciation Week in Surrey

On March 21st to kick off Technology Skills Appreciation Week, ASTTBC was invited into the City of Surrey to unveil its state-of-the-art Traffic Management Centre. The Honourable Stephanie Cadieux and MLA Marvin Hunt, along with guests from the Surrey Board of Trade and Kwantlen Polytechnic University, joined ASTTBC staff for a tour led by General Manager of Engineering and Asset Management, CAO Frank Paling, and ASTTBC members of his staff. The ASTTBC office is located in Surrey.

Science World Announces New CEO

Science World BC announced that Bryan Tisdall, its current President and CEO, will retire on June 30th, 2016, after 18 years of service to the organization, and Scott D. Sampson, PhD, will become President and CEO officially on July 4th, 2016. Scott Sampson is a dinosaur palentologist, science communicator and advocate for connecting people with nature. He currently serves as Vice President of Research & Collections and Chief Curator at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. ASTTBC thanks Bryan Tisdall for his leadership and partnership during his tenure, and looks forward to working with Dr. Sampson in the future.
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- Professional Leadership Award for Women in Technology
- Future Leader Award
- TOP in Technology
- TechGREEN
- Inductee to the ASTTBC Hall of Fame
- Honorary Membership
- Past President’s Award
- Outstanding Technology Professional Award
- Senator Award

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First Nations Careers Council at BC Science Outreach Workshop

On March 7th, 2016, during National Engineering & Geoscience Month, Science World hosted a BC Science Outreach Workshop where Bill Baglot, Chair of the First Nations Careers Council (FNCC), presented a breakout session titled "Aboriginal STEMM Education and Career Opportunities in BC Aboriginal Communities." Topics included promoting Aboriginal engagement in STEM, improving access to BC Aboriginal communities. Breakout sessions explored topics like professional development, building science kits, the future of social media, and STEMM in the aboriginal context. The session was called STEMM in the Aboriginal Context.

BC Women in Technology Update

The BC Women in Technology (BCWIT) group continues to be active in BC, reports BCWIT’s Chair and ASTTBC Council Director Heather Andreychuk, ASTT. In May, BCWIT is involved in BC Mining Week, with committee member Toni-Lynn Card co-chairing a BC Mining Day event in Kamloops. In April, BCWIT sponsored and attended The Art of Leadership for Women in Vancouver. During National Engineering & Geoscience Month in March 2015, BCWIT... 
• Celebrated International Women's Day 'Pledge for Parity'.
• Attended Young Women in Business SFU.
• Sponsored and attended The Art of Leadership for Women in Vancouver.

Last February, BCWIT sponsored and attended the Island Women in Technology (IWT) Luncheon, which featured guest speaker Kate Moran, CEO of Ocean Networks Canada. If you are interested in participating or volunteering on behalf of BCWIT please contact the ASTTBC Office, c/o Karen Taylor at ktaylor@asttbc.org

For more information: www.BCWIT.com