



BC Minister of State For Trade Visits VMAC With Local MLA To Discuss Export Opportunities

Nanaimo, BC, July 4th, 2018— VMAC welcomed the Honourable George Chow, BC Minister of State for Trade, and Leonard Krog, MLA for Nanaimo, to its manufacturing facility on June 12th, 2018.

Minister Chow and Mr. Krog were greeted by members of the VMAC leadership team, including Sandra Amador, Director of Continuous Improvement, Stuart Coker, Director of Operations, Gordon Duval, VP of Marketing & Sales, and VMAC's President, Tod Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert led the BC Minister of Trade and the Nanaimo MLA on a tour of the VMAC manufacturing facility, before sitting down with Mr. Chow and Mr. Krog to discuss export and trade opportunities for VMAC and other local businesses.

"VMAC was pleased to welcome Minister Chow and Mr. Leonard Krog to the manufacturing facility to see first-hand the work that our 115 coworkers perform daily that allows us to export to over 34 countries," says Mr. Gilbert. "Working with our provincial government to identify opportunities that support manufacturing companies growing their trade and exports will provide sustainable jobs for our community and keep manufacturing in British Columbia."

Minister Chow is a Mechanical Engineer and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, and a Fellow of Engineers Canada. With his engineering background, the visit to VMAC was particularly engaging.

"Our government is working hard to open doors for trade and investment for B.C. companies just like VMAC," said Minister Chow. "We have expanded our trade and investment representative network around the world to give innovative businesses the support they need to increase exports, which in turn supports sustainable jobs and economic growth here in B.C."

MLA for Nanaimo Leonard Krog, who has been in office since 2005, was also impressed with VMAC's manufacturing facility. As one of Nanaimo's largest private employers, Mr. Krog knew of VMAC but had not yet had to opportunity to visit the facility until this past month.

"VMAC is a remarkable operation with incredible people doing amazing work right here in our city," says Mr. Krog. "Nanaimo needs to be proud of an enterprise like VMAC that puts Nanaimo and its talents on the world stage."

This visit from the BC Minister of State for Trade and the Nanaimo MLA comes just months after VMAC was awarded the 2017 BC Export Award in the Manufactured Products Category. This prestigious award is presented annually with support from the Government of British Columbia and the BC Division of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and recognizes companies that have built innovative systems or value-added components, machinery, or equipment for industrial and commercial use.

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