

## **Building Policy & ASTTBC Connect for Update**



Building and Safety Standards Branch (BSSB) staff met with ASTTBC in Victoria for an update on ASTTBC programs and services. Left to right is John Leech, CEO, ASTTBC; Greg Steves, Executive Director, Housing Policy Branch; Trudy Rotgans, Executive Director, BSSB; Jeff Vasey, Assistant Deputy Minister, BSSB; and Jason Jung, Manager, Member and Program Development, ASTTBC. Jeff and Greg sport an ASTTBC Technology SIZZLES apron. Trudy received an apron at an earlier meeting with John Leech.

ASTTBC and its members have many points of connection with the Building and Safety Standards Branch and hence ASTTBC's interest in meeting up with key staff in the Branch from time to time for an update. Topics in a recent meeting included: ASTTBC's registration of fire protection technicians and special new programs like the verification of fire alarm installations; onsite wastewater filings and the link with building permits; the certification and licensing of House Inspectors; the proposed licensing of Building Officials; and, the Ministry's Modernization project.

"We had a great conversation, covering much ground in the 60 minutes together," said ASTTBC CEO John Leech following the meeting. "As a professional regulatory body with a variety of engineering technology fields and technical specialties in our mandate, we have a lot to cover in these meetings." ASTTBC works to align its services with that of Government and the needs of industry and technology professionals. "On most matters we are in complete alignment, and where there is a need for further review we have in the Building and Safety Standards Branch a partner interested in working with us to find solutions that best serve the public interest."