

Minister Fassbender Supports TECHNOLOGY SIZZLES Sports ASTTBC Apron



ASTTBC visits with Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender. Pictured are (left to right): ASTTBC CEO John Leech; Minister of Education Peter Fassbender; ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford and ASTTBC Public Representative Brian Carr.

A recent meeting with Minister of Education [Peter Fassbender](#) (MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood) and ASTTBC leaders focused attention on technology education and careers and the linkages between K-12, post-secondary and employment / careers. ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford said after the meeting, *"We had a great conversation, with the Minister taking an active and enthusiastic part in the dialogue about working together to better prepare BC youth for a career in technology."* ASTTBC reps talked about the Association's proposal to add technology courses in K-12 leading to dual credit - a high school Dogwood Certificate and credit toward a Certificate or Technology Diploma at a post-secondary institution. Brian Carr, a Public Representative on ASTTBC Council and ASTTBC CEO John Leech rounded out the ASTTBC team. ASTTBC presented Peter with an ASTTBC TECHNOLOGY SIZZLES apron.

The group talked about ASTTBC's new *Technology SIZZLES - Get Cooking with ASTTBC* campaign and the many initiatives ASTTBC sponsors to help draw attention to technology education and careers. Attracting women into tech careers was discussed with ideas flowing as to how we might address this in a more effective way. First Nations youth and community need for technologists and technicians rounded out career awareness topics. Future opportunities in infrastructure, proposals for LNG and Site C, were noted with the concern that as these and other projects roll out BC will need more highly skilled Technology Professionals.