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## **Minister Yamamoto Meets ASTTBC Leaders**



Minister Naomi Yamamoto speaks with ASTTBC President, Bill MacPherson, AScT (left), Vice President Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCLS, CLS (right of Minister) and Executive Director John Leech, AScT, CAE (far right).

Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for the ASTT Act, met with ASTTBC's Bill MacPherson, President, Dave Rutherford, Vice President and John Leech, Executive Director for a general update on matters relating to ASTTBC's role as a self-governing professional association and to other topics of common interest such as technology education and careers. ASTTBC focused much of our time together on the progress toward implementing Professional Technologist (PTech) in BC. "It was a positive conversation, with the Minister indicating interest in our joint work with APEGBC on the Engineering License and PTech," said Bill MacPherson. "We came away assured that the Minister and Government are keenly interested in ASTTBC and APEGBC working together on regulating the practice of our respective members, in the public interest."

ASTTBC also included in its agenda matters pertaining to other professional legislation, including a proposal by the Building Officials Association of BC to restrict practice for those doing work as building officials. ASTTBC has spoken with the BOABC and is attempting to stay on top of this and others issues which might affect practice rights of ASTTBC members.

ASTTBC reps spoke with the Minister about some of our recent initiatives designed to promote technology education and careers, one example being a new music video which will be launched this fall