



Jas Johal named Opposition Critic for Economic Development, Competitiveness, Trade & Technology

RICHMOND-QUEENSBOROUGH (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has named MLA Jas Johal as the new Official Opposition Critic for Economic Development, Competitiveness, Trade and Technology as the BC Liberals made changes to critic roles today. As the NDP government struggles to come up with an economic recovery plan six months into the pandemic, today's change shows the Official Opposition's commitment to hold John Horgan and his government to account in key areas.

“I can't wait to take on the new role as the Official Opposition Critic for Economic Development, Competitiveness, Trade and Technology,” said MLA Johal. “B.C. has gone from having the lowest unemployment rate in Canada to being the third highest. I will push John Horgan and the NDP for a plan to create jobs, attract investment, leverage the fast-growing tech sector and diversify our economy. As I continue to advocate daily for the people here in Richmond-Queensborough, I will also continue to hold this government to account for their lack of action on putting forward a strategy to make and keep B.C. a competitive place for people to live and business to invest in on the global stage.”

The critic role changes announced today build on the 13 letters and more than 60 policy suggestions introduced by the BC Liberals over the last several months to help B.C. combat the

effects of COVID-19 on people and the economy, and get the province back on track.

“MLA Johal has been a key advocate on important issues and I have no doubt he will bring that same dedication to pushing the NDP government develop a sensible economic strategy,” added BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson. “Our renewed direction has been formed by discussions with thousands of British Columbians as we developed solutions to help people, small businesses and non-profits that are struggling right now. The NDP government has been all talks without any follow through. The changes we've made today build upon our momentum as we continue to fight for a plan that provides opportunity for all of B.C.”