



## **John Martin named Opposition Critic for Advanced Education, Skills and Training**

CHILLIWACK (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has named John Martin, MLA for Chilliwack, as the new Official Opposition Critic for Advanced Education, Skills and Training as the BC Liberals made changes to critic roles today to focus on holding John Horgan and his government to account in key areas as the NDP government struggles to respond to the challenges of COVID-19.

“COVID-19 has created incredible challenges for our trades schools and post-secondary institutions, which are going to be a cornerstone of our economic recovery in the upcoming years,” said Martin. “I have had the honour of working closely with graduates and representatives of trades schools and post-secondary institutions in my previous role as Labour Critic and look forward to working closely with more of them as we strive to ensure this government does not ignore the needs of our schools and universities as they guide our future leaders.”

The critic role changes announced today build on the 13 letters and over 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.

“John has been a champion for his community for years and in recent months, has strongly advocated for more PPE and supports for workers as well as the extension of the temporary layoff period when the NDP seemed determined to do nothing,” added BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson. “Our renewed direction has been shaped by conversations with thousands of British Columbians in every corner of the province as we developed ideas and solutions to help people, non-profits, and small businesses that are all struggling right now. The NDP government has been all talk and no action, so the changes we've made today highlight that and build upon our momentum as we continue to fight for a plan that provides opportunity for all of B.C.”