



MLA Jackie Tegart named Opposition Critic for Regional Economic Development and Small Business

ASHCROFT (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has named Fraser-Nicola MLA Jackie Tegart as the new Official Opposition Critic for Regional Economic Development and Small Business, 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.

“At a time when small business owners are being overwhelmed by months of back taxes due at the end of this month, and when regions throughout the province are facing equally difficult challenges posed by the pandemic, we are in desperate need of an economic recovery plan that the NDP government has failed to deliver,” said Tegart. “Rural communities are facing major restrictions and challenges due to COVID-19 and they, like small business owners, need help right now.”

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.

“Jackie has been a champion for her community for years, and I look forward to seeing her bring that same passion and dedication

to holding the NDP government accountable in this new role,” 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.”