



MLA Michelle Stilwell remains Opposition Critic for Tourism, Hospitality and Sport

PARKSVILLE (September 14, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has again named Parksville-Qualicum MLA Michelle Stilwell as the Official Opposition Critic for Tourism, Hospitality and Sport as part of changes to critic roles announced last week that 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.

“I am proud to be continuing in my role as Critic for Tourism, Hospitality and Sport,” said Stilwell. “Our province’s hurting tourism industry needs more support than ever from this government as they mitigate the challenges brought by COVID-19. I am eager to continue advocating for the hundreds of small businesses and thousands of British Columbians that make up our previously thriving tourism sector.”

Since the pandemic began in March, Stilwell has been especially active in her role as critic, providing the NDP government with several commonsense policy solutions to support the struggling tourism industry. She has [written numerous letters to B.C.’s Tourism Minister Lisa Beare](#), listened to desperate calls for help from tourism operators, [hosted industry-focused town halls](#) and [requested a plan for the industry’s economic recovery](#).

“Tourism is a vital piece of our province’s economy that requires immediate support from government to help mitigate further challenges. Rest assured that I am focused on keeping this government to task as we work to get through this pandemic,” concluded Stilwell. “I look forward to continuing to work for British Columbians in my current critic role, as well as working for my constituents in Parksville-Qualicum.”