



## **MLA Mike Bernier named Opposition Co-Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure**

DAWSON CREEK (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has named Peace River South MLA Mike Bernier as the new Official Opposition Co-Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure after the BC Liberals made changes to critic roles today to focus on holding John Horgan and his government to account in key areas while the NDP government struggles to respond to the challenges of COVID-19.

“I’m proud to be named as the Official Opposition Co-Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure to hold John Horgan and the NDP to account on this important file,” said Bernier. “In particular here in northern B.C., we know the importance of having safe highways and adequate infrastructure and I look forward to holding Transportation Minister Claire Trevena to account and ensuring that she is working for all of British Columbia. We have already seen costs for capital projects skyrocket under her leadership, largely because of discriminatory Community Benefits Agreements. I welcome the opportunity to work on this file while also continuing to advocate for the people here in Peace River South daily.

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.

“Mike Bernier has championed his region for years, and I look forward to seeing him bring that same passion and dedication as he holds the NDP government to account on the Transportation and Infrastructure file,” 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.”