



## **MLA Todd Stone remains Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, Housing and TransLink**

KAMLOOPS (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has again named Kamloops-South Thompson MLA Todd Stone as the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, Housing and TransLink, as part of changes to critic roles today focused 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 Municipal Affairs, Housing and TransLink and holding the government to account on these critically important issues,” said Stone. “Over the last three years under the NDP, we have watched as TransLink rapid transit projects along Broadway in Vancouver as well as in Surrey — first announced well before the NDP assumed power in 2017 — have been delayed, and reduced in scope due to massive cost overruns and NDP mismanagement. The same has been the case for the NDP’s housing plan, which the Minister has failed to deliver outright. The government promised to build 114,000 units of affordable housing in ten years and, after three years, they have only completed less than 3,000 units.”

Stone has been active in his role as critic, introducing two pieces of legislation in the last year designed to help British Columbians — [a bill designed to reduce the burden of property taxes on small businesses](#) and [another that was introduced to address the current crisis in strata insurance](#). The NDP refused to allow either bill to be debated in the Legislature, and have failed to bring forward solutions that will actually address the challenges faced by many people in both these areas.

“Municipal affairs, Housing and TransLink comprise many issues that impact the people of this province daily and it’s vital the government be

held accountable for failing to deliver on their promises or meet the needs of all British Columbians,” concluded Stone. “I look forward to continuing to work for British Columbians in my current critic role, as well as working for my constituents in Kamloops-South Thompson.”