



Northern MLAs continue in high profile critic roles after critic shuffle

PRINCE GEORGE (September 10, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has updated his critic assignments, but northern MLAs will continue to serve in their current high profile critic roles.

“While COVID-19 is presenting economic challenges in jurisdictions all around the world, we can’t overlook the fact that in our province we are facing a budget deficit of \$12.4 billion with no sign of an economic recovery strategy or a job creation plan” said newly reappointed Finance Critic and Prince George-Valemount MLA Shirley Bond. “I’m pleased to remain in my role as Finance Critic and will continue to press the government for the answers that British Columbians deserve.”

“I am pleased to keep up the work in my role as Opposition Co-Critic for Public Safety and Solicitor General,” said Prince George-Mackenzie Mike Morris. “As a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with many years spent right here in this region, I am pleased to continue my role in helping to make public safety a priority during the pandemic.” Cariboo North MLA Coralee Oakes will focus on the emergency preparedness portion of the Public Safety and Solicitor General file.

“It is an honour to continue in the position as the Critic for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,”

said Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad. “Forestry employs directly and indirectly 140,000 people in B.C., plus it helps support 120 or more communities and countless families across the province. Under the NDP, B.C.’s forest sector has lurched from one crisis to another and they need to be held accountable for their destructive policies.”