



Sam Sullivan named Opposition Critic for Social Development and Poverty Reduction

VANCOUVER (September 11, 2020) – BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson has named Sam Sullivan, MLA for Vancouver-False Creek, as the new Official Opposition Critic for Social Development and Poverty Reduction as the BC Liberals made changes to critic roles yesterday 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.

“John Horgan and the NDP's policy of simply warehousing homeless populations without the necessary supports has been an abject failure. We need to provide society's most vulnerable with the help and supports they need to get well, not just put them out of sight and out of mind,” said Sullivan. “With the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, this NDP approach is harming communities and marginalizing people looking for real support that will promote positive change in their lives. I am very much looking forward to working closely with communities across B.C. and advocating for the supports and services that are necessary to make a difference in people's lives.”

The critic role changes announced yesterday 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.

“Sam's record speaks for itself in terms of representing Vancouver and he has done fantastic work advocating for safer communities and greater social supports for those facing homelessness, mental health issues, and addictions. I look forward to seeing him bring that same focus to pushing the NDP government to provide the proper supports that vulnerable British Columbians deserve,” added BC Liberal Leader

Andrew Wilkinson. “Our approach 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.”