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BCFED congratulates new WCB Board Chair Jeff Parr

(Unceded Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Territories — Vancouver, BC) The BC Federation of Labour offered its congratulations today to newly-appointed Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Chair Jeff Parr.

"We'd like to welcome Jeff Parr to this important position at a crucial time for the WCB," said BCFED President Laird Cronk.

"There's a growing realization among British Columbians in the COVID-19 era that workplace safety is public safety. And we'll continue advocating with the WCB for the strongest workplace safety rules and robust enforcement."

Cronk said the BCFED will be watching closely as the WCB implements the changes in Bill 23 and takes on the larger work of shifting the organization to a worker-centered approach.

Cronk also offered his thanks to Lee Loftus for his service as interim WCB Chair. "He stepped in at a critical moment after Ralph McGinn's sad death and provided leadership to the WCB when they needed it most," he said.

"We'll look forward to working with Mr. Parr in the coming months. And we'll continue to advocate for safe workplaces throughout BC, and justice for sick and injured workers."