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June 17-18, 2019

Message from the Leader of the Official Opposition

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Supporting Women in Trades Conference (SWiT) in Vancouver, hosted by the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum.

A full complement of skilled tradespeople is essential to Canada's success in the 21st century. For far too long women have been under-represented in the skilled trades. In recent years, as more women look to the trades as a viable career path, they are filling critical shortages, while demonstrating that women are fully capable of performing highly skilled work that advances projects across every sector of our economy.

Building on the success of last year's sold-out conference, this event is an opportunity to address important issues around the under-representation of women in trades, including recruitment, retention and creating inclusive environments. I know delegates will be inspired by the wealth of exciting opportunities for high-quality, high demand jobs in a variety of sectors. The active participation of women in these fields is a key component of building a robust and diverse trades workforce.

I commend the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum for hosting this event and for your ongoing efforts to promote careers in the trades. On behalf of Canada's Conservatives, please accept my best wishes for a productive conference and continued success.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Andrew Scheer, P.C., M.P.
Leader of the Official Opposition





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SHADOW MINISTERS FOR EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR

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Message from John Barlow and Ted Falk

It is our pleasure to extend greetings to everyone participating in the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum's *Supporting Women in Trades Conference* in Vancouver.

Skilled trades occupations represent valuable, rewarding employment opportunities for women across Canada. As workplaces embrace women's participation, employers benefit from the presence of adept female workers and Canada's economic fabric is strengthened. Furthermore, women are provided the ability to improve their financial well-being, support the economic stability of their families, and contribute to the essential work of building Canadian communities.

Your participation in this conference is vital. As you gather to address the important issues facing women in the skilled trades – barriers in the workplace, underrepresentation, early engagement of girls, and other critical issues – your efforts are helping trailblaze a path for the next generation of tradeswomen.

We're pleased to express our appreciation to the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum for hosting this event. Please accept our best wishes for a dynamic, productive conference.

Sincerely,

John Barlow, M.P.



Ted Falk, M.P.





RACHAEL HARDER
LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA MP

Greetings from MP Rachael Harder
Supporting Women in Trades Conference (SWiT)
June 17-18, 2019

Hello everyone,

It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to this special event dedicated to supporting women in the trades.

As the Shadow Minister for Status of Women, I am committed to advancing the economic security and prosperity of all women by supporting them in whatever field of work they choose—be it the office, the hospital, the home, or the trades. It's up to each woman to chart her career path!

Recognizing that some career choices present more barriers to women than others, the former Conservative government sought to advance equal opportunity by supporting women in various positions, including women in the skilled trades.

Most Canadians believe in equal opportunity for men and women. I will continue to advocate for the removal of workplace barriers and promote credential-based hiring across all industries. I am proud to advocate for strong women like you who are creating positive change.

Thank you for stewarding your talent for the sake of building a better Canada and please accept my best wishes for your on-going success as strong, free and competent women!

Sincerely,

Rachael Harder
Shadow Minister for Status of Women

