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## **ITA names new Chair to Board of Directors**

Richmond, B.C. – The Industry Training Authority (ITA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Cindy Oliver to the role of Board Chair, following the end of Roberta Ellis's two-year term in the role.

Cindy has been a member and served as Vice-Chair of ITA's Board since May 2018, and her history with trades training is strongly linked with her dedication to adult education and her history with the province's labour movement. She has previously served as President of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC (FPSE) and also held the position of FPSE's Secretary-Treasurer for three years. As an instructor of Adult Basic Education and English at College of the Rockies, Cindy worked closely with trades and apprenticeship students and counsellors.

"Cindy brings a wealth of understanding and awareness to the role of Chair, both as a current Board member and through her personal and professional experience in support for apprenticeship and trades," said Shelley Gray, CEO of ITA. "Her enthusiasm in the growth of skilled trades professionals across B.C. will continue to strongly support our mandate and strategy. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Roberta for the commitment and dedication she brought to our Board during her time as Chair."

"ITA and trades training in B.C. has benefitted from the knowledge and experience of Roberta Ellis. It's been an honour to work with Roberta the past two years to raise the profile of trades in B.C., to encourage and support apprenticeships, and to move the dial for women and other underrepresented groups in the trades. Roberta has done an outstanding job carrying through on the ambitious mandate we laid out for the ITA," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "I wish Roberta the best and look forward to continuing to work with Cindy Oliver to advance the trades in B.C."

### **About Industry Training Authority**

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) leads and coordinates British Columbia's skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers, and government to fund training, issue credentials, support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades. For more information and a full list of Board directors, visit

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