

MOTION

No. 68

Calling on the Department of Health and Wellness to support preventative pelvic floor health on PEI

Michele Beaton gives notice that she will move, seconded by Karla Bernard, the following Motion:

WHEREAS incontinence impacts hundreds of persons with vaginas and often, the only solution they are provided is surgery;

AND WHEREAS there is physiotherapy available to strengthen pelvic floor health and which can resolve a significant portion of cases without the need for invasive surgery;

AND WHEREAS urinary incontinence is the top reason people, mostly women, seek pelvic floor help;

AND WHEREAS hormonal changes, trauma such as childbirth, and life stress can affect the pelvic floor and interfere with its function;

AND WHEREAS besides dementia, incontinence is a major reason why persons with vaginas are admitted to long-term care. Early preventative intervention may reduce the long-term cost to our health care system and quality of life for our senior persons with vaginas;

AND WHEREAS education is a key component of improving pelvic floor health, both for individuals and healthcare providers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to promote an education campaign on pelvic floor health, help and prevention;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to fund pelvic floor exams and treatment for Island seniors.

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Date: October 21, 2021