

MOTION

No. 64

Calling on government to allow Island pharmacists to work to their full scope of practice

Peter Bevan-Baker gives notice that he will move, seconded by Michele Beaton, the following Motion:

WHEREAS access to primary care is fundamental to our healthcare system, and to supporting Islanders' health;

AND WHEREAS doctor and nurse shortages are at critical levels which means many Islanders are without access to continuity of care for their health needs;

AND WHEREAS there are ways we can help sick Islanders now by relieving some of the pressure on our health care system as we work diligently to recruit new doctors;

AND WHEREAS one way to divert some of the workload out of walk-in clinics is to allow pharmacists to work to their full scope of practice;

AND WHEREAS many pharmacists are trained to provide many more services than our government currently allows;

AND WHEREAS in other provinces, pharmacists can prescribe medications for simple ailments like ear and eye infections, and in some of those provinces they can also prescribe birth control, renew many medications and even order blood work and interpret the results;

AND WHEREAS the PEI Pharmacists Association has been advocating for over 20 years to allow pharmacists to work within their full scope of practice ;

AND WHEREAS allowing pharmacists to work to their full scope will allow our province's healthcare system time to heal while we recruit more professionals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to implement a one-year pilot to open the scope of practice for pharmacists on PEI;

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Date: October 19, 2021