

MOTION

No. 59

Supporting the mental health of Islanders through artistic, cultural, and social activity

Lynne Lund gives notice that she will move, seconded by Trish Altass, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the health of many Islanders has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS many Island businesses in the arts and culture sectors have also been negatively affected by the pandemic and will require investment to recover;

AND WHEREAS participation in artistic, cultural, and social activities is known to be very beneficial for a person's mental health;

AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions are implementing social prescribing programs to improve the health of their citizens through these types of activities;

AND WHEREAS government has previously delivered a food gift card program as a way to support Island restaurants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to develop a gift card program for Islanders to attend artistic, cultural, and social activities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to distribute these gift cards to Islanders as widely as possible.

Signed by: Lynne Lund

Signed by: Trish Altass

Date: October 19, 2021