

## Motion

No. 96

### Urging Government to Recognize Long COVID

Hannah Bell gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Michele Beaton, the following motion:

**WHEREAS** there is clear evidence of a post-viral syndrome commonly called ‘long COVID’, presenting as persistent effects after recovery from an immediate COVID-19 infection;

**AND WHEREAS** data from previous pandemics including polio, influenza, HIV and more have shown that infections can change lives even decades later;

**AND WHEREAS** recurring core symptoms of ‘long COVID’ can include loss of mobility, lung abnormalities, fatigue and mental health problems, as well as significantly increased risk of diabetes and serious cardiovascular disease;

**AND WHEREAS** diagnosis of ‘long COVID’ is based on clinical symptoms, past infection with COVID-19 and a lack of an obvious alternative cause;

**AND WHEREAS** the burden of future disability and chronic care with its associated costs to individuals, society, and our healthcare system must be recognized and planned for now;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Legislative Assembly urge government to recognize ‘long COVID’ as a social and health care issue;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative Assembly urge government to work with health care professionals across the country to rapidly understand this issue and bring best practices to PEI;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative Assembly urge government to immediately establish a dedicated ‘long COVID’ clinic to diagnose, treat and support those who are experiencing ‘long COVID’.

Signed: Hannah Bell

Signed: Michele Beaton

Date: 23 February 2022