

## MOTION

No. 107

### Calling on government to improve and move towards public paramedicine

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

**WHEREAS** paramedics are highly-trained professionals, who are incredibly important to our healthcare system and are often the first to arrive in an emergency situation and provide life-saving intervention;

**AND WHEREAS** paramedics spend years and tens of thousands of dollars on their education;

**AND WHEREAS** paramedics across PEI are struggling with chronic under-staffing, burnout and post-traumatic stress disorder;

**AND WHEREAS** paramedics are reaching out anonymously for fear of reprimand from their employer;

**AND WHEREAS** Islanders' health and well-being are being impacted by the lack of paramedic coverage;

**AND WHEREAS** paramedics are paid less in PEI than in other provinces;

**AND WHEREAS** privatized services prioritize the interests of shareholders rather than those of the public or employees;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to immediately increase paramedic salaries to be in line with those in other provinces;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to prepare a strategic plan to transition paramedicine services to the public healthcare system.

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Date: March 23, 2022