

MOTION

No. 90

Encouraging Islanders and government to support local

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

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a significant change in consumer behaviour, with large amounts of purchasing moving online;

AND WHEREAS the pandemic may reduce opportunities to buy local, such as craft fairs, in the lead up to the holiday season;

AND WHEREAS buying local creates major benefits for employees, local businesses, local communities, and the entire Island economy;

AND WHEREAS many Island businesses that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic can now, more than ever, benefit from the support of both governments and Islanders in general;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly encourage Islanders to continue to buy as local as possible this holiday season and beyond;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to be responsive, flexible, and innovative in how it supports Island businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to use its purchasing power to support local businesses as much as possible.

Signed: Michele Beaton

Signed: Hannah Bell

Date: November 12, 2020