

MOTION

No. 85

Supporting Island Elders

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

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for reviewing the way we support our elders;

AND WHEREAS elders deserve freedom and autonomy for as long as possible and government must ensure that investments, policies and practices supports this;

AND WHEREAS elders on PEI face a wide array of challenges that Government must address including food insecurity, unsafe housing, loneliness and poverty;

AND WHEREAS these challenges lead to elders on PEI entering long-term care homes earlier than necessary, further exacerbating the pressure on this system;

AND WHEREAS the challenges in our long-term care homes that this pandemic has highlighted are significant and must be addressed at a systemic level immediately;

AND WHEREAS private long-term care homes have had significant challenges during this pandemic across Canada and in PEI and have highlighted the need for public or not-for-profit approaches to caring for our elders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge Government to invest in and promote policies that support elders, and address the challenges that they are facing.

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Date: February 18, 2022