

MOTION

No. 89

Motion Calling on Government to make Mental Health and Addiction Services a priority

Trish Altass gives notice that she will move, seconded by Peter Bevan-Baker the following Motion:

WHEREAS those struggling with mental health and addictions have seen many services disrupted or removed, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

AND WHEREAS these disruptions in services, along with the stresses of COVID-19 may have significantly increased the prevalence and seriousness of mental health and addiction challenges;

AND WHEREAS previous to the COVID-19 pandemic, services and institutions on PEI could not adequately meet the needs of all individuals struggling with mental health challenges and addictions;

AND WHEREAS concerns expressed by mental health experts, as well as recent closures of the psychiatric urgent care clinic due to staffing shortages, indicate this service may not be sustainable in its current form;

AND WHEREAS promises of a much needed new Mental Health Campus have been made by the current and previous governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to make mental health and addictions services a priority by maintaining access to acute mental health and addiction services should there be a second wave of COVID-19 in PEI;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to invest immediately in creating a safe and suitable space for the patients awaiting long-term care who have been, or will be displaced from Unit 9, and reopen Unit 9 at full capacity by the end of 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to immediately increase capacity at Lacey House as per their promise in the House on June 19, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to provide the necessary support to the Master Planning Team in order for them to finalize a plan for the creation of the new Mental Health Campus and present it to the Legislative Assembly by the end of the 2020/21 fiscal year.

Signed by: Trish Altass

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Date: November 12, 2020