

MOTION

No. 29

To encourage development of supported decision making legislation on Prince Edward Island.

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

WHEREAS supported decision making is a mechanism used when adults with various challenges or disabilities choose trusted friends or family members to help them make decisions;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities says that governments at all levels must ensure that adults with disabilities have whatever supports they need to “enjoy their legal capacity”;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that “...every individual is equal before the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability”;

AND WHEREAS persons with disabilities and cognitive challenges, by law, have the same right to self-determination as all other Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island has traditionally been a leader in this area, having passed Supported Decision Making legislation in 1998 though it was never proclaimed;

AND WHEREAS the organisations who belong to the PEI Supported Decision-Making Coalition have been working with governments on Prince Edward Island for many decades to develop and bring forward Supported Decision Making legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that government commit to immediately identifying a dedicated individual to complete drafting of Supported Decision making legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that government commit to fulsome consultation with all stakeholders and to bring completed Supported Decision Making legislation forward in the 2021 fall sitting of this Legislature.

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed by: Trish Altass

Date: March 11, 2021