

## MOTION

No. 84

### Calling on government to improve retention by funding education opportunities for nursing staff

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

**WHEREAS** nursing staff, RCWs, LPNs and RNs are the foundation of our healthcare system on P.E.I.;

**AND WHEREAS** many of the negative effects felt in this pandemic are directly due to a shortage of nursing staff;

**AND WHEREAS** burnout is growing among nurses and they are in need of government supports both in the short term and long term;

**AND WHEREAS** increasing staff numbers, while also offering career progression options for our current nursing staff, may significantly increase retention as well as demonstrate our gratitude to these professions;

**AND WHEREAS** immediately providing free education to Islanders who want to enter the healthcare field as RCWs will increase our nursing support in the short term;

**AND WHEREAS** Government can then work with education institutions to provide an accelerated program for current RCWs to upskill to LPNs free of charge with a return for service agreement;

**AND WHEREAS** Government can then work with educational institutions to provide an accelerated program for current LPNs to upskill to RNs free of charge with a return for service agreement;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to provide free and accelerated training for nursing staff on PEI to enter the healthcare system and upskill their expertise.

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Date: February 18, 2022