

MOTION

No. 63

Urging government to support Island farmers in developing a sustainable agricultural sector on Prince Edward Island

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

WHEREAS agriculture has been a prominent aspect of the Island economy, society, and identity for generations;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing success of this sector is critical for the continued health and prosperity of rural communities and all Islanders;

AND WHEREAS sustainability refers to long-term strength in environmental, social, and economic areas;

AND WHEREAS farm incomes in 2018 were significantly lower than previous years, and fully 60% lower than 2017;

AND WHEREAS many rural communities are struggling to remain vital and sustainable themselves;

AND WHEREAS significant environmental pressures are being felt across Prince Edward Island as a result of some current farming practices;

AND WHEREAS climate change has already had a dramatic impact on Island farmers and will continue to do so in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to adopt an agricultural plan that supports Island farmers in forging a prosperous and sustainable future for farming on Prince Edward Island.

Signed: Peter Bevan- Baker

Signed: Michele Beaton

Date: 28 November 2019