

MOTION

No. 13

Making IRAC independent from Government and accountable to the Legislative Assembly

Michele Beaton gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Hannah Bell, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission is responsible for regulating utilities and matters of land use and acquisition, hearing appeals of decisions under various statutes, and performing such other functions as may be conferred upon the Commission under any enactment;

AND WHEREAS the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission reports to the Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning and its members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

AND WHEREAS reporting directly to the Legislative Assembly would enhance legislators' understanding of IRAC and empower members of the Legislature to better support the Commission's work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its support for making the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission independent from government by reporting directly to the Legislative Assembly, and to have the Commission's members appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

Signed: Michele Beaton

Signed: Hannah Bell

Date: 26 February 2021