

MOTION

No. 40

Calling on the Legislative Assembly to refer Social Determinants of Health to the appropriate Standing Committee

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

WHEREAS many factors, in addition to an individual's genetics and lifestyle choice, have an influence on their health. Social determinants of health are a broad range of personal, social and economic factors that determine individual and population health;

AND WHEREAS Social Determinants of Health are related to an individual's place in society, such as income, education or employment. Low levels of these determinants are often correlated with greater health risk factors and poorer overall health;

AND WHEREAS health inequities exist within our PEI population – there is an unequal distribution in social determinants which leads to unjust differences in health outcomes for Islanders;

AND WHEREAS the PEI Chief Public Health Officer Report 2019-2021 recommends that all government departments identify and minimize health inequity: differences in health outcomes that are systemic, unfair and avoidable;

AND WHEREAS Health Canada recommends strengthening the evidence base to inform decision making across all government departments to minimize the effects of social determinants of health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly refer Social Determinants of Health to the Standing Committee responsible for health for review;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to implement any recommendations that come from the standing committee responsible for reviewing social determinants of health.

Signed by: Trish Altass

Signed by: Hannah Bell

Date: November 12, 2019