

## MOTION

No. 49

### Calling on Government to improve fiscal accountability

Michele Beaton gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the following motion:

**WHEREAS** there have been two consecutive years of ‘surprise’ surpluses as a result of higher than forecast corporate income tax, harmonized sales tax, and personal income taxes;

**AND WHEREAS** taxpayers expect and deserve honest and accurate fiscal projections from their government;

**AND WHEREAS** accounting standards require surpluses to be applied to reducing the debt;

**AND WHEREAS** program expenditures for essential services have not been increased to keep pace with the needs of Islanders;

**AND WHEREAS** this neglect of essential services has resulted in significant hardship for Islanders accessing health care, housing and the basic necessities of life;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge government to strive for accuracy in their revenue forecasts, to more accurately reflect the current provincial economy, and enable more flexibility in essential expenditures.

Signed: Michele Beaton

Signed: Hon. Leader of the Opposition

Date: November 13, 2019