

## MOTION

No. 30

### Supporting Island children with complex physical needs

James Aylward gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Peter Bevan-Baker, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** the physical health and well-being of Island children is of utmost important;

**AND WHEREAS** the Island's health care system is essential in helping support that physical well-being;

**AND WHEREAS** children who possess complex physical needs pose unique health challenges and require an integrated suite of services;

**AND WHEREAS** scientific research shows that when properly applied these services can have considerable positive benefit to the children through early intervention in the short, medium and long term;

**AND WHEREAS** properly applying these services through early intervention has been shown to greatly reduce long-term health care costs;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been great concern about the lack of access to physical medicine services to assist Island children with complex physical needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the early child physical medicine department has not seen a significant budget increase since the 1980s;

**AND WHEREAS** a petition calling for the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island to recommend to Health PEI that it approves the early child physical medicine departments most recent budget request in full received close to 1000 signatures and was tabled in this Assembly last year;

**AND WHEREAS** the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island has not responded to the petition request;

**AND WHEREAS** despite a commitment by government to address this issue there been only marginal achieved to date and numerous issues remain unresolved;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Assembly urge government to officially respond as soon as possible to the petition and commit itself to improving access to children's physical services for the benefit of Island children aged 0-18;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Assembly encourage government to commit to an aggressive timetable for these access improvements so that Island children can receive the long lasting benefit and that long term health care costs can be minimized.

Signed by: James Aylward

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

23 June 2015

5:00 p.m.