

MOTION

No. 60

Support for grandparents acting as primary care givers

Tina Mundy gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Robert Henderson, the following Motion:

WHEREAS it is becoming more common for grandparents to take on the role of primary caregiver for their grandchildren on Prince Edward Island for a variety of reasons;

AND WHEREAS raising a second generation brings many rewards;

AND WHEREAS compared to non-caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren have significantly more mental and physical health problems;

AND WHEREAS grandparents face additional challenges as they may be on a fixed income, retired, or unable to return to work;

AND WHEREAS many grandparents are raising children through informal arrangements and are not in the social assistance system;

AND WHEREAS research suggests that economic relief for low-income caregiver grandparents may be successful at reducing the burdens they face;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for a variety of services and policies that can provide missing resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urges the provincial government to review and explore supports given to grandparents who are their grandchild's primary care giver and to ensure that adequate assistance is in place;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this topic be directed to the Standing Committee on Health and Wellness for further exploration.

Signed by: Tina Mundy

Signed by: Robert Henderson

17 November 2015

7:40 p.m.