

MOTION

No. 63

Calling on government to release a community outreach centre backup plan

Hal Perry gives notice that he will move, seconded by Gordon McNeilly, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the government's recent decision to try to move the Community Outreach Centre appears to have been sudden;

AND WHEREAS government has had more than four years to develop a coherent plan to help vulnerable people and protect communities;

AND WHEREAS the government is now relying on the City of Charlottetown to accommodate its current plan by permitting the relocation of the Community Outreach Centre to another neighborhood;

AND WHEREAS the Premier publicly said on November 3, 2023, that government has no backup plan in the event the City opts to deny a municipal permit;

AND WHEREAS much of the Outreach problem is related to obvious challenges in mental health, addictions and homelessness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately release a backup plan to support vulnerable Islanders in the event that relocation of the Outreach Centre does not receive City approval;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this backup plan include firm dates for the closure of the current Outreach Centre;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province's back-up plan rely on community consultation and approval;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Province to take direct control of the operations of a future centre – staffed with the expertise required to meet the challenging needs of vulnerable Islanders.

Signed by: Hal Perry

Signed by: Gordon McNeilly

Date: November 7, 2023