

FROM THE CELLAR

Updates from the Office of the Third Party



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Another interesting week at the OTP. We are busy replying to all your emails and online messages and thank you for engaging with us on issues of importance to you. This past weekend we celebrated Earth Day with all Islanders and spent some time appreciating the out of doors and beautiful Prince Edward Island.

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Peter and Ann Bevan-Baker at Hampton Beach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislature - Week 3

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UPDATE FROM PETER BEVAN-BAKER

Highlights in the legislature this week: questions on outside legal services; and Motion 37 Calling on government to promote a major study of the entire gulf marine ecosystem, and consider establishing a Marine Protected Area. You can find records of all Third Party questions, motions, statements and bills here:

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It was an honour to speak at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, and amazing group of volunteers dedicated to the economic viability and well-being of the community.



Peter with Marion Miller and Cathie Thomas

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UPDATE FROM HANNAH BELL

This week was an important week for me, in that I was able to introduce and speak to my first motion: Motion 56 - Security and Dignity for All Islanders (see below). This is why I stepped up to get involved in politics and I am honoured by the opportunity to be able to participate as an MLA in the Legislature.

I also had an opportunity to participate in the PEIBWA Symposium. Thank you to fellow panelists, Millefiore Clarkes and Kim Green. Great discussions.



Q & A

Q: What is a marine protected area?

A: A clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values' There are many kinds of marine protected areas that meet this broad definition, and which can have a wide range of conservation objectives. Such objectives can include:

- To ensure the long-term viability and maintaining the genetic diversity of marine species;
- To protect depleted, threatened, rare or endangered species;
- To preserve habitats considered critical for the survival and/or lifecycles of species, including economically important species;

- To provide for the continued welfare of people affected by the creation of marine protected areas;
- To facilitate the interpretation of marine and estuarine systems for the purposes of conservation, education and tourism;
- To accommodate with appropriate management systems a broad spectrum of human activities compatible with the primary goal in marine and estuarine settings.

OTP Motion 37 Calls on government to promote a major study of our entire gulf marine ecosystem, and consider establishing a Marine Protected Area.

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to watch Peter Bevan-Baker introduce Motion 37

SECURITY & DIGNITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS

All people deserve to live their lives with security and dignity. The government says the economy is “on a tear”. We are asking what that means in terms of those left behind in a system that defines prosperity in terms of GDP and other measures that do not necessarily include all Islanders. Our social services should be designed to lift people up and help them achieve their full potential. Motion 56 calls on government to undertake an immediate red tape review of all social programs to ensure that they not only provide Islanders with economic security; but also treat Islanders with respect; and support their overall well being.

[CLICK HERE](#) *to watch Hannah Bell introduce Motion 56*

Government is asking Islanders to take a survey to help develop a Poverty Reduction Action Plan

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THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD PARTY WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK

Q: Would you support a Basic Income Guarantee system on PEI?

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WHAT WOULD YOUR QUESTION BE FOR QUESTION PERIOD?

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