

FROM THE CELLAR

Updates from the Office of the Third Party



OVERVIEW:

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- Social Assistance

The OTP continues to buzz along working on a variety of topics. We received some great feedback from Islanders about social assistance programs and how we can help to point out some issues to government.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislature - Week 4

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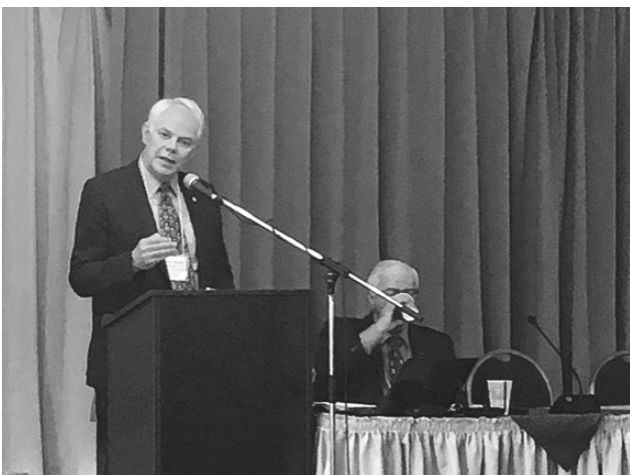
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UPDATE FROM PETER BEVAN-BAKER

Highlights in the legislature this week: questions on the need for assistance with rural transportation; a Members' Statement on the reduction in the use of plastics, and a motion on Health in all Policies.

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Thank you to the PEI Federation of Municipalities for inviting me to speak at the AGM in Cornwall this week.



Speaking at the PEI Federation of Municipalities AGM



Interior Chamber 1899 - these are the same chairs used in today's chamber

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UPDATE FROM HANNAH BELL

Legislature update:

QP - on Web Presence Grant - I am awaiting details from the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Motion 58 - Women's Shelter asking government to provide financial support for an emergency homeless shelter for women in Charlottetown.



Q & A

Q: What are operational and capital budgets?

A: The operating budget is the estimates of revenue and expenditure that detail spending plans by the Government of Prince Edward Island to operate each department for the next fiscal year.

The Capital Budget is a forecast of spending for infrastructure and capital projects such as roads and bridges, public buildings, and equipment. Unlike the operating budget, which is delivered each spring, the Capital Budget is delivered each fall in the Legislative Assembly. The 2018-2019 Estimates represent the financial plan of the Province for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2018, and are presented by the Government in support of its

request to the Legislative Assembly for authority to spend public monies. Estimates and revenue for departments and consolidated agencies are reported on a gross basis. Crown corporations operating as Government Business Enterprises report on a net surplus or deficit basis. The Estimates and Minister's Budget Address, along with subsequent reporting of financial results in the Public Accounts, assist the Legislative Assembly in holding Government accountable for the allocation and management of public funds.

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A FOCUS ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

This past week, the Office of the Third Party has been focusing on the challenges of providing timely and fair social assistance to Islanders in need. OTP MLAs have been asking government questions in the legislature about the amount of support needed vs. the amount of support provided. Although government insists the economy is "on a tear" not all Islanders are able to participate in the prosperity. OTP is encouraging government to review all social services policies to better help clients find their way out of poverty. Nutrition Programs, rural transportation and a homeless women's shelter were among the topics raised by Peter and Hannah in the Legislature.

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Canada has the highest rate of multiple sclerosis in the world. It is one of the most common neurological diseases affecting young adults in Canada. This month we are wearing carnations to bring awareness to MS and reminding people to donate to MS Canada if they can.

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

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK

Q: Do you think there should be a plastic bag ban on PEI?

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**WHAT WOULD YOUR QUESTION
BE FOR QUESTION PERIOD?**

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