

FROM THE CELLAR

Updates from the Office of the Third Party



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Bill No. 38 - Electoral System Referendum Act has been a focus for the past couple of weeks, both in preparation and debate in the House.

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Province House under construction, the view from the attic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislature - Week 8

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UPDATE FROM PETER BEVAN-BAKER

Highlights in the legislature this week:
Debate on the purpose and principles on Bill No. 38
Electoral System Referendum Act.

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View my Members' Statment on Natural Asset Valuation

[MEMBERS' STATEMENT](#)



Great to see so many farmers on Saturday during Herb Day at the Farm Centre in Charlottetown.

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UPDATE FROM HANNAH BELL

Legislature update:

QP: Referendum Corporation Motion No. 72, Commitment to improve gender balance in the Legislature asking all MLAs to work together to begin reviewing and implementing the 17 recommendations by the PEI Coalition for Women in Government.

View my Members' Statement about Community Legal Information Association's new Executive Director, Ellen Mullaly, a resident of District 11.

MEMBERS' STATEMENT



Q & A

Q: Who holds government to account?

A: When sitting in the house or on legislative committees, all private Members of the Legislative Assembly (those who are not Cabinet Ministers) have a responsibility to hold government to account. 'Holding government to account' is most often assumed to be the responsibility of the opposition MLAs but in reality it is the responsibility of all private MLAs. That is why government members are allocated two questions in question period every day. That is their time to hold government to account. As well, private MLAs sit on legislative standing committees. Committees and up until recently, that is why Cabinet Ministers did not sit on committee.

4 EASY STEPS TO FIX BILL 38

Step 1: The main objection to Bill 38 is that it unnecessarily restricts those who are for or against change from promoting or even publicly speaking about their position from the time the bill is proclaimed, presumably later this week, until the next general election, presumably in October 2019. We could easily fix this by only restricting activities during the election writ period.

Step 2: simply state that the next government has a clear

mandate to implement whatever the result is of the referendum.

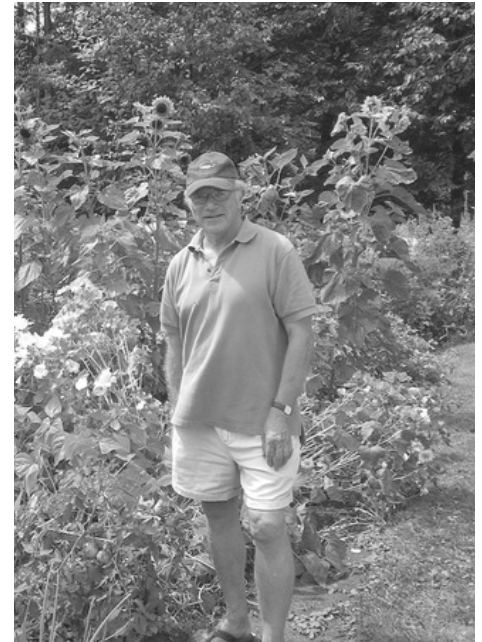
Step 3: Fines should be reduced from \$10,000 to a level similar to the current fines in the Election Expenses Act, which are \$2,000.

Step 4: Seek a written legal opinion on whether the revised legislation could stand up to a constitutional challenge before Bill 38 comes into effect.

Peter and Hannah will be introducing a series of amendments to make these changes, and hope all MLAs will support them.

BILL 38

view the bill



The Office of the Third Party extends our deepest condolences to the family of Harry Baglole on his passing. Harry was a friend and respected as an Islander who dedicated his life to making PEI a better place. He will be missed.

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

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Q: Do you think the Government should adopt a carbon pricing plan?

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Do you have a question for us to use during question period?

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