

Trish Altass moves the following motion:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Health and Social Development, and others, have been unable to obtain a copy of the IRAC report into a 2019 corporate land transaction;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has refused to release the report to the Legislative Assembly and its committees, citing privacy concerns relating to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

AND WHEREAS the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* does not apply to the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* authorizes public bodies, including the Department of Agriculture and Land, to disclose personal information for the purpose of complying with a subpoena;

AND WHEREAS precedent from the House of Commons affirms a parliament's power to compel the production of documents, and that such a power would prevail over privacy legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Health and Social Development nevertheless respects the importance of personal privacy and is committed to striking a balance between privacy interests and the Legislative Assembly's duty to ensure government accountability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health and Social Development issue, on behalf of the Committee, a subpoena to the head of the Department of Agriculture and Land for the production of the IRAC report and any other associated documents necessary to interpret and understand the report and its findings;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair work with the appropriate Legislative Assembly staff to draft the particulars of the subpoena;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, notwithstanding the preceding clause, the subpoena or its associated correspondence to the head of the Department of Agriculture and Land make note of the Committee's intent to implement the appropriate safeguards to protect against the release of personal information, including but not limited to conducting the review of the records in an *in camera* session of the Committee, limiting the distribution of the report to physical format only, and any additional measures the Committee, in its discretion, considers necessary and appropriate;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair issue the subpoena no later than 11:59PM on March 2, 2021.