No. 10

Reforestation Linked to Rate of Harvest

Robert Henderson gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Pat Murphy, the following Motion:

WHEREAS communities around Prince Edward Island report that they are concerned with the fact that lands have been deforested;

AND WHEREAS land that is best suited for forestry utilization and that previously contained abundant fresh water, fuel wood, fruits, and animal forage is becoming scarce;

AND WHEREAS our provincial forest industry has the responsibility to ensure a land-use system that integrates agriculture, trees, people, and animals in the same space, resulting in improved air quality, higher forestry yields and improved standards of living;

AND WHEREAS reforestation has been practiced around the world in varying forms for thousands of years and as such works well with land management systems that are commonplace throughout Canada and especially here in the Atlantic provinces;

AND WHEREAS our role as representatives of our constituency population is to represent modern techniques in advances in forestry and to facilitate the promotion of these strategies;

AND WHEREAS if positive forest industry techniques are tailored to the needs of specific areas or communities, a sustainable forestry industry will be realized for the benefit of, not only today's population of our province, but for generations to come;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, contrary to the exploitation of our natural resources, environmentally sustainable economic development be implemented in the reforestation programs of Prince Edward Island based on the identical rate of annual harvest.

Signed by: Robert Henderson

Signed by: Pat Murphy

19 October 2007

11:16 a.m.