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**Town of Stratford Presentation to the
Cabinet Committee on Priorities
July 31, 2018**

Firstly, be assured that we share the same goal...

**Better
Learning** *for all*

It's about the students

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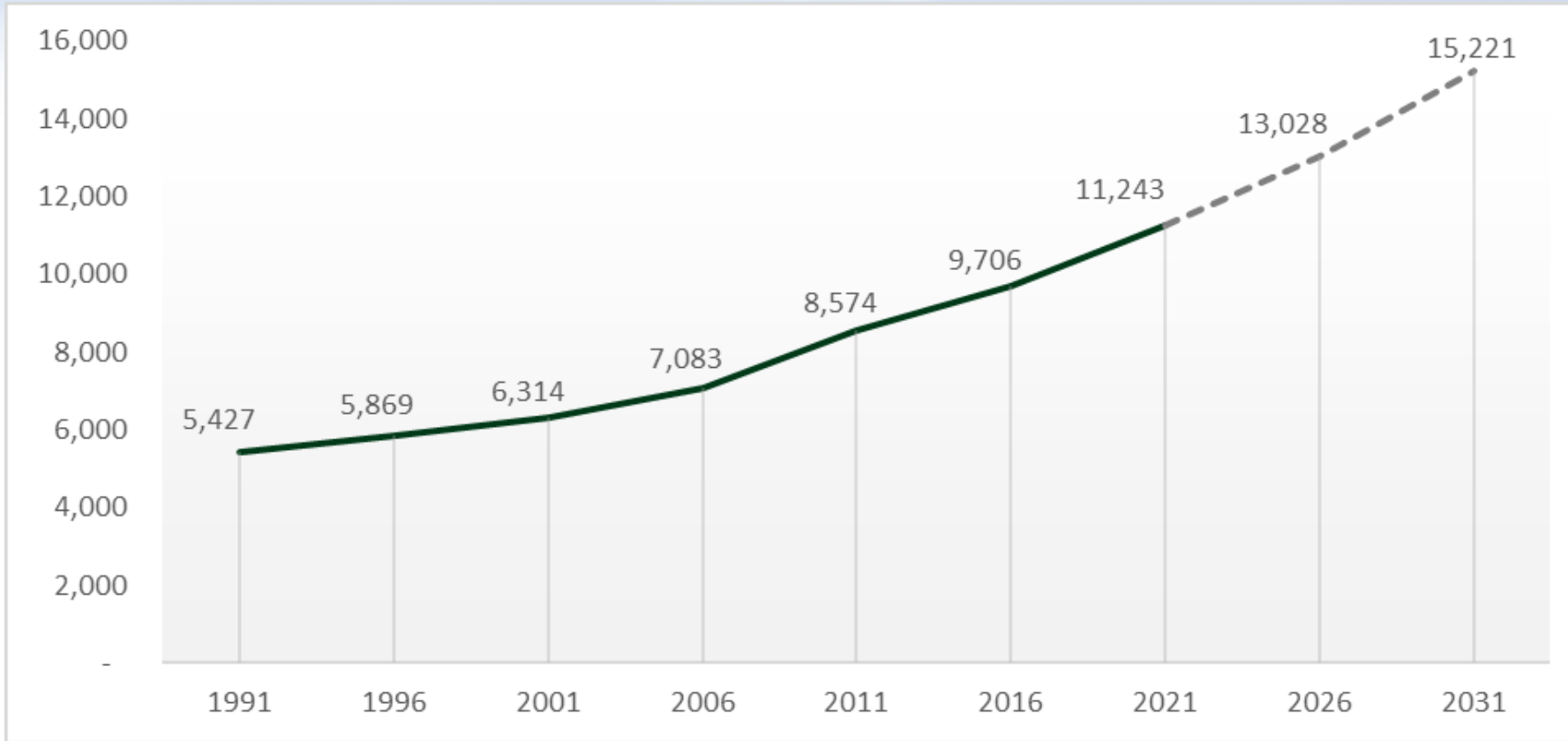
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Background

- ***1995 - Amalgamation of 5 Communities – Bunbury, Southport, Crossroads, Keppoch-Kinlock & Battery Point***
- ***1994-95 - Hillsborough Bridge expands from 2 lanes to 4 lanes***
- ***Stratford experiences rapid growth since 1995 due, in part, to widening of the Hillsborough Bridge***
- ***Stratford student population levels increase as the population in the Town increases.***
- ***Glen Stewart opened in 1975.***
- ***Glen Stewart expanded to Mount Herbert orphanage location (Grades 1 & 2)***
- ***Mount Herbert location closed during 1994-95 school year***
- ***Glen Stewart expanded to accommodate overcrowding issues***
- ***Stratford Elementary (4-6) opens in 2010***

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The Stratford Growth Story: 1991 - 2031



Year	Population	Change
1996	5,869	8.1%
2001	6,314	7.7%
2006	7,083	12.2%
2011	8,574	21.1%
2016	9,706	13.2%

Year	Projected	Change
2021	11,243	15.9%
2026	13,028	15.9%
2031	15,221	16.8%

Historical and projected population by census year
 (Source – 2012 Housing Needs Study – Stantec)

2016 to 2031 – 56.8% increase

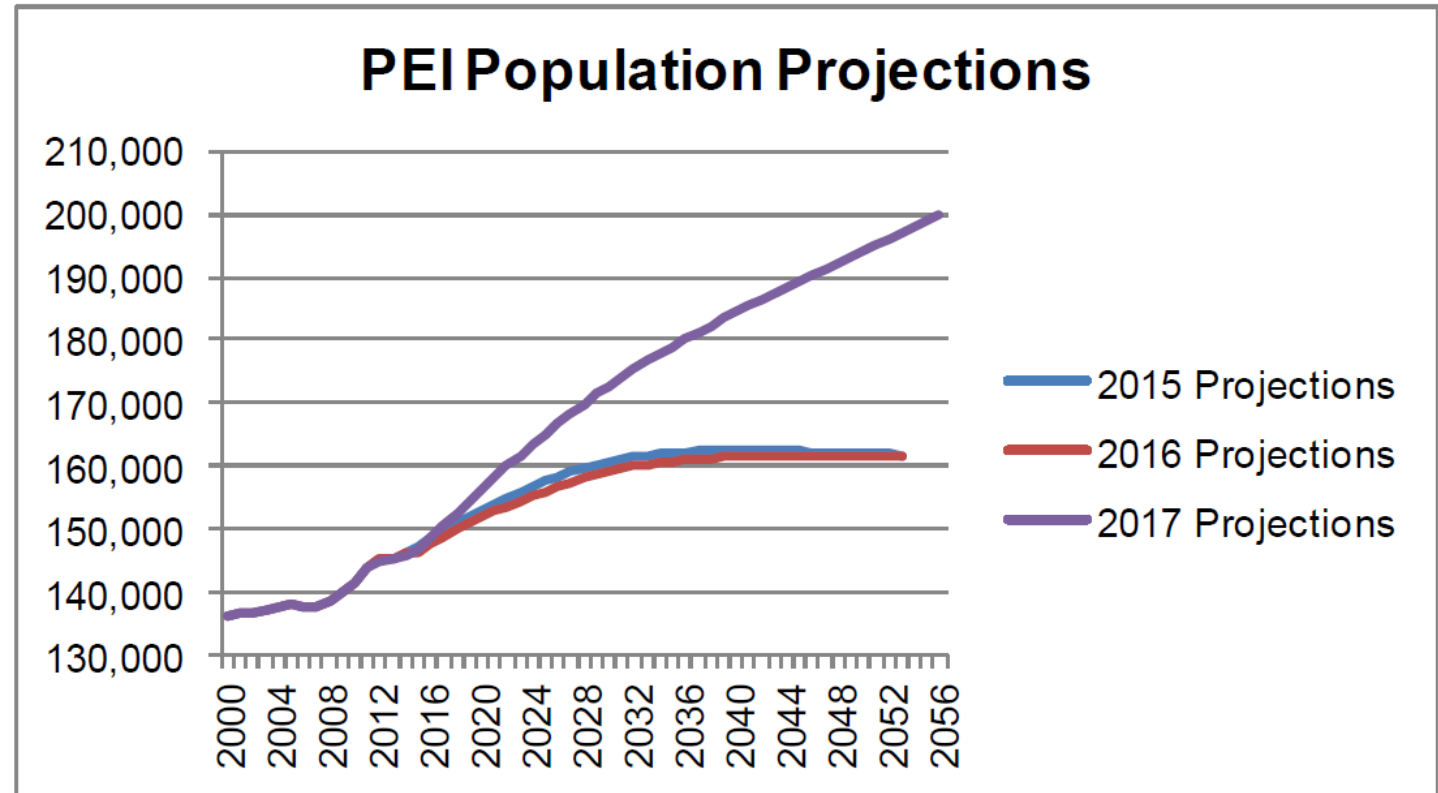
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Impact of immigration on latest PEI total population estimates from PEI Statistics Bureau, 2017

PEI 2016 to 2031 – 149,472 to 183,703 - 22.9% increase

Diagram 10



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Population growth is good news for the province.

- Using 2016 Census data, we know that population growth has continued and will likely continue in the Town of Stratford.
- The challenge is how to forecast accurately and deliver what this growing population expects and, in fact, demands.

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The Stratford Growth Story: 2011-2016

Atlantic Evaluation Group – report on Stratford population analysis – 2011-2016

- Actual Housing units grew 11%
- Population grew 13% BUT
- Actual enrolment at Glen Stewart and Stratford Elementary grew **27%**

WHY?

Because school population is driven by four factors...

1. Strong population growth
2. Larger than normal population of women in child bearing age
3. Net in-migration of young families
4. High rate of international immigration to the Capital region

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Historical School Population

Glen Stewart & Stratford Elementary – before re-zoning

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% change
Glen Stewart Primary	509	563	577	603	610	609	661	29%
Stratford Elementary	336	341	375	408	430	441	501	49%
Total	845	904	952	1011	1040	1050	1162	38%

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Projected School Population

Glen Stewart & Stratford Elementary – after re-zoning 93 students

Glen Stewart Primary & Stratford Elementary	Actual 2016	Actual 2017 *	Proj. 2018	Proj. 2019	Proj. 2020	Proj. 2021	Projected increase 2017 to 2021
PSB projections	1,092	1,002	1,008	1,007	1,015	1,045	43 students 4.3% (1.1%/yr)
Actual/projections	1,162	1,109	1,170	1,221	1,273	1,324	215 students 19.4% (4.8%/yr)
Difference	70	107	162	214	258	279	

- 93 students re-zoned to Donagh – Sept 2017
- Glen Stewart/SES capacity – 1,050
- Capacity after addition – 1,300 (approximately)

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Junior & Senior High projections

The Junior High school enrollment projections are as follows:

	Capacity	2018	2023	increase	Overcrowding
Birchwood	595	493	620	127	25
Queen Charlotte	620	620	732	112	112
Total	1,215	1,113	1,352	239	137

- **500 Junior High students cross the Hillsborough Bridge daily**
- **450 Senior High students cross the Hillsborough Bridge daily**

The Senior High school enrollment projections are as follows:

	Capacity	2018	2023	increase	Overcrowding
Rural	900	997	1,231	234	331
Colonel Gray	900	881	1,221	340	321
Total	1,800	1,878	2,452	574	652

*** Junior & Senior High projections are based on “under-stated” Glen Stewart & Stratford Elementary catchment area student projections**

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- Overcrowding at Stratford school(s) has been ongoing for many years.
- Past solutions have been band-aid solutions.
- Public Schools Branch/School Board have consistently underestimated Stratford student population projections.
- Stratford has experienced high population growth and this will continue into the future.
- There will be a need for additional school infrastructure in the greater Charlottetown Area.
- Currently, there are sufficient classrooms available to serve Charlottetown students
- New school infrastructure should be constructed in the community where there is a shortage of classrooms compared to the # of students in the community.

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Solution to School Infrastructure Needs in the Charlottetown Area

- Build a Junior High and a Senior High School in Stratford.
- A Junior and High School in Stratford will alleviate overcrowding in Charlottetown Schools.
- A Junior and Senior High School will address the long-term school infrastructure needs for students east of the Hillsborough Bridge.
- The Town of Stratford wishes to collaborate with the PSB & Province of PEI to plan for new school infrastructure in Stratford.

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Collaboration with PSB on new School Infrastructure in Stratford

- Stratford is conducting a Facility Needs Analysis for our long-term recreation and other needs.
- We believe that there are some synergies between the sports facility needs of a school and the Town of Stratford.
- Stratford is proposing a School/Sports Campus in Stratford where a Junior and Senior High School would be constructed adjacent to Town Recreation facilities which could be shared.

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