

Campobello Ferry Study

Phase 2

Recapping the Need

Governance and Ferry Working Groups

Determinant #6: Physical Environment

Year-round ferry service (N=468)

86.1% (N=403) 'needed' / 'very needed'

4.1% (N=19) 'no opinion'

Community transportation (to appointments, shopping) (N=467)

82.2% (N=384) 'needed' or 'very needed'

6.2% (N=29) 'no opinion'

Transportation to medical/community services off Island (N=469)

88.7% (N=416) 'needed' or 'very needed'

3.8% (N=18) 'no opinion'

Transportation for extracurricular school-related activities (N=463)

83.2% (N=385) 'needed' or 'very needed'

9.1% (N=42) 'no opinion'

Transportation for seniors (N=466)

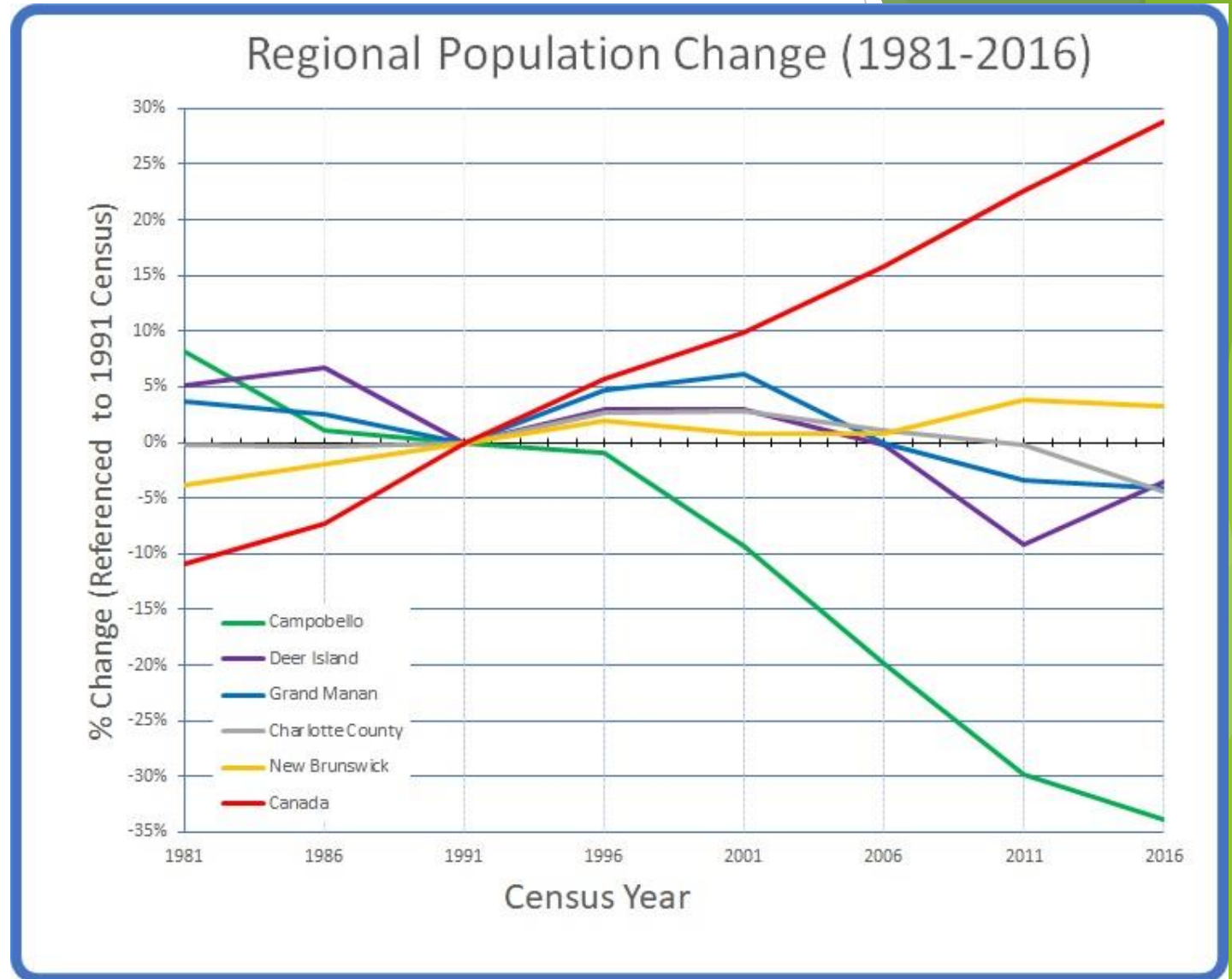
93.6% (N=436) 'needed' or 'very needed'

2.6% (N=12) 'no opinion'



Population Collapse on Campobello

- If the population continues to decline at the rate that has been observed since 2001, the number of people living on Campobello Island will decrease dramatically:
- 800 people by 2021 (2 Years)
- 700 people by 2028 (9 Years)
- 600 people by 2037 (18 Years)
- 500 people by 2046 (27 Years)
- 400 people by 2058 (39 Years)



Phase 1 Conclusions

- ▶ A year-round ferry service would benefit both Campobello residents and mainland Canada businesses.
- ▶ Over 80% of respondents agreed - crossing the border is more difficult today than 5 years ago.
- ▶ A vast majority of Island residents expressed a need for a ferry connection to mainland Canada.
- ▶ Tourism is perceived by the majority of residents as the number one sector impacted by a ferry service.
- ▶ Both residents and businesses would invest more in the Canadian economy if there was a ferry service available.

Phase 2 - Viability Study

Updating the Opus Study

What Has Not Changed:

- ▶ Campobello has some of the highest unemployment rates in the country.
- ▶ The major shortfall documented was access to goods and services.
- ▶ Extracurricular school activities were limited.
- ▶ Residents with criminal records were severely restricted due to border issues.
- ▶ Tourism activities are tied to Roosevelt Park and Herring Cove Park in particular.

Phase 2 - Viability Study

Updating the Opus Study

What Has Changed:

- ▶ Roosevelt Park numbers have increased.
- ▶ Aging population with alarming decrease in the number of Island residents.
- ▶ Border issues up - infringement on personal privacy and inconsistent enforcement issues frequently documented.
- ▶ Legalization of cannabis in Canada raising uncertainty.
- ▶ Police services reduced.
- ▶ Canadian medical services trending toward more and more non-Canadian practitioners. This significantly restricts practitioners serving Campobello.
- ▶ The cross-border marathon is losing high quality runners because many of them are foreign-born and have chosen not to test the US border policies.
- ▶ The growth of our population is often tied to the recruiting of immigrants. Due to the border issues, it would be virtually impossible for Campobello to take advantage of growth through the immigration route.

One Guiding Statement

“It is widely recognized that the economic development potential of a region is often highly dependent on the efficiency of its transportation system. An efficient system provides improved access to people, goods and services: which in turn makes a region a more attractive place to live and do business.”



Route Selection

<i>Route Name</i>	<i>Deer Island 1</i>	<i>Deer Island 2</i>	<i>Saint Andrews</i>	<i>Blacks Harbour</i>
<i>Travelled Route</i>	Current East Coast Ferry Route	Welshpool to Green Point	Welshpool to Huntsman	Welshpool to Coastal Transport terminal
<i>Infrastructure Requirement</i>	Usage of existing infrastructure	Use '3 rd ' Ferry docked in Deer Island	New higher-speed ferry required	Use Grand Manan V
<i>Crossing Conditions</i>	Route generally protected	Difficult currents	Lengthy route	Difficult Currents, Lengthy Route
<i>Fisheries Impact</i>	Minimal	Foreseen Impact	Minimal	Foreseen Impact
<i>Deck Configuration</i>	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
<i>Crossing Time</i>	30 Minutes	60 Minutes	90 Minutes	70 Minutes

Two-Phase Recommendation

Immediate:

Call upon Provincial government to enter negotiations with East Coast Ferries LTD, to provide variable frequency, year-round ferry service along existing summer route.

Long-Term:

Using statistics obtained from East Coast Ferries traffic observations, provide infrastructure investments to improve route viability and to reflect the needs of Campobello Island.

