

I'm Jeremy, Camila and Simons Dad. My wife and I chose to move here because we love the country and the grand lake and it seemed like an ideal place to raise our family. We live here we work elsewhere.

Can everyone here me?

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**The Sustainably study painted the Coles Island area as:**

**-“A dying community” like other rural areas of NB,**

**-with “no evidence of growth in the near future**

**- with no new housing starts**

**- with projected decline in student enrolment ”.**

**and -Claimed that the new highway had a negative impact on the area.**

**These statements are inaccurate and unfair so I'd like to take you for a quick look around the Coles Island School catchment area.**

**This picture is of a new property costing over 1 million dollars to develop. It was a 3-4 year project.**

**We have over “45” kilometers of beautiful shore frontage, and “Cottage country” is part of our local economy**

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No evidence of growth?

There are more homes in the Coles Island catchment area than ever before. There are over 40 New Homes.

- 22 of these new homes don't have beach frontage. 18 do.
  - These are year around homes ranging in price from 30 thousand to over 1 million.
  - Many older homes have been renovated
- Does a dying community have 40 + new housing starts?

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*In this area*  
 Every year there are new homes being built, ~~many~~ <sup>being done</sup> Renos, and lake front developments <sup>carpenter plumber electricians</sup> expanding. For our local tradesmen, contractors, service men, <sup>electricians</sup> & etc. that equals jobs.  
 The New highway has ushered in an on going "era" of growth for the Coles Island School catchment area.

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We also see a buying trend right here right now.

On top of the 40 new homes, many older homes have been renovated. Families are moving in!

-In spite of the reasons city folks will give you for not moving to the country- people are doing it and loving it.

-These two renovated homes on the right share a total of 7 kids who have moved here from away.

*Families*

Communities of families go in cycles and the cycle of Young families with school children is here again.

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Within the next 10 years many more well maintained properties that have had single ownership for 20-40<sup>years</sup> will be dumped into a buyers market and cycled on to younger families.

Unlike what was portrayed in the study, Country homes are not being boarded up. Here's why...

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**People love a bargain!**

You can buy this big baby boomer house here in Coles Island for around the same price you can buy this generation y tent ( Duplex) in the city

**Local properties offer a better bang for your buck compared to cities.**

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**people love lower property taxes**

make no mistake, with 45 km of beach frontage, there is a mother load of (surplus taxes) collected from this region. For example, Just 200 feet of shore frontage can cost you 4000.00<sup>thousand</sup> per year in property tax. 10 years 40,000.00 dollars. When you get away from the water frontages <sup>however</sup> the taxes are much better than the city.

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People love the beautiful Lakes in the area.

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people love the country

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people love a smaller school.

**Coles Island School** played a big part in the decision for some that have moved here. It offered the optimal location they were looking for for their children's ~~education~~.  
*schooling experience.*

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people love a good road!

**With the "new" 4 lane highway**

**-Moncton is a 1/2 hour closer**

**-Fredericton is a 1/4 hour closer**

**-Some of you would have travelled on this highway to get here tonight.**

**-Commuting to this area is A much safer and pleasant experience with the 4 lanes.**

**The new highway has injected new life in the area, not stifled it. As I was saying, The new highway has brought us more and more homes, cottages and vacationers with no end in sight. The lake and the highway aren't closing down any time soon and all this = local jobs.**

**If you don't work locally commuting is a very plausible option. Sure some gas stations have suffered because of redirected traffic but the Irving "one stop" is busier than ever. There was a time before the 4 lane opened that the Irving <sup>Station</sup> would close for 2 weeks in the winter, that could never happen now they are too busy.**

*So that's some of the reasons this area isn't dying*

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lets move on to community enrollment projection.

**-Almost half the students at Coles Island School have moved here within the last 10 years. Is that decline?**

To the right we see the projection offered by the study.

↳ 2014 had 30 students , 2017 projects 27 students,  
-which isn't a fair projection because the 30 students here can be easily divided into two groups. 18 which represent families who have lived here all their lives and 12 which represent a trend of newcomers who have choose to move here <sup>and</sup> live.

This trend shows that, along with the items I've mentioned in the last 4 minutes, newcomer enrollment numbers will continue to go up not down.

-Also enrolment numbers would be better <sup>some of</sup> if our HOMESCHOOLED children came to Coles Island School.

-Should we invite them to one of the breakfasts?

Do the DEC members think that we should invite the HOME SCHOOLERS in for some of Ms. Bryant's cooking?

Could the COOKING that goes on here- save the school? I bet the kids think so! Provincial testing scores would easily be a whole 10% higher <sup>hardly</sup> after a Coles Island school breakfast!

<sup>- if the kids did them</sup> I'd like to personally thank all the teachers <sup>Staff - [unclear]</sup> and principle <sup>the bus drivers & staff</sup> for the great work they are doing here for our children! <sup>often going beyond the call of duty.</sup>

I'd like to Thank the DEC MEMBERS for coming to this part of the study tonight. For seeking to gather an understanding of why Coles Island School is **small but necessary** ~~and for your unbiased and non-political decisions in the future~~

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every school in the Province has waste issues  
 We're not giving up on the school but give us credit, we've been  
**Brain storming for ideas that would increase the functional capacity of the building while keeping it a school. So how about a seniors complex to the left and the K-5 school to the right? I would like each person to search their soul- are you looking for problems in this picture or are you looking for ways this could work? Look at the picture on the left, the benefits to doing this are many and forward thinking.**

collo Island some here.  
 Seniors or kids  
 Bring Seniors + kids together would be a positive for everyone for all.

**But if no solution could be found to decrease the square footage per student ratio. There is one thing that would work.**

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*Remove*  
**Demolishing** half the school. It would be a simple and effective solution to saving money on heating and maintenance cost

*actually & reducing*  
 -The building is a very small part of the total expense to run the school. 50,000.00/ year. And Some of that 50,000 could be reduced. *is the number we've been given.*

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NB is poor so low enrollment numbers are a good thing not a bad thing.

Empty classrooms don't cost anything compared to full classrooms. Empty classrooms can be looked at as a solution or they can be looked at as a problem, it depends which way you want to look at it.

**Coles Island school could be a part of the solution to Moncton's school shortage crisis.**

*John* *Island* *order* *from north* *They are order 1 hour apart.*  
It's **only** 1 hour away.

-It would be a win win solution for everyone. Instead of bussing our kids an hour up the dangerous # 10, Why can't they bus a 100 students from Moncton 1 hour down the safe state of the art 4 lane highway with wide shoulders and moose fencing to Coles Island school?

*well* -They can't. And they can't for many of the "same reasons" our older children can't. But our older children are. And if nobody cares our younger children will be too.

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In this part of the study, presented by the district, we see that Coles Island School has 4 educators for 30 students. At Chipman elementary, 4 educators would be teaching 52 students. That's Almost twice as many.

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this is what it looks like at coles island school

*the educator cost is ~~costing~~ 450,000, dollars.  
430 students.*

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~~20 to 52~~ chipman

this is what it looks like at Chipman elementary school

*4 Teachers to  
52 Students.*

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this is what it would look like if Coles island school was to match Chipman elementary schools "student to teacher" ratio.

I know it's not this simple and I'm not saying this is how it should be exactly. But in the light of a serious decision like closing a local school on K-5 students with the educators costs for teaching 30 students being over 450,000.00 a year, should the question be asked are there "too few students" or "too many educators"?

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we could assume there are savings in higher student/ teacher ratios.

But Bussing little children 2 1/2 hours a day **is bad**, and doing it to give them a higher student to teacher ratio once they get there? that's even worse. And more importantly, it's not necessary. You can give the kids a higher student/ teacher ratio right at Coles island school without the long bus ride.



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giving our K-5 students a good education can be done by giving our teachers more technology that allows them to navigate students down the information highway on an "ability tailored" education. Also, Give them more EA's.

This is more economical and forward thinking than sending them farther down the old and dangerous Roman road

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so the take away here is

Cut building costs from 50,000 to 25,000 and/ or collect

54,000.00 in rent per year through senior rentals. to put back into the school system.

Cut the 450,000,00 dollar educator bill by bring down the high teacher to student ratio to match other elementary schools and

make it work with online assistance and more EA's.

Embrace New information age teaching models"

Allow innovators to innovate in the classroom and leverage technology to save money and improve how learning happens.

*Save on ~~bus~~ transportation expenses and*

This will ~~save on bus expenses.~~ Keep the little children in close proximity to their moms

~~save on bus expenses.~~

*where they need to be*

Thank you.