

**ARSENAULT, JOSEPH “WILFRED”**, assistant bank manager, general manager, business person; b. 22 November 1953 in St. Nicholas, son of Euclide Arsenault and Julia Ann Perry in Saint Raphael; m. 1990 Emily Duffy, and they have three children, Jason, Martin and Brian; Roman Catholic; d. 27 July 2011 in Summerside at the Prince County Hospital.

Arsenault, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 17 April 2000 for District 24 Evangeline-Miscouche. He was re-elected on 29 September 2003, but was defeated in the general election of 28 May 2007. In late 2007 Arsenault sought the Progressive Conservative federal nomination in Egmont but lost his seat to Gail Shea†.

He served as chair of the strategic planning committee on economic policy, the standing committee on community affairs and economic development. He was a member of the special committee on climate change, the agenda and priorities committee, the standing committee on agriculture, forestry, and environment, and the standing committee on the constitution of Canada. He also served on the standing committees dealing with community, cultural affairs and development.

Educated in the Evangeline area, Arsenault studied business administration at Université de Moncton and Industrial Technology at l'École Internationale de Bordeaux in France.

Prior to his time in the Legislature he worked as an assistant bank manager for 14 years. He also served as general manager of the Baie Acadienne Development Co-operation for 13 years, where he administered programs for small and medium-sized businesses. He worked as a community economic developer and chief entrepreneurship officer with the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Education and Development PEI. Arsenault attended the Institute of Canadian Bankers prior to his working career. On 4 January 2010, Arsenault was appointed to the Veterans Review and Appeals Board for a three-year term.

A strong volunteer, he served in various capacities with the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Kinsmen Club, Evangeline Tourism Association, Le Club Richelieu Evangeline and the boards of Le Musée Acadien and La Voix Acadienne.

Emily Duffy-Arsenault resides in Miscouche.

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**AYLWARD, JAMES STEPHEN JOHN**, hospitality and tourism; b. 12 January 1964 in Sherwood, son of William Joseph Aylward and Agatha Elizabeth Aylward; m. 2 September 1989 to Cecelia “Cece” Michelle MacPhee and they have one son, Connor John; Catholic.

Aylward, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 3 October 2011 general election for District 6 Stratford-Kinlock. He was re-elected in the 4 May 2015 general election. In May 2015, Aylward was reappointed Opposition House Leader. He has also served as shadow critic for health and wellness, tourism and culture, education, Aboriginal Affairs and the Workers’ Compensation Board.

Aylward has served on standing committees dealing with health and wellness, agriculture, energy and forestry, education and innovation, community and intergovernmental affairs, and rules, regulations, private bills, and privileges, and as of 30 October 2017, the shadow critic for the Premier’s Office and Executive Council. He has also chaired the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and served as Opposition Whip.

Aylward was defeated on the second ballot during the 28 February 2015 Progressive Conservative leadership convention. In June 2017, he again announced he would run for the leadership of the PC party alongside fellow PC MLA Brad Trivers†. Aylward was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party at the 20 October 2017 Progressive Conservative convention. He was named Leader of the Official Opposition on 26 October 2017.

Aylward attended kindergarten at Park Royal Church before attending Sherwood Elementary, Stonepark Junior High and Charlottetown Rural High School. He attained a diploma in Hospitality Management from Holland College and UPEI in Charlottetown from 1985 to 1988. Prior to his time in the Legislative Assembly, Aylward worked in the service industry for 32 years. On 27 April 2017, Aylward was awarded the Canadian Cancer Society Outstanding Service Award. Aylward has served as a board member of the Canadian Cancer Society. He has also volunteered with the Terry Fox Foundation, Camp Gencheff and the Liturgical Ministries at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. Aylward currently sits on the Holland College Advisory Committee and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Citizens on Patrol, the Upper Room Food Bank and the Parkdale/Sherwood Lions Club.

He resides in Stratford with his wife and son Connor. Cece Aylward was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on 19 March 1966 and is the daughter of Pius and Doreen MacPhee.

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