



June 23rd, 2010

Chief Shirley Clarke
Glooscap Mi'kmaq Community
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Dear Chief Shirley Clarke:

On behalf of the Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board, the group that is working to submit Grand Pré as a candidate for UNESCO's World Heritage List, we would like to extend our best wishes to the Mi'kmaq people on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the baptism of Membertou.

This important event was instrumental in building a strong and enduring positive relationship between the French, later the Acadians, and the Mi'kmaq. It is because of that special relationship that the first European settlers were able to thrive in Acadia, including by dyking marshland and by building a way of life around that approach. It is also because of that relationship that some Acadians, at the time of the Deportation, were able to count on the help of the Mi'kmaq to survive and overcome that tragedy. These two aspects are significant in the nomination proposal we are putting forth to UNESCO. Indeed, we are nominating Grand Pré as an agricultural and a symbolic landscape, celebrating both the extraordinary feat of dyking these lands and the role of Grand Pré in commemorating the Deportation.

As we are approaching our target date of submitting this proposal, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in this initiative. We have sustained a positive collaboration since we first started this project in 2007 and look forward to an even stronger relationship based on mutual respect and shared opportunities.

Sincerely,

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