



July 21st, 2010

Mr. Gordon Haliburton
Kings Hants Heritage Connection
36 Gaspereau Avenue
Wolfville, NS B4P 2C6

Dear Mr. Haliburton:

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 on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Planters to Grand Pré.

The proposed boundary of the World Heritage designation includes Horton Landing, the landing place of the Planters in Grand Pré. We recognize the significance that the Planters have had on the area, their valuable contribution as stewards of the land, and their ability to maintain the extraordinary landscape that today continues to exhibit outstanding value.

The Grand Pré marshland, built by the Acadians in the 1680s and the basis for its past and present livelihood, was expanded and maintained by the Planters and their descendants. They protected this fertile land allowing today's farmers and residents to thrive as a community. While the principles guiding the maintenance of the dykes, the aboiteaux, and the ditches are the same, the Planters and their descendants have continuously contributed to improving farming technology, while maintaining the landscape's distinctive character.

We recognize the challenges involved with the management of agricultural marshland in Grand Pré, and we are grateful for the ongoing stewardship of the farmers, many of Planter heritage. The anniversary of the arrival of the Planters to Horton / Grand Pré is an opportunity for all cultural groups present in Grand Pré to celebrate and share an important event that makes this area unique to the rest of the world. We believe that Grand Pré has a strong tradition of protecting its heritage and we want to thank you for contributing to this bright future and maintaining an essential part of everyone's well-being.

Sincerely,

Peter Herbin
Co-Chair,
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