

Grand-Pré UNESCO- Advisory Board

Notes of the October 2, 2008 meeting

Present: 5 out of 11 voting delegates in attendance

Louise Watson	Nova Scotia Economic Development (NSED)	
Marianne Gates	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)	
Erin Beaudin	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)	Voting Delegate
Lillian Stewart	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia	Voting Delegate
Victor Tétreault	Société Promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)	
Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada (PC)	
Chrystal Fuller	Municipality of the County of Kings	
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection	Voting Delegate
Stan Surette	Société Promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)	Voting Delegate
John Fuller	Municipality of the County of Kings	Voting Delegate
Jenni Fetterly	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)	
Claude DeGrace	Parks Canada	

Regrets:

Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation	Voting Delegate
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs (OAA)	
Bill Greenlaw	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage	
Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic Development	
Brian Banks	Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency (ACOA)	
Barbara Kaiser	Community Member at large	Voting Delegate
Gérald C. Boudreau	Société Nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)	Voting Delegate
Robert Palmer	Grand Pre Marsh Body	Voting Delegate
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce	Voting Delegate
Hanspeter Stutz	Community Member at large	Voting Delegate
Stephanie Smith	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage	

1. Welcome / Opening of the meeting

Erin Beaudin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Approve the agenda

Erin added Economic Impact Study Update to the agenda under Other Business

No quorum for approval

3. Approve the minutes from June 2008

No quorum for approval

4. Project Management: Christophe Rivet

- The OUV working group has met this September, most experts were able to attend and it was a very engaged, full day session. There will be an additional meeting needed to allow for additional research and information. Outcomes of the meeting are; sub groups have been formed to discuss various topics and the group feels optimistic that the target date to have the OUV in December 2008 is obtainable. The next meeting will be on October 24, 2008 at Acadia University. Members of the Advisory Board are welcome to attend as both Stan and Beth did the previous meeting. For more information on the OUV working group please see John Johnston's OUV report.
- The archaeological work of surveying the land has begun on the dykelands. The first phase was not as successful as expected but that should not have an affect on the second phase. Expected completion date remains the same.
- The planning processes for the national historic site are going slower than expected due to internal changes in policies at Parks Canada but the target dates of completion remain possible.
- The Acadian Community has been meeting to discuss possible funding options to assist in the engagement of the Acadian Community. The request for funding for financial support to implement the Acadian community engagement is being finalized and is expected to be sent out in time for consideration in the next fiscal year. This may leave a gap of six months in actively implementing the communication and engagement strategy. Victor presented proposal to Heritage Canada as part of Society Grand Pre's larger three year plan. Heritage Canada will give an answer in the next couple weeks as to if the application should go ahead in this manner or if they want to deal with each proposal separately.
- Terms of reference for the second working group in include along with Project Manager's Report 4. The general strategy for the working group is to discuss the management of the proposed property and to develop a management system that will ensure the long-term protection of the OUV.
- Funding from ACOA has not yet been confirmed.
- First Nation community has been engaged through meetings after the OUV working group. Guidance would be required to enhance engagement.
- Chrystal and Beth began discussion if the Advisory Board should see Ronnie-Gillies LeBlanc's Presentation or other presentations on the archaeological work. The Steering Committee will discuss which presentations the board should see at their next meeting.
- A community presentation on the latest results by John Johnston and Ronnie-Gillis LeBlanc is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2008.

*Received the Project Manager Report and Project Update
Terms of reference for Management Committee – Next Meeting*

5. Administration: Erin Beaudin

- There will be a new representative for DSWN. Liz will be joining us and Lillian will be alternative.
- Erin tabled a budget overview and outlined certain items. After Steering Committee retreat the Committee will be better able to present the budget as they are going to re-organize and re-allocate certain items.

6. Public Relations

- ICON has been engaged with the Steering Committee. A branding exercise will be held on October 22, 2008 9am to 1pm and Board members are welcome to attend.

7. Community Planning and Engagement: Chrystal Fuller

- Seamus has been working diligently on the community plan which will eventually fit into the management planning.
- Community Meeting on September 18, 2008 was very successful. The Grand Pre Community Association met and organized their association which was followed by a visioning exercise. Visioning began at 8:30pm and 44 people stayed until 10pm. Barb Kaiser spoke very eloquently, which lead the meeting in a very positive way. Some of the confusion around the UNESCO and Community Plan was tidied up and Seamus has took on new name of 'Community Planner' versus the sometimes 'loaded term' of "Heritage Planner".
- Facebook group and Newsletter are up and running in order to further engage the community. Seamus is working on liaising in the community, meeting with individuals and groups.
- Next Community Meeting, to discuss the work being done with the Grand Pre Community Association, will be held on November 27, 2008 and board members are welcome to attend.

8. Other Business

- Economic Impact Study – 475 surveys are completed, entered into a data base and sent to Brain Van Blarcom. Preliminary assessment will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The full report will come later. Chrystal thanked the Kings CED for the role they played in the Economic Impact Study and Jenni Fetterly for spending her summer conducting the survey.
- The Steering Committee retreat will be a closed retreat held on October 20, 2008. Neil Conrad, Gérald C. Boudreau, Christophe Rivet, Chrystal Fuller and Erin Beaudin will attend to re-group, get a sense of what was accomplished this year, examine what needs to be done, consider budget strategies and look at what we can forecast for the next six months.

9. Next meeting: November 6, 2008, 1:00-4:00pm

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm