



Advisory Board Meeting/ *Réunion du comité consultatif* Notes

July 9th, 2009 / 9 juillet 2009

Grand-Pré national historic site of Canada /
Lieu historique national du Canada de Grand-Pré

2 pm – 4 pm / 14 h à 16 h

Chair/ *Président de session*: Gérald C. Boudreau

Voting Members Present

Erin Beaudin	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Gerald Boudreau	Société nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)
Stan Surette	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection
Mike Ennis	Municipality of Kings County
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce
Hanspeter Stutz	Community Member at large
Barbara Kaiser	Community Member at large

Ex-Officio Members Present

Claude DeGrace	Parks Canada
Mary Jo MacKay- Alternate	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage

Alternate Members Present

Marianne Gates	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Victor Tetrault	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)

Resource Members Present

Chrystal Fuller	Municipality of Kings County- Planner
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Voting Members Absent

Liz Morine	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia
Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation
Robert Palmeter	Grand Pre Marsh Body

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic Development
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs(OAA)
Bill Greenlaw	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
Brian Banks	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

Alternate Members Absent

Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada
Louise Watson	Nova Scotia Economic Development

1. Welcome / *Mots de bienvenue*
Chair Gerald Boudreau called the meeting to order at 2:04
2. Approve agenda / *Approbation de l'ordre du jour*
The agenda was approved as circulated.
3. Approve minutes from previous meetings / *Approbation des notes de la réunion précédente*
The notes from the last meeting were approved as circulated.
4. For discussion and approval / *Pour discussion et approbation:*
 - a) Recommendation to fill the position of co-chair by the Selection Committee
This discussion was tabled to be completed after items 5. a-e.

The meeting was in-camera for this discussion.

Documents circulated for discussion were collected and shredded.

The meeting was brought back to the public and the meeting chair announced the unanimous decision to accept Peter Herbin as the new co-chair of the Advisory Board.

Chrystal thanked Erin for her excellent job as the out-going co-chair and it was noted that Erin would continue on the Steering Committee.

5. For information / *Pour information :*
 - a) Financial and administrative report / *Rapport administratif et financier*
Accepted as circulated.
 - b) Community engagement and planning report (verbal) / *Rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification (verbal)*
Erin Beaudin introduce the following new support staff:
 - Phil Gould: Project Coordinator
 - Amelia Awalt: Kings CED Assistant Development Officer who will be working on communications.
 - Jason Selby: Kings CED summer student who will be assisting with communications.
 - c) Project Manager's report and progress report / *Rapport du gestionnaire de projet et rapport sur l'avancement du projet*
Chrystal Fuller reported for Christophe highlighting the circulated reports.
 - d) Tax study (verbal) / *étude sur les taxes (verbal)*
Erin reported that the tax study was approved by ACOA for 100% funding. This is in addition to previously approved project funds. The consultant, KELCO, has started and a full report will be circulated at the September meeting. It has

proved to be a challenge to find information on similar sites in Canada therefore information will be sought from the US and UK.

- Erin also indicated that an RFP would be issued shortly for an "Interpretation Plan"
- Erin reported that a letter had been submitted to the Department of Transportation requesting a traffic study be completed for the Grand Pre area.
- Claude noted that the two UNESCO sites in Newfoundland might provide good information for the tax study.

e) Management working group report (verbal) / *Rapport sur le groupe de travail de gestion (verbal)*

Chrystal Fuller reported that the Community Plan process and the Management Plan process will come together this September. A joint community consultation is planned. The tentative date for a public meeting is September 17, 2009. This meeting will provide answers to community questions voiced at the last public meeting and will also introduce the draft Community Plan and draft Management Plan. Another public event, "café" style will be held later in September where the community can participate and provide input. This schedule will be discussed with the Community Association. The timing is tight to ensure deadline requirements are achieved. The goal is to have an approved Community Plan and Management Plan by January 2010.

A community "survey" has been suggested and, if conducted, would be completed in Jan-Feb 2010. This survey would poll the community on the decision to proceed or not with a UNESCO application proposal.

- Beth indicated that this process felt too "rushed".
- Claude indicated that it was important for the community to have time to consider the information.
- Hanspeter indicated that more regular communication should be going out to the community.
- Barb questioned the need for a survey and indicated that it was important for people to have all the required information before making a decision
- Beth stressed that most community members are in favor of the designation and agreed with Barb that perhaps a survey was not necessary.
- Hanspeter suggested that it was important to consider who would receive the survey.
- Mike Ennis indicated that all land owners should receive a survey. He further agreed that only a small number of residents have spoken to him about opposition to the project. Perhaps, with more information and awareness, a survey may not be required.
- Greg suggested that the purpose of the survey be considered before proceeding.

- Mary Jo indicated that community support was essential and that if only a small number are opposed, perhaps a survey is not the best option. She agreed that providing information was more important.
- Erin indicated that a positive survey response would be a great addition to the dossier submission and would lend credibility to the community support.
- Beth and Claude indicated that if a survey is completed that it not just be a “yes or no response”, but that the question of “why” be asked.
- Barb suggested that if a survey was completed that it be a series of questions like a “report card” on the project.
- Peter Herbin from the audience suggested that that the more important issue to residents will be if the “Community Plan” will have any changes for landowners.
- Naomi Blanchard from the audience suggested that it would be important to note, in advance, if the decision was binding.

6. Other business / *Autres affaires*

Beth noted that the selection of Peter Herbin was an excellent choice. She suggested that a press release be done to inform the community of this new position.

7. Open floor (time limited by chair)/ *Plénière (temps limité par le président de session)*
None

8. Next meeting / *Prochaine réunion*

September 3, 2009, 1:00

November 5, 2009, 1:00

9. Adjournment / *Levée de séance*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35