



Advisory Board Meeting/ *Réunion du comité consultatif* Agenda / *Ordre du jour*

July 8th, 2010/ 8 juillet 2010

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

1 pm – 4 pm / 13 h à 16 h

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

1. Welcome / *Mots de bienvenue*
2. Approve agenda / *Approbation de l'ordre du jour*
3. Approve minutes from previous meetings / *Approbation des notes de la réunion précédente*
4. For discussion and approval / *Pour discussion et approbation*:
 - a. Presentation and discussion on draft nomination proposal / *Présentation et discussion de l'ébauche de proposition d'inscription*
 - b. Draft memorandum of understanding for the governance structure / *Ébauche d'entente pour la structure de gouvernance*
 - c. Draft terms of reference for governance structure / *Ébauche de cadre pour la structure de gouvernance*
 - d. Draft budget for governance / *Ébauche de budget pour la gouvernance*
 - e. Draft policy to guide Nomination Grand Pré in providing support and engaging in partnerships / *Ébauche de politique guidant les appuis et partenariats avec Nomination Grand Pré*
 - f. REVISITED: Update on community discussion to acquire land on Old Post Road – request for support for this project from Nomination Grand Pré / *Mise à jour sur les discussions pour acquérir le terrain sur Old Post Road – demande d'appui au projet de Nomination Grand Pré*
5. For information / *Pour information* :
 - a. Financial and administrative report / *rapport financier et administratif*
 - b. Community engagement and planning report / *rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification*
 - c. Project manager's and progress reports / *rapports d'étape et du directeur de projet*
 - Progress report / *Rapport d'étape*
6. Correspondance
 - a. Letter from Kings Hants Heritage Connection / *Lettre du Kings Hants Heritage Connection*

- b. Letter from Leader of the Opposition in Parliament / *Lettre du chef de l'opposition au parlement*
- c. Letter from the Wolfville Historical Society / *Lettre de la société historique de Wolfville*
- d. Letter from the Association Miquelon Culture et Patrimoine / *Lettre de l'Association Miquelon Culture et Patrimoine*
- e. Letter to Coastal Strategy Coordinator / *Lettre au coordonnateur de la stratégie côtière*
- f. Letter to Chief Clarke on Membertou 400 / *Lettre au chef Clarke concernant Membertou 400e*

7. Other business / *Autres affaires*

8. Open floor (time limited by chair) / *Plénière (temps limité par le président de session)*

9. Next meeting / *Prochaine réunion*

10. Adjournment / *Levée de séance*



Advisory Board Meeting/ Réunion du comité consultatif

Agenda / Ordre du jour
May 6th, 2010/ 6 mai 2010

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

1 pm - 3 pm / 13 h à 15 h

Chair/ Président de session: Gérald C. Boudreau

Voting Members Present

Peter Herbin (Co-chair)	Community Member and Co-chair
Gerald Boudreau (Co-chair)	Société nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)
Jim Laceby	Kings Regional Development Agency
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection
Hanspeter Stutz	Community Member at large
Robert Palmeter	Grand Pre Marsh Body
Stan Surette	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Barbara Kaiser	Community Member at large
Mike Ennis	Municipality of Kings County

Ex-Officio Members Present

Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development
Robert Sheldon	Parks Canada
Claude DeGrace	Parks Canada

Louise Watson- Alternate	Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development
Paul Richards	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
Mary-Jo MacKay- Alternate	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada
Resource Members Present	
Stephen Kerr	Kings Regional Development Agency
Marianne Gates, Secretary	Kings Regional Development Agency
Dawn Sutherland	Municipality of Kings County
Voting Members Absent	
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce
Liz Morine	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia
Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation
Ex-Officio Members Absent	
Bill Greenlaw	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
Victor Tetrault	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs(OAA)

1. Welcome / Mots de bienvenue
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by chair Gerald Boudreau
2. Approve agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour
The agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Approve minutes from previous meetings / Approbation des notes de la réunion précédente
The minutes were approved by consensus.
4. Change in nomination team membership / Changement dans l'équipe
Christophe reported the following:
 - Chrystal Fuller no longer at the Municipality of Kings County.
 - Christophe met with warden and councillor Ennis and they have assured him of the Municipality of Kings County's support.
 - Dawn Sutherland will serve on the AB.
 - Thanks to Chrystal on behalf of AB and SC.
5. For discussion and approval / Pour discussion et approbation:

- a. Update on community discussion to acquire land on Old Post Road - request for support for this project from Nomination Grand Pré / Mise à jour sur les discussions pour acquérir le terrain sur Old Post Road - demande d'appui au project de Nomination Grand Pré

Report with Steering Committee recommendation circulated.

Recommendation:

The Steering Committee suggests that the land acquired by Parks Canada in 2009 provides the opportunity for viewing the entire area proposed for World Heritage designation. This opportunity was identified as a priority by Hockin Cronin consultants to provide visitors with a location to view and understand the Outstanding Universal Value. In light of this requirement being fulfilled, the decision from the Advisory Board in January 2010 was for Nomination Grand Pré to focus on four priorities to benefit the entire community and maintain the existing positive relationship with the funding partners.

Therefore, the Steering Committee recommends that a letter be sent on behalf of the Advisory Board to Ms. Blanchard wishing her success in her efforts but indicating that the project is unable to participate.

NOTES:

- Christophe indicated that the circulated recommendation was the recommendation of the Steering Committee. It was determined that this could be a distraction from the dossier submission in Feb 2011 in terms of time and money.
- Peter Herbin: Wording suggestion change from “wishing well” to “do not oppose”.
- Barb Kaiser: Attended the Historical Society meeting. This group gave support to forming a committee. She indicated that those in favour of the house acquisition indicated that the current legacy project is second class and that this acquisition will out-do the legacy project.
- Naomi Blanchard: (observer) Indicated it was a second choice, not second class.
- Christophe: The legacy project may just be a start that the house acquisition could build on.
- Barb Kaiser: Asked if money from UNESCO could go towards this acquisition? Could Parks Canada support the purchase with no house?
- Stephen Kerr: Asked if the acquisition, if added, would help? Can we phrase as “active support”?
- Christophe: The community legacy project was planned to provide a tangible project for the community irrespective of designation. The legacy project is not key for the UNESCO submission. UNESCO does not require a view of the site.
- Christophe: Project must concentrate on the 4 priorities. It would be a concern if we spend time on this project.

- Peter Herbin: Concern about funding support. Requirements and objectives must be clear. Does not oppose but cannot actively support due to perception that it may hinder the nomination process. He expressed concern that the project would approach the same funders and cause confusion.
- Robert Sheldon (Parks Canada): No exact figure indicated or confirmed. There is general support for the acquisition. Parks Canada is interested in the land but not interested in the house. Open but not firm. Support of \$100-\$200 a possibility for land use potential if other partners are determined.
- Claude DeGrace: The Legacy project will be a project of the AB and Parks Canada and the goal is to have in place this fall.
- Stephen Kerr: Is there a competitive issue? Robert indicated no.
- Barb Kaiser: Wanted to clarify that Parks Canada is not interested in the residence.
- Neal Conrad: Appreciates discussion- but- acquisition is NOT essential to nomination. The future very unclear but he does not want the AB to be an impediment, however, the project must stay on track and the acquisition should not interfere.
- Naomi Blanchard: not asking for participation and there is no financial support requested from the AB. She indicated that Nomination GP is not seen as a community project and that this acquisition could provide the community with an opportunity to lead a part of the project. The community will decide if the project should go forward, likely by the end of October. If this property is purchased, the legacy project could adjust to reflect new realities. The acquisition group will report to legacy committee and AB.
- Stephen Kerr: Asked if the community would raise money and then donate?
- Naomi Blanchard was not sure of funding at this early stage.
- Mike Ennis indicated that the AB must be careful as there are so many groups in the Grand Pre area: UNESCO, Community Plan, now perhaps another project. It is very confusing to the residents. He feels there is community support to creating a committee to look into the acquisition but not a clear mandate at this time. There is already confusion so we need to be careful.
- Jim Laceby suggested we should table for July meeting after the community meeting to discuss the acquisition.
- Barb suggested that the AB allow community to meet and see if there is support and outline of a funding plan for the project.
- Naomi Blanchard indicated that the funding will not be public until likely August.
- The Steering Committee will review the results from the public meeting and determine if there is community support. The recommendation will be re-considered at the July meeting.
- Approved by consensus.

6. For information / Pour information :

a. Financial and administrative report / rapport financier et administrative

It was noted by Marianne that there were some errors in the allocation of expenses for the recent visit by the experts. This will be corrected and the AB will receive a correct statement as of year end (March 31, 2010) in June. The funders requested an adjusted projected cash flow. Kings RDA will work with funders to produce a cash flow to the end of the project. The next financial report will indicate the current funding as well as the requested increase in funding. The AB has approved the increase but the funders have not yet confirmed the increased amount.

- Neal Conrad: Indicated he is looking forward to the projected cash flow.
- Paul Richards: Asked that the cash flow numbers be sharpened to ensure they were accurate and there would not be underage/overages.

b. Community engagement and planning report / rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification

Two public meeting were held to review the Community Plan. There were great turn outs with great input from the community. The Community Liaison Committee and planner Dawn Sutherland are making changes now to reflect public input. The process will continue with the next draft. There may be more change-and may go direct to PAC or back to community. The main concerns were mapping errors, open space issues, set back issues and view-plane issues.

- Beth Keech: farming community has an issue with O1 zoning.
- Dawn Sutherland indicated that this is status quo. It would not be in public interest to allow buildings on this land. Land use planning creates restrictions on land for planning purposes and this does cause issues.
- Robert Palmeter: O1 considered too restrictive to some farmers.

c. Project manager's and progress reports / rapports d'étape et du directeur de projet

- Report on international expert visit and implications / Rapport sur la visite des experts internationaux et implications pour le projet
- Report on last management plan working group meeting (oral report) / Rapport sur la dernière réunion du groupe de travail sur le plan de gestion (de vive voix)
- Progress report / Rapport d'étape
- Christophe highlighted the circulated reports.
- Major activities: International expert visit and the Management Plan working group meeting.
- Coming soon: Draft MOU and Dossier ready for AB to review at July 8 meeting.

7. Correspondence

- a. Letter from the Organization International de la Francophonie / Lettre de l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie
- b. Letter from the President of Carleton University / Lettre de la présidente de l'Université Carleton
- c. Letter from the Société Saint Thomas d'Aquin / Lettre de la Société Saint Thomas d'Aquin
- d. Letter from the Conseil Jeunesse Provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse / Lettre du Conseil jeunesse provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse
- e. Lettre from the Fédération des Jeunes Francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick / Lettre de la Fédération des jeunes francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick
- f. Letter from Jeunesse Acadienne / Lettre de Jeunesse acadienne
- g. Letter from the Coalition des Organizations Acadiennes du Québec / Lettre de la Coalition des organisations acadiennes du Québec
- h. Letter to the Agricultural Land Review Committee from co-chairs / Lettre des coprésidents au comité d'évaluation des terres agricoles de la Nouvelle-Écosse
 - A letter was sent to land committee. A similar letter will be sent to coastal management review.
 - Beth Keech: asked for the land use committee letter to be sent to board.

8. Other business / Autres affaires

None

9. Open floor (time limited by chair)/ Plénière (temps limité par le président de session)

- Ann Palmeter: The community plan process can be slow but the community wants to get it right.
- Mike Ennis: indicated that the municipality's process should be smooth once the community suggestions are reflected.
- Christophe: If not ready, we will use the stage of the plan as applicable.
- Peter Jackson: The public process for the community plan was not satisfactory. People whose land was affected were not contacted. The planning department needs to review this process. Zoning changes require more input and support. It appears that planning is disconnected with the people. Communication with land owners was not the best for the community plan.

10. Next meeting / Prochaine reunion

July 8- A very critical meeting

11. Adjournment / Levée de séance

Copy of Letter:
April 1st, 2010

Agricultural Land Review Committee
PO Box 816
Kentville NS B4N 4H8

Dear Committee:

Re: Agricultural land issues in the Grand Pré area

We are writing to you 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 designation. The purpose of this letter is to highlight the reasons behind our submission and the importance of protecting and sustaining agriculture as a viable economic activity.

Grand Pré is being proposed according to three of UNESCO's criteria and as an enduring agricultural and memorial landscape. Our submission to UNESCO states that:

1. It is an exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition. The intact dykelands at Grand Pré are an exceptional example of the Acadian tradition of turning wetlands into highly fertile farmland.

2. It is an outstanding example of a traditional land-use that is representative of human interaction with a distinctive environment. The enduring agricultural use of the dykeland and persistent settlement pattern on the upland at Grand Pré is an outstanding example of an adaptation to a distinctive coastal environment in North America.
3. It is tangibly associated with living traditions and ideas of outstanding universal significance. Through its evocative memorials to a people who overcame a tragedy of a forced migration, the Acadian Deportation, Grand Pré is a symbol of hope, perseverance and pride for all humanity.

Grand Pré's marsh, the basis for its past and present livelihood, was built by the Acadians in the 1680s. It is one of the most fertile lands in Kings County, in Nova Scotia, and certainly in Canada. It has been for the most part continuously used since it was created and maintained by generations of farmers who have been responsible stewards of that land.

That land may have been created over 300 years ago, but it is not frozen in time. While the principles guiding the maintenance of the dykes, the aboiteaux, and the ditches are the same, the farmers have continuously improved the farming of that land while maintaining its distinctive character.

It is that character that has inspired countless artists in writing literary works based in Grand Pré and in depicting its extraordinary landscape. It is also that character that has attracted millions of tourists since the middle of the 19th century to come visit, invest in, and enjoy the bountiful products of the land.

These reasons and many more are at the heart of the proposal to present Grand Pré and area as a candidate for World Heritage status. There are many agricultural landscapes already on the World Heritage List. The large majority of them are living agricultural landscapes just like Grand Pré. There are vineyard landscapes, staple and economic crop landscapes, landscapes where agricultural activity has produced particularly beautiful scenery, and landscapes related to nomadic or pastoral activities. The landscapes on UNESCO's list are located in Europe, Asia and Africa, but there are none in North America. Grand Pré if successful would be the first to celebrate the importance of agriculture in people's livelihoods in North America.

This is the result of the land still being farmed and still being protected as agricultural land. It is also the result of the connection between local farmers and that land still being there.

There are important challenges with the future of Grand Pré that, you may agree, echo those experienced in other agricultural communities in Nova Scotia. Some of the challenges are social and economic. Local farmers relate that maintaining an agricultural industry is becoming increasingly difficult. There are concerns that younger generations are not interested in pursuing farming activities which is a threat to sustaining an agricultural economy. Moreover, the area attracts new residents who for the most part are individuals who retire in Grand Pré to enjoy the rural setting while being somewhat close to amenities provided by the neighbouring town of Wolfville or even Halifax. As a result, increased land use conflicts between agricultural and residential uses have put pressure on farmers.

Some of the challenges are environmental. This mainly relates to rising sea level which will be a pressure on the protection of actively farmed dykeland. Sea level rise combined with storm surges and other natural phenomena may damage the dyke system and, subsequently, paralyze agricultural activity.

These concerns need to be addressed to protect Grand Pré's agriculture and maintain its legitimacy as a candidate for World Heritage designation. Farmers must continue to adjust to changes in methods and technology to ensure success. Farming needs to be encouraged as an industry including by further ensuring the protection of the dykeland and surrounding agricultural land. Proactive measures should be taken in the present to respond to this threat.

We have identified several objectives for Grand Pré and area in our World Heritage proposal that your Committee may wish to consider:

- We aim to support the agricultural industry in remaining a vibrant economic activity and an attractive option for youth employment. This may be achieved by encouraging businesses related to agriculture, such as agritourism.
- We need to continue to preserve the dykeland and agricultural land for agricultural use and reduce the potential for land use conflicts with controls on non-farm uses on agricultural land.
- We wish to support the Grand Pré Marsh Body in its role as the long-term steward of the dykeland and work collaboratively with the Body when considering initiatives that

may have an impact on the dykes and dykeland. This includes working to develop initiatives to educate visitors about the importance of working on and protecting the dykelands and doing so without impeding the everyday work of the farmers.

- We need to dedicate resources to monitor and maintain the dykelands, including the dykes, the ditches, and the roads, to assess the pressures to them and develop mitigation measures.

These objectives are found in the draft Management Plan for the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site and in the goals of the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan. These are goals that make sense for both the protection of this extraordinary part of our collective heritage and for the agricultural community.

This farmland is important to the local farmers, to the Acadians, to residents, and to visitors. Agricultural land in our province is economically valuable for agriculture as an industry as well as for tourism.

As we are working diligently to ensure an international recognition for the agricultural landscape of Grand Pré, we urge the Province of Nova Scotia to work towards solutions that assist in maintaining this important landscape and that support the enduring agricultural activities of this area.

We recognize the challenges involved with the management of agricultural land in Nova Scotia. We believe that Grand Pré has a strong tradition of making a living from agriculture and we are working to contribute to a bright future by maintaining that essential part of everyone's well-being.

We appreciate the effort that you are making to consult with all interested members of the public including federal, provincial, and municipal governments.

Sincerely,



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

NOMINATION GRAND PRÉ ADVISORY BOARD

and

GRAND PRÉ AND AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,

GRAND PRÉ MARSH BODY,

KINGS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS,

PARKS CANADA,

**PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, THE SOCIÉTÉ PROMOTION GRAND-PRÉ INC., and THE SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE DE
L'ACADIE**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a framework for the Grand Pré and Area Community Association (hereinafter called “Community Association”), the Grand Pré Marsh Body (hereinafter called “Marsh Body”), Kings Regional Development Agency (hereinafter called “Kings RDA”), the Municipality of the County of Kings (hereinafter called “County of Kings”), Parks Canada Agency (hereinafter called “Parks Canada”), Province of Nova Scotia, the Société Promotion Grand-Pré Inc. (hereinafter called the “Société”), and the Société nationale de l’Acadie (hereinafter called the “SNA”) to work cooperatively with the Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board and to outline the nature of the relationship between the parties for the governance of the Grand Pré landscape as nominated for designation as a World Heritage Site (WHS).

The scope of this Memorandum of Understanding covers the relationship between the partners listed above both during the period following the submission of a nomination proposal to UNESCO and a decision by the World Heritage Committee, and after that decision in the event of a successful inscription. In light of this, the relationship is both with the Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board and the Grand Pré Stewardship Board to be established in the event of a successful inscription. Both Boards are hereinafter called the “Board”.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Grand Pré is on Canada’s Tentative List for potential World Heritage designation by UNESCO since 2004. The Board has been actively working since 2007 at developing a nomination dossier for submission to UNESCO. The Board has been conducting research, public engagement activities, and management planning exercises to prepare a solid proposal. The support of the local area communities and stakeholders and that of government departments and agencies at the federal, provincial and municipal levels has been instrumental in the completion of the nomination proposal.

Following the submission of a nomination proposal to UNESCO, a review process is led by UNESCO which lasts 18 months. A decision is made by the World Heritage Committee once a year.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Parties listed above have agreed to continue supporting the nomination proposal and the Board up until a decision by the World Heritage Committee is made and to establish a framework which will govern their actions in the implementation of the Management Plan for the Proposed Grand Pré World Heritage Site (Appendix 1 attached) to ensure the integrity of the Grand Pré landscape as nominated for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Parties listed above have agreed to protect the outstanding universal value as recognized by the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription of Grand Pré on the World Heritage List.

The Parties listed above have agreed to apply the following principles to guide their actions between now and following a decision by the World Heritage Committee and implement the management plan for the nominated property:

Principle 1: Management of the property will meet or exceed World Heritage standards regardless of inscription.

Principle 2: The primary focus of the management plan is to address issues directly related to the management and conservation of the site's outstanding universal value and attributes by providing a framework for advice from the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board* and for decision-making for the regulatory authorities.

Principle 3: The Management Plan recognizes that the nominated property is set within an active agricultural community where people continue to live and work. People have created, lived and worked on this land for generations and have been responsible stewards of the land. The Management Plan also recognizes that this is an area of great importance for the Acadians who have a strong emotional attachment to it.

Principle 4: Management of the nominated property in relation to World Heritage guidelines will be a shared responsibility between the different owners, communities, and government agencies with regulatory responsibilities for the property. The management plan recognizes that actions undertaken by an owner, community, or government agency with regulatory responsibilities may have a detrimental impact and that communication, coordination, and collaboration are essential to the long-term protection of the property.

Principle 5: Management and protection will be delivered through existing boards, bodies, and government authorities, supplemented by technical advice, interpretation, and education from the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board* and procedures developed to accommodate a designated World Heritage site.

In addition, the Parties listed above have agreed to pursue the following goals and objectives in relation to the management of the nominated property between now and following a decision by the World Heritage Committee:

Goal 1: To provide for the protection, continuing community and agricultural use and appreciation of the nominated property:

- a) Ensuring that agriculture remains a vibrant economic activity of the community;
- b) Ensuring that resources are dedicated to the monitoring and maintenance of the dykes;
- c) Ensuring that the memorials reflecting the enduring importance of the area for the Acadians are preserved and enhanced;
- d) Ensuring that ongoing research is nurtured to continue and fill the gaps in knowledge about the landscape and the people that inhabited it over the years;
- e) Ensuring that the Grand Pré Marsh Body, as long term steward of the marshland, continues to play a significant role in the maintenance, use and protection of the marshlands;
- f) Ensuring that visitors to the community are aware, through signage and brochures, of the need to be mindful that they are entering an active agricultural community;
- g) Ensuring that visitors have access to the values of the site without interfering with the ongoing agricultural use of the marshland;

Goal 2: To enrich the existing tourism destination by promoting wide recognition, understanding and appreciation of the educational and cultural values represented by the nominated property by:

- a) Developing programs, activities, tools, and interpretation that raise awareness of the importance of the landscape for the different communities, including the Mi'kmaq, the Acadians, and the descendants of the New England Planters;
- b) Promoting visitation through regional, national and international media;
- c) Ensuring that promotion of the site is managed responsibly in all aspects of publicity in relation to the nominated property in accordance with UNESCO guidelines.
- d) Developing tools and interpretation on the history and importance of agriculture in that region;
- e) Continuing to raise awareness about the Acadian people and the way they overcame their forced migrations of the 18th century;
- f) Developing partnerships with existing World Heritage sites;

Goal 3: To instill a strong sense of shared community pride and stewardship in the protection, interpretation and promotion of the nominated property by:

- a) Providing for community input and encouraging community participation;
- b) Engaging Acadian, local and other stakeholder communities in activities that celebrate the importance of the Grand Pré landscape;
- c) Employing a governance model to ensure that the interests and concerns of local residents and the Acadian community are heard, discussed, and reflected in the advice to the different jurisdictions;
- d) Ensuring the local and Acadian schools are provided sufficient information and opportunities to incorporate the experience at Grand Pré into their curriculum;

The regulatory authorities agree, through the terms of this memorandum of understanding, to provide mechanisms including timetables to consult and receive recommendations from the Board on issues pertaining to the management of the future World Heritage Site and on means to protect its outstanding universal value.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

After the nomination proposal has been submitted, the *Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board* will continue to lead the proposal up until a decision by the World Heritage Committee and provide answers to UNESCO reviewers, maintain stakeholder support, continue to communicate with stakeholders and government bodies and proceed with key commitments.

4.2 Stewardship Board

Once the site has been designated, the *Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board* will cease to exist and will be replaced by the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board* as the site manager in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines*. It will stand as a committee of the Kings RDA. Should the mandate or the terms of operation of the Board change, the relationship with the Kings RDA will be reviewed and actions will be taken as appropriate to ensure the sustainability of the governance structure.

Its mandate will be to ensure the implementation of the management plan through a coordinated management approach between all jurisdictions, promotion of the property's outstanding universal value, engagement of the stakeholders in the stewardship of the property, and reporting on the condition of the property.

In order to support its operations, resources will be provided by the Province of Nova Scotia, Parks Canada, Kings RDA and other partners, which will include staff for logistical support, a site management coordinator, and an operational budget. Specific initiatives will be supported through individual funding requests. (details included in drafts Terms of Reference for the Stewardship Board and operational budget). Kings RDA will enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the Board as needed to support its mandate.

The Board will continue to include representation from the local area communities, stakeholders and government bodies (as ex officio members) and its key responsibility will be to ensure the integrity of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Grand Pré World Heritage Site and, through the Technical Advisory Committee, meet the monitoring and reporting requirements of UNESCO.

The *Grand Pré Stewardship Board* will foster and facilitate research and information sharing for the benefit of the site and may seek outside expertise to achieve its objectives. The Board may also engage the Mi'kmaq communities and other stakeholders who are not specifically identified in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Structure

Terms of Reference for the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board* are included as Appendix 2.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Board will establish a Technical Advisory Committee which will advise the Board regarding issues which could have an impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS. The Committee will provide technical advice on the protection of the property's outstanding universal value and assist in reporting on the property's condition. The membership of the Technical Advisory Committee will include representatives of the federal, provincial and municipal governments, and local area stakeholders. (details of composition and operations part of the Terms of Reference for the Board)

4.3 Municipality of the County of Kings

The County of Kings will continue to be a voting member of the Board through the County councillor representing District 12. The County of Kings will consult with the Board on development projects, zoning issues and other matters that could have an impact on the Grand Pré World Heritage Site. The County will provide support and advice to the Board on a when and as required basis, subject to the availability of funds and personnel and in accordance with applicable regulations. The County of Kings will establish a data sharing agreement and

monitoring agreement with Parks Canada and provincial departments. The County of Kings will provide the necessary information to report on the condition of the future World Heritage site.

4.4 Grand Pré and Area Community Association

The Community Association will be a voting member of the Board. The Community Association will ensure that the interests and concerns of the residents of the communities of Grand Pré, Hortonville, North Grand Pré and Lower Wolfville are expressed and taken into consideration in all matters pertaining to the management of the Grand Pré landscape as nominated for designation as a World Heritage Site. The Community Association will provide support and advice to the Board on engaging, raising awareness, and working with the residents to manage the World Heritage Site effectively.

4.5 Kings Regional Development Agency

Kings RDA will continue to be a voting member of the Board and to provide administrative support for the Advisory Board ensuring that minutes of meetings are recorded and distributed. Kings RDA will also provide financial management capacity for the Board by preparing financial statements. Subject to the availability of funds and personnel, Kings RDA will also prepare submissions to other government bodies for resources required to undertake projects deemed necessary by the Board.

4.6 Grand Pré Marsh Body

The Grand Pré Marsh Body will continue to be a voting member of the Board and will provide support and advice to ensure monitoring and reporting requirements are achieved. The Grand Pré Marsh Body will advise the Board in advance regarding work on dykes, drainage, and roads, and will assist in monitoring of condition and activities. The Grand Pré Marsh Body will permit the Board and government bodies to carry out necessary monitoring work in the Grand Pré Marsh. The Grand Pré Marsh Body will provide support to engage the dykeland owners and the necessary information to report on the condition of the future World Heritage site.

4.7 Parks Canada

Parks Canada as a landowner will be a voting member of the Board.

Parks Canada will ensure the commemorative integrity of Grand-Pré National Historic Site of Canada (NHSC) located within the Grand Pré landscape as nominated for inscription as a World Heritage Site. Parks Canada will ensure that all its management activities related to Grand-Pré NHSC are supportive of the values and objectives of the World Heritage Site. Parks Canada will ensure the protection of cultural resources on all its administered lands within the boundaries of the nominated property according to its policies.

Parks Canada will welcome visitors to the World Heritage Site and provide support for interpreting the values and importance of the World Heritage Site, subject to the availability of funds and personnel. With the support of the Province of Nova Scotia and the County of Kings and other relevant organisations, Parks Canada will take a leadership role in coordinating monitoring and reporting activities required by the World Heritage Site in accordance with UNESCO requirements.

Parks Canada will implement a data sharing agreement with the County of Kings and provincial departments. As the Grand Pré landscape as nominated for inscription as a World Heritage Site is part of the Grand-Pré Rural Historic District, the Parks Canada will also provide expertise necessary for the protection of the World Heritage Site.

Working in cooperation with the Board, the Société Promotion Grand-Pré and local area communities and stakeholders, Parks Canada will support the promotion, marketing, and organization of events and activities related to the World Heritage Site.

Parks Canada will consult the Board prior to developing and implementing plans and activities for the Parks Canada administered properties.

4.8 Province of Nova Scotia

The Province of Nova Scotia will provide support to Parks Canada and the County of Kings for the monitoring and reporting activities required for the World Heritage Site. The Province of Nova Scotia will help promote the World Heritage Site and provide support for projects undertaken by the Board, subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

The Province of Nova Scotia will implement a data sharing agreement with Parks Canada and the County of Kings and will provide expertise necessary for the protection of the World Heritage Site.

The Province of Nova Scotia will ensure that the departments of Agriculture, Tourism, Culture and Heritage, Natural Resources, Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Renewal will consult the Board prior to the development and implementation of plans, policies and activities which could have an impact on the World Heritage Site, including in its buffer. These provincial departments will also provide expertise necessary for the protection of the World Heritage site, as required.

The Province of Nova Scotia will continue to be an ex officio member of the Board.

4.9 Société Promotion Grand-Pré Inc.

The Société Promotion Grand-Pré will undertake promotional activities in relation to the World Heritage Site. The Société will be a member of the an education and marketing committee to ensure the values and importance of the World Heritage Site are communicated to target audiences. The Société will also support the development, distribution and display of educational products related to the World Heritage Site, subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

The Société Promotion Grand-Pré will continue to be a voting member of the Board.

In addition to consulting Parks Canada, the Société Promotion Grand-Pré will consult the Board prior to developing and implementing plans and activities for the Parks Canada administered properties at Grand Pré.

4.10 Société nationale de l'Acadie

The Société nationale de l'Acadie will be a voting member of the Board. It will serve as one of the two co-chairs along with a local resident. The SNA will provide support to engage the Acadian community at large in the governance of the future World Heritage site. The SNA will also actively participate in its protection by raising awareness about its values.

5.0 GENERAL MATTERS

It is recognized that this Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a statement of mutual understanding between the Parties. However, it is not intended to be and shall not be interpreted or construed as a legally enforceable agreement or as creating any legal rights or obligations between the Parties.

It is also recognized that nothing in the Memorandum of Understanding, or in the work the parties undertake together, is intended to be or shall be interpreted or construed as creating an agency, partnership or joint venture relationship of any kind between the Parties or as imposing on either Party any partnership, joint venture or agency duties, obligations or liabilities to the other Party or to any other person.

In dealings with other persons, the Parties will endeavour to ensure that all such persons are aware that the parties are not acting in partnership, joint venture or as an agent for each other.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION

The parties agree that any notice required to be given pursuant to this Memorandum shall be sufficiently given if personally delivered or mailed by prepaid registered mail addressed as follows:

- a) To Nomination Grand-Pré Advisory Board:

Co-Chairs

Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

Kings RDA

35 Webster Street

Kentville, Nova Scotia

B4N 1H4

- b) To the Grand Pré and Area Community Association:

- c) To the Grand Pré Marsh Body:

- d) To the Municipality of the County of Kings:

- e) To Kings Regional Development Agency:

Executive Director

Kings RDA

35 Webster Street

Kentville, Nova Scotia

B4N 1H4

- f) To the Province of Nova Scotia:

f) To Parks Canada:

Director General, Eastern Canada

Parks Canada

Historic Properties

1869 Upper Water Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia

B3J 1S9

g) To the Société Promotion Grand-Pré:

Président

Société Promotion Grand-Pré Inc.

Lieu historique national de Grand-Pré

C.P. 150

Grand-Pré (Nouvelle-Écosse)

B0P1M0

7.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement will be in effect upon signing by the Parties and will remain in effect until any party wishes to terminate or alter it. If such a situation occurred, the Board would work with the remaining parties to modify the existing agreement or develop a new agreement.

On behalf of the Nomination Grand-Pré Advisory Board:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Grand Pré Community Association:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Grand Pré Marsh Body:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Kings:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Kings Regional Development Agency:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia:

Signature

Date

On behalf of Parks Canada:

Signature

Date

On behalf of the Société Promotion Grand-Pré Inc.:

Signature

Date

Appendix 1 Management Plan for the Proposed Grand Pré World Heritage Site

Appendix 2 Terms of Reference for the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board*

Appendix 3 Operational Budget for the *Grand Pré Stewardship Board*

Nomination Grand Pré
Draft Terms of Reference for the
Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board

Revised Date: July 2nd, 2010

1.0 Title

The name of the board acting as site manager for the Agricultural, Historic, and Symbolic Landscape of Grand Pré shall be named the *Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board*, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

2.0 Purpose

In the event of a successful inscription of the Agricultural, Historic, and Symbolic Landscape of Grand Pré on UNESCO's World Heritage List, the *Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board* will cease to exist and will be replaced by the *Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board* as the site manager in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines* and the information submitted as part of the nomination proposal.

The Board will foster and facilitate research and information sharing for the benefit of the site and may seek outside expertise to achieve its objectives.

3.0 Status of the Board

- 3.1 The Board is a permanent committee of the Kings RDA. It abides by the rules and regulations regulating similar committees of the Kings RDA.
- 3.2 The status of the Board may be revised should the mandate or terms of operations require a different structure to achieve sustainability and efficiency.

4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 The responsibilities of the Board will be to:
 - a) Act as the stewards of the World Heritage Site (WHS);
 - b) Implement the management plan through a coordinated management approach between all jurisdictions;
 - c) Engage the stakeholders in the stewardship of the WHS;
 - d) Promote the property's outstanding universal value;
 - e) Report on the condition of the property;
 - f) Appoint a site management coordinator;
 - g) Obtain the support of relevant authorities; and,

h) Approve contracts.

4.2 The Board may establish other sub-committees to provide advice or to assist in the performance of its responsibilities.

4.3 At least one member of the Board will be part of such sub-committees.

4.4 The Board will respond within six weeks to requests for input received from the different jurisdictions for input regarding development projects proposed for the area within the boundary and buffer zone of the WHS. It is understood that the Co-Chairs of the Board will make representations to various government bodies regarding issues identified by the Board. While the Board may consult stakeholders and the residents of the WHS as it carries out its mandate, the Board will not undertake formal public consultations regarding a development project as this would duplicate the work of other jurisdictions.

4.0 Membership

4.1 The members of the Board are the following organizations:

As voting members

- Councillor of District 12, Municipality of the County of Kings;
- Kings Regional Development Agency (Kings RDA);
- Grand Pré Marsh Body;
- Société nationale de l'Acadie (SNA);
- Société Promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP);
- Glooscap First Nation;
- Destination Southwest Nova;
- Grand-Pré and Area Community Association; and,
- Parks Canada.

As ex-officio and non voting

- Staff, the Municipality of the County of Kings;
- Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency (ACOA);
- Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage of the Province of Nova Scotia (DTCH);
- Office of Acadian Affairs of the Province of Nova Scotia (OAA);
- Department of Agriculture of the Province of Nova Scotia (Agriculture);
- and,
- Nova Scotia Economic Development.

4.2 Each organization can delegate one representative and one alternate.

4.3 The terms of office of representatives are at the discretion of the appointing voting member organization.

- 4.4 New members can be added to join by the Board to ensure the balance and representation necessary to achieve its mandate. There will be no more than 12 voting members.
- 4.7 The Site Management Coordinator will sit on the Board, without voting rights, to report and advise the Board as necessary.
- 4.8 Resource people may be invited to attend the meetings upon request from the Co-chairpersons on behalf of the Board to provide advice and assistance as necessary. Resource people will not have a right to vote.
- 4.10 Board members who no longer represent the organization for which they were nominated will cease to be members of the Board.
- 4.11 Experts can be added as ex-officio members of the Board as required.

5.0 Co-Chairpersons

- 5.1 The positions of co-chairperson of the Board will be held by (1) a member of the local community and (2) a member of the Acadian community. Co-chairs will serve for three year terms. The local community representative will be delegated by the Grand Pré and Area Community Association. The Acadian community representative will be delegated by the Société Promotion Grand-Pré. Both positions are from the membership of the Board.
- 5.2 The responsibilities of the **co-chairpersons** include:
- Scheduling meetings and approving agendas;
 - Inviting resource people to attend meetings when required by the Board;
 - Chairing meetings;
 - Ensuring that all agenda items end with a decision, action or definite outcome;
 - Reviewing the draft minutes prior to their distribution;
 - Approving media statements; and,
 - Serving as the official spokespersons of the WHS.
- 5.3 Co-chairs are by default members of the sub-committees created by the Board.

6.0 Secretariat

- 6.1 The Secretariat will be operated by Kings RDA.
- 6.2 The position of Secretary of the Board will be held by Kings RDA staff.
- 6.3 The responsibilities of the Secretariat are to:

- Support the operations of the Board and its sub-committees;
- Manage correspondence on behalf of the Board;
- Manage the budget;
- Prepare funding applications;
- Manage contracts;
- Provide coordination for media, public, and stakeholder relations;

6.4 The responsibilities of the Secretary are to:

- Prepare meeting agendas and issue notices of meetings 10 days prior to the meeting date, and ensuring that all documents required for discussion or comment are attached to the agenda;
- Take notes and prepare minutes of Board meetings within 10 days after the meeting;
- Provide draft minutes to the co-chairpersons for their review prior to distribution to the members;
- Ensure that the minutes of the previous meeting are approved at the beginning of the following meeting; and
- Organize the logistics of the meetings of the Board and other meetings relating to the operations of the Board.

6.5 The Secretary will provide quarterly reports on the operations of the Secretariat, including reports on correspondence, budget, contracting, and media, public, and stakeholder relations.

7.0 Management of the World Heritage Site

7.1 The Board will appoint a Site Management Coordinator.

7.2 The Site Management Coordinator will report to the Board.

7.3 The responsibilities of the Site Management Coordinator are to:

- Coordinate the implementation of the Management Plan for the World Heritage Site;
- Coordinate the implementation of the decisions of the Board;
- Coordinate the review of requests for input;
- Chair the Technical Advisory Committee;
- Chair the Education and Marketing Committee;
- Chair any other sub-committees created by the Board;
- Prepare a five-year business plan with annual statements of implementation;
- Prepare reports, position papers and recommendations to the Board;
- Coordinate media, public, and stakeholder relations with key partners;
- Facilitate partnerships to pursue the goals of implementing the management plan, particularly for activities relating to research, protection, and sustainability;
- Report annually on the implementation of the Management Plan and on the condition of the World Heritage Site;

- Coordinate and prepare the report on the condition of the World Heritage Site for Canada's Periodic Report;
- Represent the World Heritage Site on the Canadian Network of World Heritage Sites;
- Liaise with the Canadian Delegation to the World Heritage Committee, in particular on matters relating to media relations, project reviews, and pressures to the World Heritage Site;

- 7.4 The Site Management Coordinator will provide quarterly reports on the partnerships, condition of the site, activities, and any other matter pertaining to the management of the World Heritage Site.
- 7.5 The business plan will identify a funding strategy, resources required, priorities, and positive outcomes for the protection, promotion and interpretation of the World Heritage Site.
- 7.6 The Site Management Coordinator will advise the Board of any requests for input received and will provide a short summary of the proposal.
- 7.7 The Board will acknowledge receipt of the request for input directly to the authority and will direct the Site Management Coordinator to solicit advice from the Technical Advisory Committee and other experts as needed.
- 7.8 The review process will take no more than six weeks between acknowledgement of receipt and the Board's submission of a statement on the proposal.
- 7.9 The Board will establish a Technical Advisory Committee to advise the Board regarding issues which could have an impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS. The Committee will provide technical advice on the protection of the property's outstanding universal value and assist in reporting on the property's condition. The membership of the Technical Advisory Committee will include representatives of the federal, provincial and municipal governments, outside experts and stakeholders.
- 7.10 The Technical Advisory Committee will meet at least twice a year or as required to provide support to the Board.
- 7.11 The Technical Advisory Committee will review requests for input from jurisdictions within a time frame of no longer than four weeks. It will provide comprehensive, accurate, and objective information to the Board in the form of reports.

- 7.12 Should the Technical Advisory Committee require more time to proceed with the review, the Chair of the Committee will make a written request to the Board that will include a justification, a detailed timeline, and resources required to complete the review. The Board will then contact the jurisdiction to seek accommodation.
- 7.13 The Board will establish an Education and Marketing Committee to advise the Board on issues relating to promotion, interpretation, and education, as well as to coordinate the development of products, activities and messages related to the World Heritage Site. The membership of the Education and Promotion Committee will include representatives of the government and non government agencies responsible for tourism, interpretation, and regional economic development, outside experts and local area stakeholders.
- 7.14 The Education and Promotion Committee will meet at least twice a year or as needed.
- 7.15 The Technical Advisory Committee and the Education and Promotion Committee will provide individual annual reports on their activities for the May meeting of the Board.

8.0 Meetings

- 8.1 Meetings shall be held quarterly in February, May, August, and November.
- 8.2 Special or extraordinary meetings shall be called by the co-chairpersons upon the request in writing specifying the reasons justifying the meeting, of two or more members of the Board.
- 8.3 A quorum of members must be present before a meeting can proceed. Fifty percent plus 1 of voting members of the Board must be present before the meeting can proceed.
- 8.4 Decisions will be made by consensus and will be approved unanimously. A vote will be conducted with a majority determining the decision should consensus not be possible.
- 8.5 The language of meetings will be usually English.
- 8.6 Agendas, minutes and other documents relevant will be made available in English and French.

- 8.7 Meetings are public and minutes will be made available, following approval of the Board.
- 8.8 Invitations will be sent to the authorities within the buffer zone prior to a meeting of the Board. Minutes will be provided following the meeting to those authorities.
- 8.9 The Board will call a public meeting once a year no later than June 30th to provide a report on the management of the World Heritage Site and discuss issues, challenges, and opportunities.

9.0 Funding

- 9.1 The Board is responsible to approve and review the budget and business plans.
- 9.2 The finances of the Board are to be managed by Kings RDA. The Kings RDA will enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the Board subject to the Board's approval. Staff of the Board will be hired and managed by the Kings RDA.
- 9.3 A five-year operational budget will be included within the business plan.
- 9.4 Special projects will be funded from project-based funding applications.
- 9.5 The organizations represented on the Board will cover the travel costs and other costs associated with the participation of their representative on the Board.

10.0 Amendments or revisions

The terms of reference will be reviewed at least every three years and may be reviewed and altered to meet the requirements of the Board, by at least two thirds (2/3) agreement.

Appendix 1: Organisational Chart

Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board

Co-chaired by: a representative from the local community and one from the Acadian community.

Secretariat and
Site
Management
Coordinator

Technical Advisory Committee

Chaired by: Site Management Coordinator

Education and Marketing Committee

Chaired by: Site Management Coordinator



TO: Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

From: Christophe Rivet, Project Manager

Date: July 8th, 2010

RE: Project Manager's and Progress Report 15 (for discussion)

GENERAL

As mentioned in Project Manager's and Progress report 14, the focus was on completing a draft nomination which has been achieved. There have been numerous exchanges with the Canadian Delegation to produce this draft. New draft will be produced in the coming week prior to requesting a formal review by the Canadian Delegation in late July.

Highlights include:

- Draft of the nomination proposal completed (all key 6 chapters and maps);
- Draft management plan for the national historic site is being finalized;
- Draft community plan is scheduled to go for second public consultation (July 7th);
- Revised draft archaeological heritage strategy is underway;
- Compilation of appendices is underway;
- Final draft coastal erosion study is completed;
- New draft risk preparedness plan is underway;
- Map production is underway;
- Design of the nomination proposal is underway;

SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT AND OF THE PROPOSAL

Description of Area:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: Draft section completed.

Justification for Inscription:

A revised statement of Outstanding Universal Value is included in the draft nomination. The essence of the proposal has not changed however the wording is evolving in response to the need for a clearer articulation of a strong case for outstanding universal value based on UNESCO's criteria and precedents.

A new iteration of a comparative analysis was prepared in response to the articulation of the OUV. It compares Grand Pré to other dykelands in Western Europe and North America that are pre-modern. In addition, it compares Grand Pré to other sites that relate to the forced migration of a people in the face of conflict and to their renaissance. The draft will continue to evolve based on feedback from international experts in those matters, on the Canadian Delegation's comments, and UNESCO's observations following the voluntary review.

Next steps: Complete draft comparative analysis. Prepare revisions to draft OUV and comparative analysis.

Evaluation of present state of conservation:

The revised statement of outstanding universal value includes statements on integrity and authenticity.

Next steps: Finalize draft state of the conservation based on data provided by the Department of Agriculture on dykes and aboiteaux. Complete discussion with the Departments of Agriculture, Tourism, Culture, and Heritage and Parks Canada on the rating guide to report on present condition.

Assessment of factors affecting the property:

Coastal change report finalized with the assistance of the Ecology Action Centre.

Next steps: Include in the draft nomination proposal.

Monitoring plan:

Condition indicators were developed and included in the management plan. A draft monitoring programme for coastal change is being finalized based on the coastal change report's observations. This will include location points to monitor coastal change. These points are identified in cooperation with the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Department of Agriculture who will contribute to the implementation of the monitoring programme.

Next steps: Finalize draft monitoring process.

Develop protective and management system for the proposal:

National historic site process

Aboriginal consultation complete.

Next steps: Final draft being prepared for internal approval and delivery to Minister's office.

Municipal process (see planner's report)

The Community Plan Liaison Committee and municipal planners are preparing for a second consultation with the community (July 7th). (oral report on municipal process will be provided on July 8th to the AB)

Next steps: TBD.

Management plan

A revised draft of the archaeological heritage strategy is being prepared to discuss with the Mi'kmaq. That draft will also be presented to the community of Grand Pré for information.

A meeting with the Municipality of the County of Kings' emergency management office, the aboteaux superintendent, and the national historic site staff took place to discuss risk preparedness. It was agreed that there was a need to compile in a single format the information available to guide the actions at all three levels. It was also agreed that a subsequent step will be to develop a potential training module for those involved in risk preparedness after a successful designation.

A draft memorandum of understanding and terms of reference for the governance structure has been prepared for consideration by the Advisory Board at its July meeting. Both rely on the principles that were agreed on by the Advisory Board in 2009. There have been informal discussions with staff at all three levels of government. Formal discussions will take place once the Advisory Board approves the documents in principle.

Next steps: Revise draft of archaeological heritage strategy and meet with the Mi'kmaq to discuss their role. Prepare revised draft of risk preparedness and circulate with appropriate staff.

Visitor and Interpretation:

Work completed.

Next steps: None.

Draft proposal:

Complete draft nomination chapters 1-6 and 8. Key maps completed, remaining underway. Key appendices completed.

Next steps: Prepare new drafts of the nomination proposal in preparation for formal submission to the Canadian Delegation for their review.

Project administration:

See financial report.

Next steps: See financial report

Communication and public engagement:

An update to the community was initially considered for end of June. Due to drafts being incomplete and community plan work underway, it was postponed to a later date in July.

Nomination Grand Pré was present and actively participated in the Planter Studies Conference held at Acadia University. Three speakers (Katie Cottreau-Robins, Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc, and Christophe Rivet) gave talks on different aspects of the history and the archaeology of the area resulting from the work done in the context of the nomination proposal.

Postcards were made that showcase the artwork of the winners of the youth poster challenge. Postcards are available at the national historic site in both French and English.

A project is underway to compile testimonials in the local community and in other stakeholder communities on the meaning of Grand Pré. This will serve to prepare a short documentary to highlight the extraordinary aspects of Grand Pré. It will be available on our website and as a DVD and will help support our statement of value.

Next steps: Organise community update meeting and presence in the Acadian community. Implement the testimonial project.

Engagement of the Acadian community

Members of the Acadian community approached Nomination Grand Pré to try to organize an event to engage youth. Further discussions will take place in the coming months.

Next steps: Continue discussions with community leaders for presentations and activities.

Engagement of the Mi'kmaq

As we are continuing our work on the process, including developing a governance approach, it is essential to actively engage the Mi'kmaq. Chief Clark has continued to indicate support for this initiative on behalf of Glooscap community.

Next steps: Meet with Chief Clark and other Mi'kmaq representatives to discuss future of the site and nomination proposal.

Economic development & interpretation strategy:

Complete. See Tourism Strategy report from consultants.

Next steps: None

Approval process for final document:

The Canadian delegation to the World Heritage Committee reviews and signs the nomination proposal once it is ready to be sent. Initial review of the draft will take place in the months of July –August 2010.

There is still a need to clarify the provincial and municipal process in support of the nomination.

Next steps: Clarify with municipal and provincial authorities approval process.

PROGRESS

Project component	General category	Status	Target completion	Comment	Next steps
Outstanding Universal Value	Statement of OUV	● Active	April REVISED - MAY	Revised based on international review and expert comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete final draft of comparative analysis • Revise
	Comparative analysis	● Active	April REVISED - MAY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize first draft • Review from experts • Redraft • Workshop review • Submit to AB
	Integrity and Authenticity	● Active	April	Draft statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize landscape analysis • Assess condition of cultural resources • Complete archaeological mapping
Management	National Historic site management plan	● Active	October	Aboriginal consultation completed. On track for completion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present to AB • Finalize for Aboriginal consultation • Carry out Aboriginal consultation • Finalize draft • Internal review • CEO approval • Minister's approval • Tabling in Parliament
	Community plan	● Active	October	Draft ready for review by the Community Liaison Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review by community committee • Second draft • Review • Presentation to community • Review • Finalize • Forward to Planning Committee • Consultation • Forward to Council • Consultation • Approval
	WH management plan	●	June	Draft archaeological heritage strategy reviewed and supported in principle by authorities. Draft risk preparedness plan being prepared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Archaeological Heritage Strategy • Risk preparedness plan • Governance structure • Condition assessment and indicators

		Active		Coastal erosion study finalized. Final review by management plan working group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize landscape analysis Coastal study Dyke maintenance policies
Commitments	Governance structure	● Active	July	Meeting with RDA, Parks Canada, and Municipality outlined the key principles and structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with provincial authorities Meet with Parks Canada Prepare Terms of Reference of governance structure
	Memorandum of understanding	● Active	December	Discussions on MOU has begun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft MOU Review by AB
	Implementation	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Dossier preparation	Appendices	● Active	January 2011	Work underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile legislation Complete archaeological reports
	Translation	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Editing	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Photo and mapping	● Active	May	List of photographs has been prepared for the nomination proposal. Key maps are ready. Mapping work has begun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize RFP for photography Prepare inventory of photos
Legacy project	Analysis	● Completed	February	Consultants completed report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultants' report received
	Implementation	● Active	October	Discussions underway between Parks Canada and the Kings RDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline project Set up committee

Revenue	2009-2010 Budget	2010-2012 Budget	Received 5/31/10	Difference	Apr-10 Budget	Apr-10 Actuals	May-10 Budget	May-10 Actuals
ACOA	211,348.50	273,519.50	119,028	154,491.93		34,506.57		
Province of Nova Scotia	211,348.50	273,519.50	155,498.55	118,020.95		34,280.82		
County of Kings	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00				
Kings RDA (HST Rebate)	20,767.50	6,917.00	0.00	6,917.00				
Parks Canada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Societe Promotion Grand Pre	0.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00				
Private Donation	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00				5,000.00
World Acadian Congress	0.00	646.67	646.67	0.00				
Acadian Organizations	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00				
Moncton & Mount Allison Universities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	553,464.50	676,602.67	395,172.79	281,429.88	0.00	68,787.39	0.00	5,000.00
Expenses								
Communications & Public Relations								
Communications & PR Specialist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Communications Strategy	25,700.00	27,371.00	27,370.48	0.52				
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Web Administration	1,000.00	1,065.00	832.80	232.20				
Communication-Related Materials	10,000.00	12,150.00	3,706.95	8,443.05			400.00	
Translation	15,000.00	15,975.00	297.94	15,677.06				
International Brochure	2,500.00	2,663.00	0.00	2,663.00				
Sub-Total	54,200.00	59,224.00	32,208.17	27,015.83	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
Research & Expertise								
Heritage Planner	106,000.00	106,000.00	107,041.18	-1,041.18	4,567.72	4,567.72	4,567.72	4,567.72
Archaeologists	33,000.00	35,145.00	25,507.87	9,637.13				
Cartography	5,000.00	5,325.00	0.00	5,325.00				
GIS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Historians	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Archaeological Surveys	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Archival Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Conservations Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Sub-Committee Meetings	20,000.00	26,300.00	17,589.13	8,710.87				
Air Photos	4,000.00	4,260.00	202.24	4,057.76				
LIDAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Comparative Study	22,500.00	23,962.50	23,603.42	359.08				
Background Research for Management Plan	5,000.00	15,325.00	5,458.98	9,866.02				
Sub-Total	195,500.00	216,317.50	179,402.82	36,914.68	4,567.72	4,567.72	4,567.72	4,567.72
Consultation & Stakeholder Relations								
Stakeholder Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Permanent Display	5,000.00	6,825.00	407.90	6,417.10				
Meetings	4,000.00	7,260.00	2,952.65	4,307.35				
Meeting Documents	4,000.00	4,260.00	1,004.52	3,255.48				
Translations Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Sub-Total	13,000.00	18,345.00	4,365.07	13,979.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nominations Proposal-Production & Follow-up								
Graphic Design	25,000.00	26,625.00	0.00	26,625.00				
Photography & Video	5,000.00	10,325.00	0.00	10,325.00				
Editing	20,000.00	21,300.00	0.00	21,300.00				
Translation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Printing	10,000.00	10,650.00	7,309.36	3,340.64				
Maps Production	5,000.00	5,325.00	0.00	5,325.00				
Interpretation & Presentation Supports	60,000.00	63,900.00	31,524.00	32,376.00				
Professional Services (including Paris delivery)	27,500.00	29,287.50	0.00	29,287.50				
Attendance at World Heritage Convention July '12	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00				
Site Visit	5,000.00	10,325.00	0.00	10,325.00				
Sub-Total	157,500.00	192,737.50	38,833.36	153,904.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Administration								
Project Management	30,000.00	76,950.00	9,587.51	67,362.49				
Research Assistant	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00				
Data File Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
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Conferences & Events	10,000.00	10,650.00	7,513.46	3,136.54				
Sub-Total	60,000.00	129,900.00	52,991.81	76,908.19	0.00	0.00	500.00	255.23
Total Expenses Pre-Contingency & Taxes	480,200.00	616,524.00	307,801.23	308,722.77	4,567.72	4,567.72	5,467.72	4,822.95
Contingency & HST (6.5%)								
Contingency	17,134.50	59,432.00	0.00	59,432.00				
HST (not applicable on Heritage Planner Expense)	56,130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Sub-Total	73,264.50	59,432.00	0.00	59,432.00				
TOTAL	553,464.50	675,956.00	307,801.23	368,154.77				
Anticipated Surplus/Deficit	0.00	646.67	87,371.56	-86,724.89				

June 7, 2010

Kings Hants Heritage Connection
c/o Gordon Haliburton, Chair
36 Gaspereau Avenue
Wolfville, Nova Scotia
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Mr. Peter Herbin & Dr. Gerald Boudreau, Co-Chairs
Nomination Grand Pre
c/o Kings Regional Development Agency
35 Webster Street
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Dear Mr. Herbin & Dr. Boudreau,

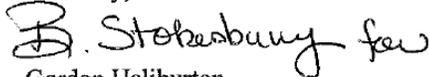
I am writing this letter in my capacity as Chair of the Kings Hants Heritage Connection. This group represents some ten organizations within Kings and West Hants Counties involved with the cultural/heritage sector. Indeed our group is one of the most active bodies for the promotion and protection of heritage within our geographic region.

Our group is well acquainted with the Grand Pre UNESCO Nomination and felt that it was high time that we issued a letter of support for this exciting and deserving initiative. Through our members Beth Keech and Marianne Gates we receive monthly updates on the progress of the nomination bid.

For those of us who live in the Annapolis Valley the designation being sought for Grand Pre as an inspiring cultural landscape worthy of protection for its outstanding universal value is unquestionable. Around our committee table sit the descendants of both Acadians and New England Planters. We planned events cooperatively for the last Acadian World Congress just as we plan events jointly for this year marking the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the New England Planters. The history that this land reveals in its own unique way is the history of our forefathers, and we for our brief time on this earth act as its custodians. What better way to ensure the preservation of that history than with the shield of UNESCO designation. We encourage the world to see, to visit, to experience what we as Canadians enjoy by our birthright. This land is special to us but the unique history reflected in this cultural landscape belongs to other cultures and peoples beyond our borders and, therefore, warrants universal protection.

On behalf of my committee I wish you every success in your nomination.

Sincerely,



Gordon Haliburton
Chair
Kings Hants Heritage Connection

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



CHEF DE L'OPPOSITION

June 7th, 2010

Mr. Peter Herbin
Co-chair
Nomination Grand Pré
Kings RDA
35 Webster Street
Kentville, Nova Scotia
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Dear Sir,

I would like to add my voice to those supporting the UNESCO World Heritage nomination of Grand Pré.

Grand Pré embodies many of the themes that can be found throughout this country's history and the phrase that you have chosen as a slogan, "One Land – Many Stories – A Shared Legacy," corresponds to this idea. These sometimes painful themes can be found on the ground itself and in the peoples who have followed one another into the region.

Furthermore, through both its geography and history, Grand Pré is most definitely a site of outstanding universal value. It is therefore with great enthusiasm that I support Grand Pré's quest to be registered as a World Heritage site.

I look forward to you and your organisation being successful in this endeavour.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Ignatieff".

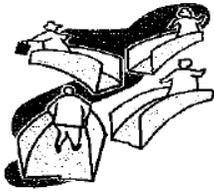
The Honourable Michael Ignatieff, P.C., M.P.
Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

cc: The Hon. Scott Brison, M.P. – Kings–Hants

Pablo Rodrigues, M.P. – Honoré Mercier
Opposition Critic for Canadian Heritage

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Etendre son horizon

Miquelon le 7 mai 2010

Monsieur Gérald Boudreau
Projet Grand-Pré/UNESCO
Kings regional Development Agency -
35, rue Webster - Kentville
Nouvelle-Ecosse - B4N 1H4

Objet : Lettre d'appui de la Société Nationale de l'Acadie au projet de la reconnaissance du paysage culturel de Grand-Pré comme site du patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO.

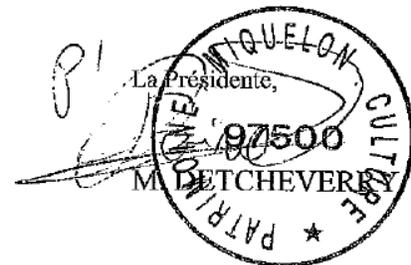
Monsieur BOUDREAU

Au nom de la Société Nationale de l'Acadie, je suis heureuse d'apporter un appui inconditionnel au projet de reconnaissance du paysage culturel de Grand-Pré comme site du patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO. Grand-Pré, lieu de pèlerinage des Acadiens et centre mondial de la commémoration de leur Déportation, est le foyer historique le plus important du peuple acadien. Il illustre la période située entre la colonisation acadienne de 1682 et les déportations qui se sont produites à partir de 1755. Il évoque aussi les heures les plus douloureuses et les plus héroïques des Acadiens, et il rappellera aux générations futures l'exemple d'un peuple d'un courage hors du commun.

Ce « grand dérangement » a fortement influencé l'histoire des Acadiens, mais, en retour, il a renforcé sa fierté de peuple et enrichi, de façon légendaire, son patrimoine. Ce lieu commémore également le profond attachement qu'éprouvent les Acadiens de partout dans le monde envers cette région, cœur de leur patrie ancestrale et symbole des liens qui les unissent.

Les Acadiens ont forgé à la sueur de leur front un paysage culturel unique qui a survécu jusqu'à aujourd'hui comme témoignage de leur ingéniosité, de leur détermination et de leur courage. Nous sommes heureux de participer à ce projet qui vient reconnaître l'apport exceptionnel du peuple acadien à l'histoire, au présent et à l'avenir et fiers d'y investir de nombreuses heures en tant que bénévoles au nom de la communauté acadienne du monde entier.

Veuillez agréer l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.



Patrimoine



Théâtre



Cinéma



Musique/spectacles



Peinture/Expositions



Wolfville Historical Society

Randall House Museum
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3 June 2010

Mr. Peter Herbin & Dr. Gerald Boudreau, Co-Chairs
Nomination Grand Pré
c/o Kings Regional Development Agency
35 Webster Street
Kentville, NS, B4N 1H4

Dear Sirs,

The Board of Directors of the Wolfville Historical Society has asked me to write to express the Society's complete support for your quest for UNESCO recognition.

Those of us involved in heritage matters are only too aware of the struggles involved in making even small steps in heritage preservation and recognition. It is, therefore, gratifying to see the enthusiastic and superbly organized process by which you have combined the natural, economic and social history of Grand Pré over many centuries into a coherent picture of a geographic area which continues to direct its inhabitants to this very day. We have watched with interest, and some of us have been involved in, the process of developing the UNESCO application, and offer congratulations for a fine job done to date, and sincere best wishes for a successful outcome.

Sincerely,

H. John Whidden, President



June 25th, 2010

Coastal Coordinator
NS Fisheries and Aquaculture
P.O. Box 2223
Halifax, NS B3J 3C4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Protection of Dykelands, Agricultural Land, and Cultural Heritage in the Coastal Strategy

We are writing to you 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. The purpose of this letter is to highlight the reasons behind our submission to UNESCO and the importance of protecting the coastline around dykelands, in particular at Grand Pré. We feel it is important that the Coastal Strategy include and emphasize the importance of protecting dykelands, agricultural land, and cultural resources around the coast, as it is these resources that contribute to Grand Pré's outstanding universal value.

Grand Pré is being proposed according to three of UNESCO's criteria and as an enduring agricultural and memorial landscape. Our submission to UNESCO states that:

1. *It is an exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition. The intact dykelands at Grand Pré are an exceptional example of the Acadian tradition of turning wetlands into highly fertile farmland.*
2. *It is an outstanding example of a traditional land-use that is representative of human interaction with a distinctive environment. The enduring agricultural use of the dykeland and persistent settlement pattern on the upland at Grand Pré is an outstanding example of an adaptation to a distinctive coastal environment in North America.*
3. *It is tangibly associated with living traditions and ideas of outstanding universal significance. Through its evocative memorials to a people who overcame a tragedy of a forced migration, the Acadian Deportation, Grand Pré is a symbol of hope, perseverance and pride for all humanity.*

Grand Pré's dykeland was created by the Acadians in the 1680s and it is one of the most fertile lands in Kings County, in Nova Scotia, and certainly in Canada. That legacy has enabled farmers to prosper for centuries. In creating that land, they and the generations of farmers that followed, have had to learn to overcome the challenges of working in the face of the highest tides in the world. In addition, the Grand Pré area has seen generations of people settling and living off the bounties of the land and the sea. We have recently uncovered along the coast within the boundaries of our nominated area evidence of human use going back as far as 4,000 years before present. Layers of history, from Mi'kmaq artifacts, to Acadians aboiteaux, to Planter dykes, are apparent along the coastline of Grand Pré and area.

The environmental pressures facing our nominated property include storm surges and coastal erosion. These conditions can have significant impacts on the dykes themselves as well as archaeological heritage. These concerns need to be addressed to protect Grand Pré's agriculture, cultural and heritage resources, and to maintain its legitimacy as a candidate for World Heritage inscription.

We have identified some objectives for Grand Pré and area in our World Heritage nomination proposal that the Coastal Strategy may wish to consider:

- We are setting up a buffer zone around the nominated property to allow for the monitoring of coastal change and to encourage a coordinated approach between jurisdictions and landowners to mitigate the impacts of coastal erosion.
- We envision the implementation of a coastal erosion monitoring strategy that will be a shared responsibility among jurisdictions in the area. Currently, there is no formal documentation of coastal erosion in Grand Pré, but with a collaborative approach to documenting coastal change we could better understand coastal processes thus protecting the cultural and heritage resources.
- The coastal erosion monitoring strategy will also monitor for the presence and assess the condition of archaeological sites.
- We focus on protecting the agricultural land and the cultural resources, including the dykes, aboiteaux, and archaeological sites.

These objectives are found in the draft Management Plan for the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site and in the goals of the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan prepared by the Municipality of the County of Kings (www.nominationgrandpre.ca). These are goals that make sense for both the protection of this extraordinary part of our collective heritage and for the agricultural community.

Despite these objectives, there are broader issues of coastal management that we cannot take on alone. Chief among these is a comprehensive provincial approach to dykeland protection. While the state of Nova Scotia's coast report identifies dykelands as being 'not too sensitive to change if properly managed' and that 'Nova Scotians have a strong will to preserve them because of centuries of investment and the value of farmland', these statements are conditional on having the proper information and resources to manage those lands. Our observations are that the ability for communities to protect these dykelands is dependent amongst other things on a coordinated response to sea-level rise, investments in infrastructure protection, and research on coastal change. These are intrinsically tied to proper management and cannot be taken on by landowners and communities alone.

We encourage the Coastal Strategy to clearly articulate Nova Scotia's vision for research on coastal change and the importance of investing resources in the protection of dykeland infrastructure. In our experience, this includes investing in programs that address saltmarsh regeneration and management, and not just structural erosion mitigation measures such as rock facing.

The World Heritage nomination proposal for Grand Pré requires us to clearly articulate the commitment of landowners and authorities to protect the nominated property's outstanding universal value. It also requires us to outline the vision that will guide that commitment. We hope that the Coastal Strategy will contribute to providing us with the tools necessary to achieve that important goal.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our observations.

Sincerely,



Peter Herbin
Co-Chair,
Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board



Gérald C. Boudreau, Ph. D.
Co-Chair,
Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board



June 23rd, 2010

Chief Shirley Clarke
Glooscap Mi'kmaq Community
PO Box. 449, 159 Smith Road
Bishopville, NS B0P 1P0

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,

Gérald C. Boudreau, Ph. D.
Co-Chair,
Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

Peter Herbin
Co-Chair,
Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

cc. Twila Gaudet, Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn



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2 July 2010

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Christophe Rivet
Project Manager
World Heritage Nomination Proposal for Grand Pré

Dear Mr. Rivet:

RE: Update on the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan & Public Consultation

The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee met on 10 and 14 June 2010 to discuss changes made to the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan as a result of public input received at the open house and public meeting held in March. The Liaison Committee felt an obligation to the four communities of Grand Pré, Hortonville, North Grand Pré, and Lower Wolfville to bring to a revised draft plan out to the public one more time before contemplating a recommendation to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee.

A Public Meeting is scheduled for the Draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan on 7 July 2010 at 7 pm at the Grand Pré National Historic Park. This Public Meeting will include a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions or make comments in a public forum. The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee will meet again on 13 July at 7 pm at the Horton Community Centre.

As a result of public input received in March, the Liaison Committee has made a number of substantive changes to the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan. These changes are:

- *Removal of the Environmental Open Space (O1) zone (65 ft setback) along the shore in North Grand Pré. We will be maintaining the 50 ft setback in the current Land Use Bylaw.*
- *Change from Environmental Open Space (O1) zone (migratory bird habitat) to the Coastal Shoreland (CS) zone. We removed the O1 zone in this area and retained the current Coastal Shoreland (CS) zone with the existing 50 ft shoreline setback.*
- *All references to Views Protection (VP) overlay zones have been removed.*

- *Reduced front yard requirement from 45 ft to 15 ft for new structures and additions in Coastal Shoreland (CS) where lots abut the shore. This continues to be done through the site plan approval process in the draft Community Plan.*
- *Incorporation of 2007 salt marsh data from the Provincial Department of Natural Resource. We updated the salt marsh data resulting in the removal of some Environmental Open Space (O1) zoning along the shore in North Grand Pré.*
- *Zone changes from Environmental Open Space (O1) zone to Agriculture (A1) zone in accordance with variances issued by the Marsh Body.*
- *Changes to areas that were mapped as freshwater wetlands and zoned Environmental Open Space (O1). The Provincial Department of Natural Resources re-interpreted the freshwater wetland data and we incorporated the new data into our mapping.*
- *A tourist centre will be considered through the development agreement approval process in the Agriculture (A1) and Hamlet Historic Residential (R9) zones within the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan boundary. A tourist centre was allowed “as of right” in the A1 and R9 zones in the previous draft. In the current draft a tourist centre would be considered by Council through development agreement (contract), subject to a number of criteria.*

All land owners with the proposed boundary of the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan as well as those 500 ft from the proposed boundary have been notified of the upcoming Public Meeting set for 7 July at the Grand Pré National Historic Park.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions regarding the particulars or progress of the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan.

Sincerely,



Dawn M. Sutherland

Planner

Planning Services

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