

**UNESCO World Heritage Nomination Proposal
Grand Pré Cultural Landscape**

**Notes of the May 1, 2008 meeting
Grand-Pré NHSC**

Present:

Brian Banks	Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency (ACOA)
Louise Watson	Nova Scotia Economic Development (NSED)
Marianne Gates	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)
Erin Beaudin	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)
Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic Development
Victor Tétreault	Société Promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada (PC)
Chrystal Fuller	Municipality of the County of Kings
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection
Claude DeGrâce	Parks Canada (PC)
Gérald C. Boudreau	Société Nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)
John Fuller	Municipality of the County of Kings
Robert Palmer	Grand Pre Marsh Body

Regrets:

Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce
Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation
John Currie	Grand Pre Marsh Body
Madonna Spinazola	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs (OAA)
Paul D'Entremont	Kings Federation of Agriculture

1. Welcome / Opening of the meeting

Gerald Boudreau welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Previous meeting's notes are approved.

2. Review the agenda

There were no suggested modifications to the Agenda.

3. Progress report (Steering Committee)

Gerald Boudreau tabled a progress report of the Steering Committee meeting April 30, 2008. Topics covered at meetings coming up in Agenda topics 9,10, 11 and 12.

4. Funding Applications (Erin Beaudin)

Erin Beaudin tabled an updated of the funding applications. Erin stated they have formally received funding from the Municipality for the current fiscal year and are in the budget for the next fiscal year. Formal applications have been made to ACOA and Economic Development. Target date to announce funding is June 12, 2008 at the AGM. Dr. Robert, Dean of Social Science at Mount Allison University, will be making a social economic impact presentation of

UNESCO sites. Neil Conrad suggested council members from funding partners should be invited to attend meetings. Members of the Advisory Board agreed with Neil.

draft Terms of references for the Advisory Board and for the Steering Committee (project ToR). For the Advisory Board, changes include additional members of the board (Chamber of commerce, Destination Southwest Nova, 2 community representatives, municipal planner). Erin Beaudin stressed that the 2 community representatives will ensure that the residents' concerns are communicated to the project and that residents are part of the process. Discussions ensued about voting rights of members of the Board. That discussion was followed by discussion about the role of co-chairpeople, the World Heritage process and clarifying when the project effectively ends. Christophe Rivet clarified that the World Heritage Committee reviews the nomination proposal once during the process (at the end). The previous reviews are by non-decision making (advisory) bodies.

For the Steering Committee, Chrystal Fuller recommended that there be a specific mention of 'a planner for Kings County'. Christophe Rivet mentioned that the Steering Committee has been meeting at least once a week, by phone or in person. There was discussion about incorporating however, Erin Beaudin suggested continuing on an informal basis. As for point 6.0 the Board needs to decide how the signing authority will play out and how the budget will be managed. Louise Watson indicated that an important fact to consider is that EDO funding is meant to reimburse expenses incurred. Erin Beaudin suggested to discuss the issue between the SPGP and Kings CED and come back to the Board with a proposal.

AGREEMENT: *It was agreed that government representatives would not have voting rights, and that they would have ex-officio status. It was also agreed that consensus will be sought on decisions. In case of disagreement it would be resolved through a dispute mechanism. It was agreed that quorum is set at 50 % plus one of the filled positions. It was agreed that Board agendas would be drafted by the co-chairpeople.*

ACTION: *Draft a disagreement mechanism and submit to the Board for review and approval. Draft a list of members, their contacts, their voting status, and their date of inclusion on the Board. Redraft point 4.8 and 4.11 to clarify differences. Delete 5.0 but clarify 4.6. Correct 6.1 to describe Advisory Board instead of Board of Directors. Specify that Christophe Rivet and Marianne Gates will act as co-secretaries and co-record board meetings (point 7.0). Add a point 8.3 that specifies that any member may express himself or herself in any language subject to available translation. Point 8.5 that minutes be available once approved. Point 9: remove 'shall be reviewed annually from the date of approval' as well as 'by unanimous agreement'. Draft a proposal for the administration of the budget and revise the ToR for the Steering Committee accordingly.*

5. Budget (Erin Beaudin)

Erin Beaudin tabled an updated draft budget. There was much discussion and comment.

ACTION: Suggested changes will be made and the Steering Committee will present the revised budget to the next meeting.

6. Workplan (Christophe Rivet)

Christophe Rivet tabled a draft workplan. It indicates the course of action for the next 4 months. There were no questions.

7. Other business

None.

8. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is set to February 7th, 2008 at 1 PM at Grand-Pré NHSC. As per the previous meeting, the advisory body is to meet the first Thursday of the each month at 1 PM at Grand-Pré NHSC unless otherwise notified.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.