UNESCO World Heritage Nomination Proposal Grand Pré Cultural Landscape

Notes of the May 1, 2008 meeting Grand-Pré NHSC 1 PM – 2:30 PM

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
Jenni Fetterly	Kings CED Agency (Kings CED)
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce (by phone, item 12)

Regrets:

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
Stan Surette	Société Promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)

1. Welcome / Opening of the meeting

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

Note: No quorum, but quorum sought for item 12.

2. Review the agenda

There were no suggested modifications to the Agenda.

3. Progress report (Steering Committee)

Gerald Beaudreau 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 County of Kings for the current fiscal year and are in the budget for

the next fiscal year. Formal applications have been made to ACOA and NSED. Target date to announce funding is June 12, 2008 at the Kings CED AGM. Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, Dean of Social Science at Mount Allison University, will be making a social economic impact presentation of UNESCO sites. Neil Conrad suggested that other funding partners may want to consider attending the meeting with ACOA and NSED is willing to attend if desired. Members of the Advisory Board agreed with Neil. Vaughn Madden and Neil Conrad, as the two funding partners, will meet to discuss the particulars but both funding bodies are on side.

5. Budget Update (Erin Beaudin)

Erin Beaudin circulated last revisions to the budget. The main change was in HST. HST was not accounted for in the previous draft. There were no objections to the change but no approval was made, as there was no quorum. Discussion occurred about cash flow issues and future cash expenditures. CF: How is cash flow managed? LW: Prepare communication strategy in anticipation of funding. CF: archaeology expense? CR: will meet with landowners to present 3 options and based on that will have a better of idea of what archaeology will cost and when it will occur. GB: budget needs approval and will bring to next meeting for decision.

ACTION: Steering Committee will present the budget to the next meeting. Reports on cash flows will be made for the next Board Meeting.

6. Work plan (Christophe Rivet)

Christophe Rivet tabled an update of the work plan. Issues that are being addressed are Parks Canada's procedures, working groups and the Heritage Planner. Steering Committee will meet on May 7th, 2008 to discuss and submit work plan. Work Plan will be done by next Board Meeting.

7. Working Groups (Christophe Rivet)

Outstanding Universal Value working group is the current focus. Individuals have been identified and a number have accepted including John Shaw. The group will consist of 15-20 people both experts in their field to assist the project and local community members. Formation of the Land Use Group, Research and Data Collection Group and the Social Events Group will wait until the Heritage Planner is working on the project. Christophe mentioned groups of interest have been contacted and the names of members in working groups will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

8. Website Update (Erin Beaudin)

Nominationgrandpre.ca is up and running. More information will be going on continuous and more translation needs to be done. Christophe will contact Acadian affairs to help with translation. The Steering Committee suggested more links be provided on the website, a list of the names of the Advisory Board members and who they represent and the names and contract information of the Steering Committee.

9. Public Meeting Update (Erin Beaudin)

Erin tabled an update of the two public meeting since the last meeting. Both meetings had fairly good turn outs and much discussion. Some concerns for land use were raised by the community members. NC: asked how the meetings are conducted and documented. EB: explained how they address concerns of the previous meeting and document the concerns. GB: Was it the same people at both meeting? EB: Some but not all. Suggestion was made to

put the documentation on the website, like the Joggins' website. Public meetings will continue monthly on the third Thursday of each month.

10. Grand Pre Community Association and Community Representation on the Advisory Board update (Marianne Gates)

Marianne tabled an update on the Community Association and the Community Representation applications. Since the steering committee last met, the interim board has met once. They are putting their plans in place and are choosing their community reps. April 30th was the deadline and they received 4 applications. The committee will be picking two then the names will come to the board. EB: Clarifies that the process was supported by the community group. The board will except the names and MG will invite the nominees to the June 5th Advisory Board meeting.

11. Heritage Planner update (Chrystal Fuller)

Chrystal tabled an update on the Heritage Planner. The Steering Committee approved funding for the Heritage Planner, put out advertisement in the paper and on Career Beacon. The deadline was April 30th and Chrystal short-listed 5 applications. Chrystal, Erin and Christophe will be conducting interviews nest week, are really happy with the candidates and hopefully position will be up and running by June.

12. World Heritage Meeting, Quebec City, July 2008 (Christophe Rivet)

Christophe tabled an update for the World Heritage Meeting in July, what the meeting is all about and what it means. The board needs to approve two people today. The Steering Committee recommends Chrystal and Christophe. Questions came up about funding for the trip. Parks Canada will try to find funding if Christophe is nominated but costs cannot come form Municipality for Chrystal. Erin recommended costs to be allocated to research and expertise travel expense from the project budget. John will see if council could send a rep from Kings County, as a third person, who will pay for own expenses.

ACTION: Greg Young was phoned in order to reach quorum and agreement was on nominating Chrystal and Christophe to go to Quebec and funding will come from the project.

13. Other business

The quorum issue was raised as a concern and suggestion was made to ask people who are consistently not showing up for an alternative again and ask people to RSVP. Evaluate time of meetings and frequency during the summer will be put on next month's agenda.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for June 5th, 2008, 1:00pm.

15. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.