



Nominations Grand Pré Co-Chair, Dr. Gerald Boudreau, with a copy of the World Heritage nomination proposal

Welcome to the Landscape of Grand Pré View Park

Look up! Look way up, from the grounds of the Grand-Pré National Historic Site to the summit of the place lovingly referred to in the local community as Mary Eaton Hill. Here at the top, just off Old Post Road, you'll find a panoramic view of a landscape so glorious it may soon be recognized the world over as an international treasure.

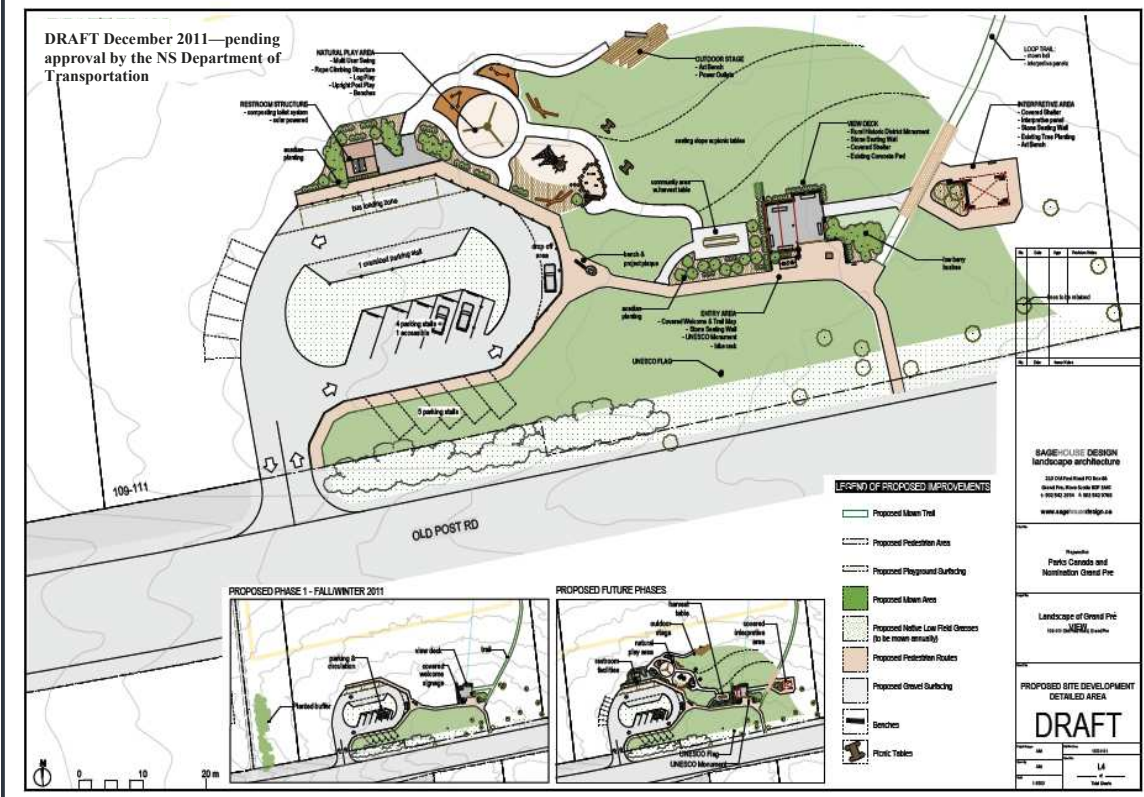
This is the site of the future Landscape of Grand Pré View Park, a legacy gift from Nominations Grand Pré to the local community in recognition of their unwavering support of the World Heritage Site nomination process. The gift will include a viewing area, parking spaces, pedestrian access, and interpretive panels.

In 2009, Nominations Grand Pré requested a "Legacy Project" be recommended as part of the development of a Tourism Strategy and Framework. Following extensive research and community consultation, residents of the Grand Pré and Area gave their overwhelming support to a panoramic viewing deck. The recommendation to work with Parks Canada to develop an area to view the potential World Heritage Site was as follows:

"A panoramic viewing platform be developed at the top of the cornfield upland above the National Historic Site. The viewing deck will provide the quintessential "bird's eye view" of the marshland, dykes, National Historic Site and the Bay of Fundy and tides. This viewing area will be a legacy for the community with or without World Heritage designation."

While a suitable location was found on land that Parks Canada had acquired, agreements were negotiated with Parks Canada by a group of local residents to accept donations to purchase an adjacent property that would provide an even more stellar view. Donors from the local community and the Acadian communities, both local and distant, generously contributed to the project and on April 15, 2011, the property was transferred to Parks Canada.

Today, the conceptual development plans for the Landscape of Grand Pré View Park are almost complete. Pictured below is the most recent draft, drawn to specification by local landscape architect Angela Morin, owner of Sagehouse Design in Grand Pré. The draft plan augments the Nominations Grand Pré legacy gift with a harvest table, a play area, meandering pathways, multi-lingual signage, additional parking, separate entry and exit points and horticultural elements including Acadian yellow roses and white strawberries.



The Landscape of Grand Pré Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

The Landscape of Grand Pré is an outstanding example and enduring model of the human capacity to overcome extraordinary natural challenges and cultural ordeals. It is a dynamic agricultural landscape claimed from the sea, a powerful symbolic landscape for the Acadians, and an inspiration for all those who come here.

Nominations Grand Pré Advisory Board

The Nominations Grand Pré Advisory Board is a non-profit organization which was developed to provide strategic direction for the Grand Pré cultural landscape UNESCO World Heritage List nomination proposal. It is co-chaired by the Société Promotion Grand-Pré and a representative of the local community. It includes a number of people representing the local residents, the business community, the tourism association, the Marsh Body, the heritage community, the Acadian community, the Mi'kmaq and three levels of government.

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InTouch

Highlighting new products and experiences in the Grand Pré & Area

Seven N.S. wineries create Tidal Bay brand

Seven of Nova Scotia's wineries have banded together to create the Tidal Bay brand, each creating one wine within guidelines set by an independent committee.

"It's the first appellation wine for Nova Scotia," said Jurg Stutz, winemaker at Domaine de Grand Pré. "Basically, what that means is the wine comes with a set of standards. Within the winery association, there was a technical committee that put the standards together, the overall style of the product. What we were looking for was lower alcohol, a little bit off-dry, aromatic, good, crisp acidity and things like that."

Seven wineries — Benjamin Bridge, Blomidon Estate, Jost, Gaspereau, Domaine de Grand Pré, Petite Riviere and Avondale Sky — are taking part in the Tidal Bay program. Some have already launched the wines, others are about to do so.

The standards for the wines include what varieties of grapes can be used.

"Some varieties can be used up to 100 per cent, for example, L'Acadie Blanc, Seyval Blanc, you can use 100 percent, if you decide to," Stutz said. "Other varieties, like the Muscat, you can only use up to 15 percent. Ours has Seyval, Vidal, L'Acadie, Muscat and Ortega. There are seven wineries at this point, but hopefully next year or some time in the future, we'll have all the wineries participating. The interesting part to me is that all the Tidal Bay wines need to be approved by an independent tasting panel, a mix of educators, writers and whatnot."



The committee is headed by winemaker Simon Rafuse of Blomidon Estate, and members include wine writers Sean Wood and Craig Pinhey, Peter Rockwell of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corp., and sommeliers Mark DeWolf and Carman Mills.

All fruit in Tidal Bay wines has to be grown in Nova Scotia, and there are also regulations concerning winery and vineyard practices. "Tidal Bay is based on the European model, which is very different from (Vintners Quality Alliance), for instance, in Ontario," said Jean-Benoit Deslauriers, winemaker at Benjamin Bridge. "VQA is an all-inclusive umbrella, quality standards across the board for all styles."

Tidal Bay refers to a specific style of wine that we can make here in Nova Scotia at a really high level, focusing on the strength of our terroir. "Vero, a wine that we were already making, happens to respect all of those criteria, so we made Vero our Tidal Bay. From a varietal standpoint and stylistically, it fits. It's a blend of L'Acadie and Muscat, and this year there's a little bit of Ortega."

By BILL SPURR Features Writer, Chronicle Herald

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"The waters made the land and the land made the people"
~ Charlie Curry - Hortonville ~

Excerpts from the Contingent Trust speech given by the Honourable Dave Wilson:

"Supporting the nomination proposal compliments government's effort in making life better for families, in growing the economy in all parts of Nova Scotia, in providing good jobs as part of the Jobs Here plan, and in realizing life-long learning opportunities."

With that in mind we have chosen to create a contingent trust of \$2.5 million dollars that will ensure that the nomination site, if it is inscribed, will have the funds available for operations, for interpretation and heritage protection, and for promotional and research activity."

A brief overview of how the trust will work:

"The payment of \$2.5 million to the trust will be a one-time contribution towards the Grand Pré World Heritage Site."

It is expected that the funds will support site management for 10 years.

The trust will allocate funds based on the plans submitted by the future Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board.

The trust and the Stewardship Board will function separately from each other and at arms length from provincial government.

The province will ensure that there are annual audits that are required and accountability measures in place for the broader community.

We are proud to be partners in the nomination proposal. We have every confidence in the process and Nomination Grand Pré's demonstrated ability to see this process through. We have every confidence that the site will be inscribed and that it will be managed effectively for the enjoyment and education of Nova Scotians, Canadians and visitors from around the world."



Photograph courtesy of Stephen Wilsack-Innovative Systems.

Pictured left to right: The Honourable Jim Morton, MLA for Kings North; The Honourable David Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage; Warden Diana Brothers, Municipality of the County of Kings; Peter Herbin, Co-Chair, Nomination Grand Pré; The Honourable Ramona Jennex, MLA for Kings South and Dr. Gérald Boudreau, Co-Chair, Nomination Grand Pré

Beyond Inscription: Laying the foundation of a successful future

One year ago, Canada submitted a comprehensive proposal to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to have the Landscape of Grand Pré inscribed on the World Heritage List. The submission of the nomination dossier marked the beginning of an 18-month review and evaluation process by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) which is still underway.

As the Advisory Board of Nomination Grand Pré continues to progress through the evaluation process, a great deal of work is also being done to strengthen partnerships and resources for the long-term preservation of the site.

In mid-November of 2011, the Province of Nova Scotia showed strong support for the project with the creation of a \$2.5 million contingent trust to help preserve and interpret the Landscape of Grand Pré upon successful inscription as a World Heritage Site. The announcement was made by the Honourable Dave Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia.

If the bid is successful, the Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board will be dissolved and a Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board will be created. It will be co-chaired by the Société Promotion Grand-Pré and the Grand Pré and Area Community Association. The provincial trust fund will help the Stewardship Board fulfill its mandate to coordinate, consult and lead the preservation, interpretation and promotion of the Landscape of Grand Pré for generations to come.

Nomination Grand Pré has also begun seeking a qualified consultant to develop a fundraising strategy and to establish a new fundraising entity following a potential inscription of the Landscape of Grand Pré as a World Heritage Site. Professional expertise is required to assist Nomination Grand Pré in identifying the means to attract and manage private donations to support the preservation and interpretation of the Landscape of Grand Pré as a potential World Heritage Site.

With the financial resources, the professional expertise, and the shared leadership in place, the Landscape of Grand Pré will have at its disposal the tools to manage the area according to the highest standards and also

Did you know?

Noted Canadian suffragette and authoress, Nellie McClung visited Grand Pré more than seventy years ago. She wrote about her visit in the Berwick Register on August 17, 1938: "We had dinner one day at Mary Eaton's camp at Grand Pré. *Mary's house is a lovely old one, looking out at Mt. Blomidon, and here she entertains the passing travelers, with all the grace and dignity of the old days. People from all over Canada and the United States know her, and the home cooked meals she serves.*"



Archeology and Development in Grand Pré and Area

The Nova Scotia Special Places Protection Act

Why is it important to protect archaeological sites?

Archaeological sites provide unique insight into the history of the generations of people that lived in, worked in, and built Nova Scotia. There are a great diversity of sites in the Grand Pré area, that tell the 4,000 year story of human interaction with the landscape starting with the Mi'kmaq and then the Acadians, the New England Planters and more recent groups. The Grand Pré area is an extremely rich and diverse historical area of Nova Scotia and Canada.

How are archaeological sites protected in Nova Scotia?

The Nova Scotia *Special Places Protection Act* protects archaeological sites and remains in Nova Scotia. In addition, when human remains are found or in the case of abandoned burials, the *Cemeteries and Monuments Protection Act* applies.

What does the *Special Places Protection Act* do?

The Act protects archaeological sites in Nova Scotia by overseeing research through the heritage research permit system. It requires that if archaeological sites are discovered during construction, they need to be protected, including through archaeological excavation, avoidance, or site protection.

Is there any special legislation protecting archaeological sites in Grand Pré, North Grand Pré, Hortonville, and Lower Wolfville?

No. Nova Scotia's *Special Places Protection Act* applies to all land in Nova Scotia.

Am I required to do archaeological research before I start building my house/ barn/ building?

No, but it is **highly recommended** to seek professional advice from an archaeologist before building.

Why would I get professional advice from an archaeologist before I build?

If you come across archaeological sites, the *Special Places Protection Act* **requires that work is stopped and you contact the Coordinator, Special Places**. After a site has been discovered, you will be required to contact an archaeologist to proceed. In addition, if you come across human remains, there is a specific protocol to follow that involves the police and the coroner's office. In both cases, it can end up delaying your project and generate additional costs. It is typically cost effective to do an archaeological survey before you build and if you come across a site or human remains you may have more options to protect them.

What do I have to do as a property owner if I want to build in Grand Pré, North Grand Pré, Hortonville, or Lower Wolfville?

If you wish to build in the Municipality of the County of Kings, you must apply to the Municipality for a building permit. As part of your application, the Municipality will provide you with the contact information for the Provincial Special Places Program Coordinator, as there is potential that the lands may be archaeologically significant. If you wish, you may contact the Coordinator, Special Places to discuss the risk of disturbing an archaeological site during the course of your project. The Coordinator, Special Places can also advise on how to proceed with contacting an archaeologist, should you wish to conduct an assessment prior to commencing your project.

Once the building permit has been issued by the Municipality, the Special Places Program Coordinator is notified. It is your responsibility to fulfill any obligations under the *Special Places Protection Act*.

If you live somewhere in Nova Scotia with high archaeological potential, like Grand Pré and area, it is highly recommended that you have a professional with a heritage research permit determine the archaeological resources before your project begins.

What do I do if I discover archaeological sites during construction?

If archaeological sites are discovered during construction the Special Places Program Coordinator needs to be contacted. The Coordinator will guide you through the next steps.

Why would I contact the Special Places Program Coordinator?

The Coordinator can help with your plans in advance by consulting maps and inventories to identify sensitive areas (like abandoned burial grounds). This does not replace a professional archaeologist but provides a 'heads up'. If you come across an archaeological site after you've begun to build, the Coordinator can help you make sure that the law is respected and guide you through the process.

Community Update

The Grand Pré and Area Community Association held its Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2011. The newly elected officers for 2012 are listed below:

Board Members:

Laura McNutt
Chairperson,
Hortonville Representative

Bryce Milne
Vice-Chair,
Member at Large

Cora Mae Morse
Treasurer,
Grand Pré Representative

Naomi Blanchard
Secretary,
Member at Large

Ann Palmeter
North Grand Pré
Representative

John Lynch
Lower Wolfville
Representative

Daniel Scothorn
Member at Large

Coming Events

The following events will take place at the Horton Community Hall and be led by the Grand Pré and Area Community Association:

Tuesday January 24th, 7.00 PM 2-part Presentation/Questions and Answers:

a) the EKM Health Foundation on the Opportunities for Grand Pré organizations for project funding

b) Municipality presentation on development requirements within the County and specifically within a historically rich location such as the Grand Pré area.

Following these presentations, the community 2012 "Signage and Way-Finding" initiative will be discussed, with a request for volunteers.

Monday February 20th (Heritage Day), 7.00PM

Community-wide consultation on questions around the future shape of the Grand Pré Heritage Society.