

Report to Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Heritage Planner update

DATE: June 5th, 2008

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I am pleased to announce that we have hired Seamus McGreal as the heritage planner. This position has a start date of June 2, 2008. Seamus has a graduate degree in planning from Dalhousie University and has good experience and much interest in heritage planning. The steering committee is very excited to welcome Seamus on board.

Seamus is working out of the Municipality of Kings offices as part of the municipal contribution to the UNESCO project. His main functions are:

- To work with the local community to develop a vision, goals and objectives for the community
- To respond to any requests or questions from the community
- To initiate and deliver a comprehensive community consultation and engagement program
- To support the management plan/land use working group and to provide professional planning advice
- To organize the monthly community meetings on the UNESCO project
- To draft any recommendations that the community may develop for consideration by Municipal Council and provide professional planning advice to the community on planning and heritage matters
- To be the liaison between the community vision process and the management/land use working group.

In essence, Seamus's job is to assist the community in establishing a long-term vision for itself. It is hoped that the vision will be compatible with the UNESCO nomination dossier and that opportunities for interplay and synergies between the two will appear to support the broader goal of creating a sustainable community plan for Grand Pre and area.

Seamus's immediate objectives are:

- To assist with the organization of a community event in Grand Pre
- To review the existing documentation on Grand Pre, the rural historic district, the notes from community meetings, the minutes from the board meeting and any other relevant data.
- To organize the community meeting in June, with an aim to initiate the community visioning process.

- To begin making contacts and meet with community leaders within the existing community to identify priorities.
- To review existing municipal policy regarding Grand Pre.
- To develop a process for establishing the community vision

Seamus will be making regular reports to the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board. His contact information is:

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