



Advisory Board Meeting/ *Réunion du comité consultatif* Minutes

May 7, 2009 / 7 mai 2009

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

Voting Members Present

Erin Beaudin	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Gerald Boudreau	Société nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)
Stan Surette	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection
Robert Palmeter	Grand Pre Marsh Body
Dianna Brothers	Municipality of Kings County
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce
Hanspeter Stutz	Community Member at large
Barbara Kaiser	Community Member at large

Ex-officio Members Present

Bill Greenlaw	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
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Alternate Members Present

Marianne Gates	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada
Victor Tetrault	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Louise Watson	Nova Scotia Rural and Economic Development

Resource Members Present

Chrystal Fuller	Municipality of Kings County- Planner
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Voting Members Absent

Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation
Liz Morine	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia

Ex-officio Absent

Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic Development
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs(OAA)
Claude DeGrace	Parks Canada
Brian Banks	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Rural and Economic Development

2 community members were present in the audience.

Chair/ *Président de session*: Gerald Boudreau

1. Welcome / *Mots de bienvenue*
 - Gerald Boudreau called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
 - It was noted that this meeting, originally scheduled for April 2, was postponed due to the untimely death of Advisory Board member and local County Councillor, Mr. John Fuller.
 - Gerald noted the exceptional support and dedication of Councillor Fuller to the Nomination Grand Pre project and as such a one minute period of silence was observed in his honour.
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 with spelling changes.
4. For discussion and approval / *Pour discussion et approbation*:
 - a) Report and recommendation on Advisory Board co-chair positions / *Rapport et recommandation sur les postes de co-présidents du comité consultative*
 - Chrystal Fuller referred to the included report from the steering committee.

Recommendations as follows:

- The Steering Committee is recommending that the structure of the UNESCO Advisory Board and Steering Committee be changed so that the co-chair position currently held by Kings CED be replaced by a representative of the local community.
- It is further recommended that the Steering Committee be tasked with drafting the amendments the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Board and the Steering Committee to reflect this structural change and these be adopted at the next regular Advisory Board meeting.
- It is further recommended that advertisements be placed in the local paper and a flyer be distributed to all households asking for individuals to submit an application for the co-chair position.
- It is further recommended that the steering committee develop a job description and criteria for evaluating the submissions. The Advisory Board, upon receipt for a recommendation from the Steering Committee, shall appoint the new Co-chair.
- Finally, it is recommended that Kings CED remain a voting member of the Advisory Board and Steering Committee and that Kings CED and Erin Beaudin be recognized for their excellent work to date.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Advisory Board accepts these recommendations of the Steering Committee.

Discussion:

- Hanspeter fully supports this recommendation and will promote the chair position in the community.
- Barb Kaiser requested that the Steering Committee be forwarded the criteria to the Advisory Board for comment. These will assist the Board to promote the position in the community.

- Robert Palmetier was concerned that the timeframe was tight.
- Chrystal indicated the Steering Committee will have a recommendation for the Advisory Board to appoint the new co-chair at the July 9th meeting.
- Gerald indicated that as this is a policy decision and therefore consensus is from the Advisory Board is required.

Motion: Approved by consensus

- b) Report and recommendation regarding project communication and public relations - Update on the recent media coverage / *Rapport et recommandation concernant les communications et les relations publiques du projet - mise à jour sur la récente couverture médiatique*
 - Erin Beaudin requested on behalf of the Steering Committee that this report be removed as things have changed since this report was prepared. The Steering committee will review the requirement for communications and bring further recommendations to the Board.
 - Gerald reported that an anonymous donor from the Acadian Community in Nova Scotia has provided \$10,000 towards the Nomination Grand Pre Project for assistance with communications to the worldwide Acadian community.
 - c) Role and functioning of the Advisory Board / *Rôle et opération du comité consultative*
 - Chair Gerald reaffirmed that the Advisory Board's function is to decide on policy. The Steering Committee is similar to an executive and completes the day to day project tasks.
 - Barb Kaiser asked that the Board be informed as much in advance as possible to enable them to have time for consideration.
 - Erin indicated that the new community chair will be invited to sit on the Steering Committee.
5. For information / *Pour information* :
- a) Financial and administrative report / *Rapport administratif et financier*
 - Erin submitted the financial statement for March 31, 2009.
 - b) Community engagement and planning report / *Rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification.*
 - Chrystal indicated that the Project Planner's report was submitted.
 - Chrystal reported that the UNESCO process and the community plan process were at the point of merging.
 - The Community Workbook Summary Report is on the municipal website.
 - A draft community plan will be ready in July.
 - There continues to be confusion in the community over how a UNESCO designation will impact the local community.
 - In response, a facilitated community meeting as held on May 5, 2009.
 - Approximately 60-75 people attended.

- An experienced facilitator from Wolfville was hired to facilitate the meeting and Erin and Chrystal answered audience questions.
- The Steering Committee will determine responses and conduct studies as required. A similar community meeting will, be held on the fall, 2009.
- Beth thanked Erin and Chrystal.
- Hanspeter noted that the meeting was a positive step and in particular noted that residents who had never attended previous meetings came out for this session. He also noted that the community would like the opportunity to vote on whether or not a UNESCO designation should be sought.
- Chrystal responded that a vote might be possible but would best occur when more definite answers are determined to enable residents to make an fully informed decision.
- Gerald commented that 100% consensus on a project is not possible. He noted that the process must follow democratic principals.
- Chrystal reported that this is a natural process as residents continue to become more informed about the project.
- Erin indicated that at the meeting, a local resident volunteered for the Management Working Group which was a very positive result.
- Erin reported that since our last meeting the open house and panel discussion to promote the OUV Report was held. About 50 attended the panel and heard about living with a UNESCO designation from representatives from Joggins and Lunenburg.
- Hanspeter noted that the issue of insuring that the OUV is understood was important as some press highlighted the Acadian story instead of the entire OUV.
- Greg asked that any community meeting information be sent to the Board.
- Christophe indicated that he will ensure the Board is informed and will also send brief speaking notes to the Board and other individuals as required, example Warden Whalen. Spokespersons for the board should be provided to the media for comments from the Board.
- Dianna indicated that the motion to support the project was deferred for more information by County of Kings Council.
- Erin clarified that this motion was a request from the Kings CED Board sent to all municipal units asking for support of the project to provide support to the County of Kings.
- Beth wanted to stress that although there was some negative media, the silent majority was in support of the project.
- Louise asked about the Parks Canada Strategic Plan process.
- Christophe indicated that there will be some targeted stakeholder meetings organized by Parks Canada later in May. He does not see any conflict with the UNESCO project.

c) Project Manager's report and progress report / *Rapport du gestionnaire de projet et rapport sur l'avancement du projet*

- Christophe noted that two reports were circulated and work has continued since the reports were filed for the meeting scheduled for April.
- The comparative analysis has started using 3 Dutch, 1 French, 1 American and 1 Canadian expert. This analysis should be completed by September.
- The Archaeological research will take place for 9 weeks from May-August and a report will be ready for this fall.
- The dossier has been started with the table of contents completed and the OUV and boundary sections started.
- The Management Working group will begin this May and is expected to review the threats to the OUV.
- The project will have a presence at the Acadian Congress in New Brunswick this summer.
- A letter has been sent to the Glooscap First Nation to request the Steering Committee provide a progress report to insure this group is informed of the project progress.
- Erin indicated that there is interest from the Annapolis Valley First Nation Group. Kings CED will continue working with this group.

6. Other business / *Autres affaires*

- Beth Keech asked that the project look at paying for use of the Horton Hall.
- Robert indicated that the standard rate should be paid when the Hall is used.
- Chrystal indicated that much of the use has been by the planning process and she will ensure the Hall is compensated.
- Beth indicated that several community members expressed interest in the jackets provided to the Board. The steering committee will review possible sale of image-wear at the National Historic Site gift shop.

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

- No comments

8. Next meeting / *Prochaine réunion*

- The next two meetings will be held on June 4 and July 9, 2009.

9. Adjournment / *Levée de séance*

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm