

**UNESCO World Heritage Nomination Proposal
 Grand Pré and area
 Advisory Board**

**Project Manager's Report 3
 August 2008
 FOR DISCUSSION**

GENERAL

Schedule and tasks

The Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) working group is holding its first meeting on September 12th at Grand-Pré NHSC. The request for proposals (RFP) for a communication and public engagement strategy is now closed. The proposals have been reviewed and work is expected to begin in September. The budget is the project component that is experiencing the most delays as funding has yet to be confirmed from ACOA. Most of the expenses were minimal until now, however some actions had to be delayed, including archaeological work, the RFP for the communication and public engagement strategy in part because of that delay in getting funding.

Phase	Task	Target date of completion	Status
Justification for inscription	Statement of OUV	December 2008	On target
	Comparative analysis	March 2009	On target
	Statement of Integrity and Authenticity	March 2009	On target
Develop protective management plan	Management plan for the National historic site	October 2009	On target
	Plan and community vision	March 2009	On target
Funding	Budget	July 2008	Delayed
Communication and public engagement strategy	Communication and public engagement strategy implementation	April 2010	On target / delayed
Approval/ support process	Municipal approval process	September 2009	N/A
	Federal approval process	November 2009	N/A
	Canadian delegation approval process	January 2010	N/A
	Acadian Support	December 2009	N/A
	First Nation support	December 2009	N/A
	Other support	December 2009	N/A
Final proposal	Final content	December 2009	N/A
	Final formatted document	January 2010	N/A

Finance and resources

Funding from ACOA has not yet been confirmed.

The request for proposals concerning the communication and public engagement strategies is now closed.

Forecasted expenditures include the development of the communication and public engagement strategies, an archaeological survey of the dykelands, support for the OUV working group's work.

PHASES (SEE PROGRESS REPORT 3 FOR OUTLINE)

Description of Area:

See below.

Justification for Inscription:

The OUV working group will hold its first meeting on September 12th, at Grand-Pré NHSC. A package of information is currently being finalized to be sent to the working group in early August.

The archaeological survey of the dykelands being carried out. The work is undertaken in collaboration with Dave Scott, professor at the department of Earth Sciences (Dalhousie University).

Evaluation of present state of conservation:

Being addressed in the ToR for the management and land use working group.

Assessment of factors affecting the property:

Same as above.

Monitoring plan:

Same as above.

Develop protective and management system for the proposal:

Nothing to report since July-August report.

Municipal process

See Heritage Planner's report

Management and land use working group

A draft ToR for the management and land use working group is being developed by the Steering Committee and will be submitted to the Advisory Board for discussion.

Visitor and Interpretation:

Work to collect data, under the supervision of Dr. Van Blarclom, is almost complete. The data was collected by staff from Kings CED Agency and Parks Canada in the form of surveys carried out in key locations in and around Grand Pré.

Draft proposal :

N/A

Project administration:

Nothing to report.

Communication and public engagement:

Following the last report on the challenges with keeping the website up-to-date, a thorough review was carried out of the information currently posted on the website, the accessibility of that information, and the availability of that information in both English and French. As well, a draft protocol for internal communication has been drafted identifying schedules to produce information and translate it. These two actions are expected to lead to a significant update of the website in October, with improved access to information, and a site that is effectively providing the information in both English and French. Site maintenance in French will remain an issue.

Engagement of the Acadian community

An outline of the work description was prepared by the Société Promotion Grand-Pré, in collaboration with the Fédération Acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FANE), and a request for funding will be made to Canadian Heritage following the review of the proposal by the Advisory Board.

Economic development & interpretation strategy:

Dr. Brian Van Blarcom, an Acadia Economic Professor, has been contracted to complete an Economic Impact Study. He designed the survey which was then translated by Victor Tétrault, Société Promotion Grand-Pré, to ensure the survey can be completed in English and French. To date things are on target towards the goal of 400 completed surveys by the end of August. The surveys are being completed by Jenni Fetterly from Kings CED with some assistance from Sarah Almon from Parks Canada and a Société Promotion Grand-Pré summer student. As the surveys are completed, Mark Eastman from Kings CED is inputting the results on a spreadsheet to be analyzed by Dr. Brian Van Blarcom.

Results will be presented to the Advisory Board when available.

Approval process for final document:

N/A

ISSUES AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

(no changes from July-August report)

Issue: Funding: ACOA has yet to confirm its financial support.

Proposed mitigation: Minimal spending of the money received from the Province of Nova Scotia is authorized to allow for the OUV working group to meet, archaeologists to carry out their work in the dykelands, and the RFP to go ahead.

Issue: Communication: lack of engagement from residents from the three areas, concerns with the imposition of restrictions as a result of a designation.

Proposed mitigation: Communication strategy, municipal public engagement process.