



TO: Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

From: Christophe Rivet, Project Manager

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RE: Project Manager's Report 11 (for discussion)

GENERAL

Schedule and tasks

- The comparative analysis is underway;
- Draft community plan underway;
- A 12 months communication strategy is to be completed by January;
- Letters were sent to authorities to discuss recommendations in management plan;

| Phase | Task | Target date of completion | Status |
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| Justification for inscription | Statement of OUV | December 2008 | Completed |
| | Comparative analysis | February 2010 | Ongoing |
| | Statement of Integrity and Authenticity | February 2010 | Ongoing |
| Develop protective management plan | Management plan for the national historic site | April 2010 | Ongoing |
| | Draft community plan | Spring 2010 | Ongoing |
| | Management plan for the site | April 2010 | Ongoing |
| Funding | Budget | July 2008 | Completed |
| Communication and public engagement strategy | Communication and public engagement strategy implementation | April 2011 | Ongoing |
| Approval/ support process | Municipal approval process | April 2010 | On target |
| | Federal approval process | December 2010 | N/A |
| | Canadian delegation approval process | January 2011 | N/A |
| | Acadian Support | December 2010 | Initiated |
| | First Nation support | December 2010 | N/A |
| Final proposal | Other support | December 2010 | N/A |
| | Final content | December 2010 | N/A |
| | Final formatted document | January 2011 | N/A |

Finance and resources

See financial report.

PHASES (SEE PROGRESS REPORT 11 FOR OUTLINE)

Description of Area:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: Complete draft section.

Justification for Inscription:

A first draft of the comparative analysis is underway. The meeting with experts is rescheduled in the Spring because of availability. Their comments and suggestions were collected and inform the current draft of the analysis. Current feedback confirms the general findings of the OUV report.

Next steps: Complete draft comparative analysis.

Evaluation of present state of conservation:

Archaeological field work is essentially complete. Some work will be carried out in discreet locations until December. The report to the advisory board on archaeological activities provides additional information on the outcome of that work.

A landscape analysis was initiated in August that identifies the components of the landscape (buildings, field patterns, geophysical features, etc.). This is essential to get a detailed description of the area and analyse the condition of the different components and of the whole.

Next steps: Finalize the landscape analysis. Draft the present state of conservation section.

Assessment of factors affecting the property:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: none.

Monitoring plan:

Discussion with the Heritage Division have led to outlining the contribution of that department to the development of a monitoring plan.

Other authorities are the Department of Agriculture, the Marsh Body, and Parks Canada.

Next steps: Engage the other authorities on developing the monitoring and reporting sections.

Develop protective and management system for the proposal:

National historic site process

Underway.

Next steps: draft management plan for Aboriginal consultation in November – December.

Municipal process

The Community Plan Liaison Committee is continuing to work with municipal planners to prepare a draft community plan that will be ready for consultation in the community.

Next steps: A meeting is scheduled in November to work on the draft.

Management plan working group

The strategy initially considered to present the management plan to the community was revised to allow time for the community plan to clarify its own direction. Instead a summary of the direction taken by the management plan was shared with local residents (see information about that action under 'Communication and public engagement').

The draft management plan will be consulted on with the different stakeholders.

The management plan working group has not met since July. Current expectations are to meet again in late Winter/early Spring and review actions based on feedback on recommendations.

Specific actions need to be discussed with specific stakeholders, such as visitors and dykelands with the Marsh Body.

The Heritage Division has committed to developing an archaeological heritage strategy for the area in time to support the nomination proposal. Work is underway to set up the team that will develop the strategy.

A meeting will take place in early November between the project manager and a cultural heritage risk preparedness expert to seek guidance on developing a risk preparedness plan.

Next steps: Consult on the draft management plan. Initiate work on the archaeological heritage strategy. Establish timeline and resources for the risk preparedness plan.

Visitor and Interpretation:

A new request for proposal (RFP) was issued and closed on October 30th. The RFP was prepared and reviewed in consultation with community members that had been previously involved in the UNESCO process.

Next steps: TBD

Draft proposal:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: Draft sections of the nomination proposal.

Project administration:

See financial report

Next steps: See financial report

Communication and public engagement:

There have been a number of activities since the last report.

A meeting between the Grand Pré and area community association and Nomination Grand Pré Steering Committee was organized on October 8th. This was an important opportunity for the two groups to meet and exchange perspectives on the UNESCO process and the community process.

A community meeting was held on October 22nd at the Horton Community Centre. This was a meeting that had been announced in May to follow up on the questions that were then raised by the community. It was attended by about 40 people. The meeting focused on providing answers to the questions asked at the meeting held May as well as providing information on the draft management plan. A commitment was made to have a follow up meeting in the Spring.

Work has begun on the 'naming the project' activity and the poster activity. It is expected to be launched in January. See separate report on this.

A 12 months communication implementation plan is being finalized and will be presented in January.

Next steps: Prepare a community newsletter as a follow up to the October 22nd meeting. Launch the 'name the project' activity. Finalize a 12 months communication implementation plan.

Engagement of the Acadian community

Gérald C. Boudreau and Christophe Rivet attended the General Assembly of the *Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse* (FANE) on October 24th and 25th. The Nomination Grand Pré booth was on display. The General Assembly voted unanimously in favour of an unconditional support for the project and for the FANE to provide a financial contribution to Nomination Grand Pré.

In addition, a number of Acadian organisations have approached the co-chair and indicated that they too will be providing financial contributions towards the nomination proposal.

These financial contributions were provided to support the engagement of the Acadian community. Specific activities and objectives have to be developed.

Next steps: Develop an Acadian community engagement plan.

Economic development & interpretation strategy:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: None

Approval process for final document:

N/A