



**TO: Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board**

**From: Christophe Rivet, Project Manager**

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**RE: Project Manager's Report 8 (for discussion)**

#### GENERAL

##### *Schedule and tasks*

- The comparative analysis phase is underway.
- The planning process for the community is underway.
- Archaeological survey is underway by a collaborative team of archaeologists.
- The work of the working group to develop the management system for the proposed property has begun.

Phase	Task	Target date of completion	Status
<b>Justification for inscription</b>	Statement of OUV	December 2008	Completed
	Comparative analysis	August 2009	Ongoing
	Statement of Integrity and Authenticity	August 2009	Ongoing
<b>Develop protective management plan</b>	Management plan for the National historic site	April 2010	Ongoing
	Draft municipal plan	July 2009	Ongoing
	Management plan for the site	January 2010	Ongoing
<b>Funding</b>	Budget	July 2008	Completed
<b>Communication and public engagement strategy</b>	Communication and public engagement strategy implementation	April 2011	Ongoing
<b>Approval/ support process</b>	Municipal approval process	September 2009	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
<b>Final proposal</b>	Other support	December 2010	N/A
	Final content	December 2010	N/A
	Final formatted document	January 2011	N/A

##### *Finance and resources*

See report financial report.

## PHASES (SEE PROGRESS REPORT 8 FOR OUTLINE)

### Description of Area:

First draft complete. Will be finalized once the boundary and buffer zone are confirmed.

Next steps: none

### Justification for Inscription:

The second criterion (criteria v of the *Operational Guidelines*) has been rewritten to emphasize the relationship between the communities that once and now live in the area, the agricultural activity, and the distinct environment of Grand Pré.

Telephone and email exchanges have already occurred between experts in Canada, the Netherlands, and the United States. Initial remarks are supportive of the argument for OUV presented for Grand Pré. Additional work is required to elaborate on the historical context.

Terms of reference for engagement of international experts has been drafted.

Next steps: Work on comparative analysis continues with additional exchanges with experts. A local (ie within Atlantic Canada) and regional (North America) comparison is being worked on by John Johnston and Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc.

### Evaluation of present state of conservation:

Condition assessment of archaeological resources will begin in August. Other landscape attributes has begun. The archaeological research team, a collaboration between Parks Canada, the Nova Scotia Museum, and St.Mary's University is currently undertaking a survey of the uplands to provide additional information on the location and significance of structures and features.

Next steps: Confirm landscape attributes and determine condition. Ongoing discussions on determination of condition of dykes.

### Assessment of factors affecting the property:

The working group has identified some key factors affecting the proposed area based on UNESCO's four main areas of concern: development pressures, environmental pressures, visitors and tourism, and natural disasters.

Next steps: Discuss the key factors and proposed policies under each type of pressure.

### Monitoring plan:

Not begun.

Next steps: none

### Develop protective and management system for the proposal:

*National historic site process*

The planning process for the national historic site is underway. Target date for draft is October 2009 in preparation for Aboriginal consultation.

Next steps: target workshops and consultation.

*Municipal process*

Municipal process underway and on schedule. See Community Planner's report

Next steps: see Community Planner's report

*Management and land use working group*

Working group met in May. It was attended by close to fifteen members of the group, including a number of residents. The purpose of the first meeting was to provide the framework for the group's discussion, by visiting the proposed area, reviewing the details of the proposed OUV, reviewing the main elements of the municipal plan, and focusing on UNESCO's requirements. Two more meetings are scheduled: on in early July, another in late September. One issue that was discussed at some length is the buffer zone. The intent of the buffer zone is to provide an area outside the boundaries that would serve as an additional protection by having complementary legislation. The working group felt that there will probably be a need for a buffer zone, such as to provide additional protection for the dykes.

Next steps: Compile the information and propose rationale and elements of a buffer zone for the next meeting of the working group.

**Visitor and Interpretation:**

A research collaboration is currently being developed between Nomination Grand Pré and Dr. Wanda George from Mount Saint Vincent University and head of the World Heritage Tourism Research Network. Dr. George's research focuses on the interrelationships and dynamics that occur amongst tourism, rural communities, local culture and community sustainability. She conducted extensive research in Lunenburg.

Next steps: identify research objectives that will directly support the nomination proposal.

**Draft proposal:**

First draft of the description. Rented a plane to fly over the area and acquired aerial photos of the proposed area. Of particular interest are aerials at low tide. Geographical coordinates completed.

Next steps: draft elements of the protection and management of the property section and of the comparative analysis.

**Project administration:**

See financial report

Next steps: See financial report

**Communication and public engagement:**

There were no specific communication or engagement activity undertaken since the last Advisory Board meeting in May.

Next steps: Meeting with the council of Glooscap to discuss engagement strategy. Prepare for the project's participation in the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2009 in New Brunswick in August.

*Engagement of the Acadian community*

See above.

Next steps: none.

**Economic development & interpretation strategy:**

See financial report.

Next steps: See financial report

**Approval process for final document:**

N/A