



TO: Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

From: Christophe Rivet, Project Manager

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RE: Project Manager's and Progress Report 15 (for discussion)

GENERAL

As mentioned in Project Manager's and Progress report 14, the focus was on completing a draft nomination which has been achieved. There have been numerous exchanges with the Canadian Delegation to produce this draft. New draft will be produced in the coming week prior to requesting a formal review by the Canadian Delegation in late July.

Highlights include:

- Draft of the nomination proposal completed (all key 6 chapters and maps);
- Draft management plan for the national historic site is being finalized;
- Draft community plan is scheduled to go for second public consultation (July 7th);
- Revised draft archaeological heritage strategy is underway;
- Compilation of appendices is underway;
- Final draft coastal erosion study is completed;
- New draft risk preparedness plan is underway;
- Map production is underway;
- Design of the nomination proposal is underway;

SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT AND OF THE PROPOSAL

Description of Area:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: Draft section completed.

Justification for Inscription:

A revised statement of Outstanding Universal Value is included in the draft nomination. The essence of the proposal has not changed however the wording is evolving in response to the need for a clearer articulation of a strong case for outstanding universal value based on UNESCO's criteria and precedents.

A new iteration of a comparative analysis was prepared in response to the articulation of the OUV. It compares Grand Pré to other dykelands in Western Europe and North America that are pre-modern. In addition, it compares Grand Pré to other sites that relate to the forced migration of a people in the face of conflict and to their renaissance. The draft will continue to evolve based on feedback from international experts in those matters, on the Canadian Delegation's comments, and UNESCO's observations following the voluntary review.

Next steps: Complete draft comparative analysis. Prepare revisions to draft OUV and comparative analysis.

Evaluation of present state of conservation:

The revised statement of outstanding universal value includes statements on integrity and authenticity.

Next steps: Finalize draft state of the conservation based on data provided by the Department of Agriculture on dykes and aboiteaux. Complete discussion with the Departments of Agriculture, Tourism, Culture, and Heritage and Parks Canada on the rating guide to report on present condition.

Assessment of factors affecting the property:

Coastal change report finalized with the assistance of the Ecology Action Centre.

Next steps: Include in the draft nomination proposal.

Monitoring plan:

Condition indicators were developed and included in the management plan. A draft monitoring programme for coastal change is being finalized based on the coastal change report's observations. This will include location points to monitor coastal change. These points are identified in cooperation with the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Department of Agriculture who will contribute to the implementation of the monitoring programme.

Next steps: Finalize draft monitoring process.

Develop protective and management system for the proposal:

National historic site process

Aboriginal consultation complete.

Next steps: Final draft being prepared for internal approval and delivery to Minister's office.

Municipal process (see planner's report)

The Community Plan Liaison Committee and municipal planners are preparing for a second consultation with the community (July 7th). (oral report on municipal process will be provided on July 8th to the AB)

Next steps: TBD.

Management plan

A revised draft of the archaeological heritage strategy is being prepared to discuss with the Mi'kmaq. That draft will also be presented to the community of Grand Pré for information.

A meeting with the Municipality of the County of Kings' emergency management office, the aboiteaux superintendent, and the national historic site staff took place to discuss risk preparedness. It was agreed that there was a need to compile in a single format the information available to guide the actions at all three levels. It was also agreed that a subsequent step will be to develop a potential training module for those involved in risk preparedness after a successful designation.

A draft memorandum of understanding and terms of reference for the governance structure has been prepared for consideration by the Advisory Board at its July meeting. Both rely on the principles that were agreed on by the Advisory Board in 2009. There have been informal discussions with staff at all three levels of government. Formal discussions will take place once the Advisory Board approves the documents in principle.

Next steps: Revise draft of archaeological heritage strategy and meet with the Mi'kmaq to discuss their role. Prepare revised draft of risk preparedness and circulate with appropriate staff.

Visitor and Interpretation:

Work completed.

Next steps: None.

Draft proposal:

Complete draft nomination chapters 1-6 and 8. Key maps completed, remaining underway. Key appendices completed.

Next steps: Prepare new drafts of the nomination proposal in preparation for formal submission to the Canadian Delegation for their review.

Project administration:

See financial report.

Next steps: See financial report

Communication and public engagement:

An update to the community was initially considered for end of June. Due to drafts being incomplete and community plan work underway, it was postponed to a later date in July.

Nomination Grand Pré was present and actively participated in the Planter Studies Conference held at Acadia University. Three speakers (Katie Cottreau-Robins, Ronnie-Gilles LeBlanc, and Christophe Rivet) gave talks on different aspects of the history and the archaeology of the area resulting from the work done in the context of the nomination proposal.

Postcards were made that showcase the artwork of the winners of the youth poster challenge. Postcards are available at the national historic site in both French and English.

A project is underway to compile testimonials in the local community and in other stakeholder communities on the meaning of Grand Pré. This will serve to prepare a short documentary to highlight the extraordinary aspects of Grand Pré. It will be available on our website and as a DVD and will help support our statement of value.

Next steps: Organise community update meeting and presence in the Acadian community. Implement the testimonial project.

Engagement of the Acadian community

Members of the Acadian community approached Nomination Grand Pré to try to organize an event to engage youth. Further discussions will take place in the coming months.

Next steps: Continue discussions with community leaders for presentations and activities.

Engagement of the Mi'kmaq

As we are continuing our work on the process, including developing a governance approach, it is essential to actively engage the Mi'kmaq. Chief Clark has continued to indicate support for this initiative on behalf of Glooscap community.

Next steps: Meet with Chief Clark and other Mi'kmaq representatives to discuss future of the site and nomination proposal.

Economic development & interpretation strategy:

Complete. See Tourism Strategy report from consultants.

Next steps: None

Approval process for final document:

The Canadian delegation to the World Heritage Committee reviews and signs the nomination proposal once it is ready to be sent. Initial review of the draft will take place in the months of July –August 2010.

There is still a need to clarify the provincial and municipal process in support of the nomination.

Next steps: Clarify with municipal and provincial authorities approval process.

PROGRESS

Project component	General category	Status	Target completion	Comment	Next steps
Outstanding Universal Value	Statement of OUV	● Active	April REVISED - MAY	Revised based on international review and expert comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete final draft of comparative analysis • Revise
	Comparative analysis	● Active	April REVISED - MAY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize first draft • Review from experts • Redraft • Workshop review • Submit to AB
	Integrity and Authenticity	● Active	April	Draft statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize landscape analysis • Assess condition of cultural resources • Complete archaeological mapping
Management	National Historic site management plan	● Active	October	Aboriginal consultation completed. On track for completion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present to AB • Finalize for Aboriginal consultation • Carry out Aboriginal consultation • Finalize draft • Internal review • CEO approval • Minister's approval • Tabling in Parliament
	Community plan	● Active	October	Draft ready for review by the Community Liaison Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review by community committee • Second draft • Review • Presentation to community • Review • Finalize • Forward to Planning Committee • Consultation • Forward to Council • Consultation • Approval

	WH management plan	● Active	June	Draft archaeological heritage strategy reviewed and supported in principle by authorities. Draft risk preparedness plan being prepared. Coastal erosion study finalized. Final review by management plan working group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the Archaeological Heritage Strategy ● Risk preparedness plan ● Governance structure ● Condition assessment and indicators ● Finalize landscape analysis ● Coastal study ● Dyke maintenance policies
Commitments	Governance structure	● Active	July	Meeting with RDA, Parks Canada, and Municipality outlined the key principles and structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet with provincial authorities ● Meet with Parks Canada ● Prepare Terms of Reference of governance structure
	Memorandum of understanding	● Active	December	Discussions on MOU has begun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft MOU ● Review by AB
	Implementation	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Dossier preparation	Appendices	● Active	January 2011	Work underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compile legislation ● Complete archaeological reports
	Translation	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
	Editing	● Not active	January 2011	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
	Photo and mapping	● Active	May	List of photographs has been prepared for the nomination proposal. Key maps are ready. Mapping work has begun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finalize RFP for photography ● Prepare inventory of photos
Legacy project	Analysis	● Completed	February	Consultants completed report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultants' report received
	Implementation	● Active	October	Discussions underway between Parks Canada and the Kings RDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outline project ● Set up committee