

How the partnerships will work

Four main categories of land ownership apply within the nominated property:

- Federal Crown land
- Provincial Crown land
- Grand Pré Marsh Body owned land
- private land.

Private ownership accounts for nearly 93 per cent of the land. The other 7 per cent is divided more or less evenly among the other three categories.

Federal Crown land consists of three sites owned by Parks Canada: Grand-Pré National Historic Site of Canada, Horton Landing (the site commemorating the Deportation of the Acadians and the arrival of the New England Planters) and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque commemorating the Attack at Grand Pré in the hamlet of Grand Pré.

Provincial Crown land consists of all roads in Hortonville and Grand Pré and several roads on the dykelands.

The Grand Pré Marsh Body owns the rest of the roads on the dykelands, along with a small piece of land east of the centre of the nominated property.

The nominated property is managed under various legislation, both federal and provincial, to ensure the protection of the dykelands, agricultural use, archaeological resources, and the memorials.

This complex ownership and legislative environment requires a coordinated approach to protect the property. Lands with no clear ownership may be managed, depending on where they are, under the authority of provincial legislation, the Grand Pré Marsh Body, and the County of Kings municipal plan.

Coordinated approach

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, along with local agencies, to establish the governance structure.

The Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board will manage the nominated property under agreements with the Municipality of the County of Kings, the Province of Nova Scotia, Parks Canada, the Kings Regional Development Agency, the *Société Promotion Grand-Pré Inc.*, the Grand Pré Marsh Body, and the Grand Pré and Area Community Association.

The Stewardship Board's mandate is to:

- implement the management plan through a coordinated management approach among all jurisdictions
- promote the property's outstanding universal value
- engage the stakeholders in the stewardship of the property
- report on the condition of the property.

Three levels of government have jurisdiction [[hyperlink “jurisdiction” to the “Who is responsible” section of “Management of the site”](#)] over various parts of the nominated property.

Government bodies and other authorities manage the various components that make up the nominated property. Each authority has mechanisms and resources in place to review proposals, plan for them, implement activities, and monitor changes. These mechanisms will be used to ensure the conservation of the property's outstanding universal value if it is successfully inscribed on the World Heritage List.

The Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board will play an essential role. Whenever it is consulted by one of the authorities, the Board will provide an overall analysis of impacts on the outstanding universal value of the property. This is to ensure coordination among the various authorities' mechanisms and resources.

Management plan

A range of plans and guiding documents from Parks Canada, the *Société Promotion Grand-Pré*, the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, the Municipality of the County of Kings, and Nomination Grand Pré provide direction and management for various elements of the nominated property.

Each regulatory authority has a plan or policies that guide its activities and decision-making for the areas of the nominated property under its authority. To ensure the effective protection of the entire nominated property, the regulatory authorities jointly developed the *Management Plan for the Landscape of Grand Pré* in cooperation with stakeholders.

This Management Plan places great importance on maintaining a vibrant agricultural community anchored in an agricultural tradition that has evolved over 300 years, and on maintaining the intrinsic values that make this place significant for the Acadian community.

It provides shared principles, goals and objectives for the authorities and stakeholders involved in protecting and interpreting the property.

It is implemented through the plans and policies of each regulatory authority and the strategic plan guiding the work of the Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board.

The Management Plan requires regular review by the Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board, as experience and other factors may influence the future direction of site management of the property. Once implemented, the Management Plan review will be on a six year cycle, starting five years after the inscription.

Funding and support

The three levels of government will support the Grand Pré World Heritage Site Stewardship Board.

This financial support, along with the expert resources provided by government and partners, and the revenues from product sales, will cover the needs of the Stewardship Board and ensure stable governance of the nominated property.

Funding for special initiatives will be supported through applicable federal and provincial government programs as well as through private donations.