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Christophe Rivet Project Manager World Heritage Nomination Proposal for Grand Pré

Dear Mr. Rivet:

RE: Update on the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan & Public Consultation

The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee met on 10 and 14 June 2010 to discuss changes made to the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan as a result of public input received at the open house and public meeting held in March. The Liaison Committee felt an obligation to the four communities of Grand Pré, Hortonville, North Grand Pré, and Lower Wolfville to bring to a revised draft plan out to the public one more time before contemplating a recommendation to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee.

A Public Meeting is scheduled for the Draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan on 7 July 2010 at 7 pm at the Grand Pré National Historic Park. This Public Meeting will include a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions or make comments in a public forum. The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee will meet again on 13 July at 7 pm at the Horton Community Centre.

As a result of public input received in March, the Liaison Committee has made a number of substantive changes to the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan. These changes are:

- Removal of the Environmental Open Space (O1) zone (65 ft setback) along the shore in North Grand Pré. We will be maintaining the 50 ft setback in the current Land Use Bylaw.
- Change from Environmental Open Space (O1) zone (migratory bird habitat) to the Coastal Shoreland (CS) zone. We removed the O1 zone in this area and retained the current Coastal Shoreland (CS) zone with the existing 50 ft shoreline setback.
- All references to Views Protection (VP) overlay zones have been removed.

- Reduced front yard requirement from 45 ft to 15 ft for new structures and additions in Coastal Shoreland (CS) where lots abut the shore. This continues to be done through the site plan approval process in the draft Community Plan.
- Incorporation of 2007 salt marsh data from the Provincial Department of Natural Resource. We updated the salt marsh data resulting in the removal of some Environmental Open Space (O1) zoning along the shore in North Grand Pré.
- Zone changes from Environmental Open Space (O1) zone to Agriculture (A1) zone in accordance with variances issued by the Marsh Body.
- Changes to areas that were mapped as freshwater wetlands and zoned Environmental Open Space (O1). The Provincial Department of Natural Resources re-interpreted the freshwater wetland data and we incorporated the new data into our mapping.
- A tourist centre will be considered through the development agreement approval process in the Agriculture (A1) and Hamlet Historic Residential (R9) zones within the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan boundary. A tourist centre was allowed "as of right" in the A1 and R9 zones in the previous draft. In the current draft a tourist centre would be considered by Council through development agreement (contract), subject to a number of criteria.

All land owners with the proposed boundary of the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan as well as those 500 ft from the proposed boundary have been notified of the upcoming Public Meeting set for 7 July at the Grand Pré National Historic Park.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions regarding the particulars or progress of the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan.

Sincerely,

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