



Advisory Board Meeting/ *Réunion du comité consultatif* Agenda / *Ordre du jour*

September 3, 2009

Grand-Pré national historic site of Canada /
Lieu historique national du Canada de Grand-Pré

1 pm – 3 pm / 13 h à 15 h

Chair/ *Président de session*: Gérald C. Boudreau

1. Welcome / *Mots de bienvenue*
2. Approve agenda / *Approbation de l'ordre du jour*
3. Approve minutes from previous meetings / *Approbation des notes de la réunion précédente*
4. For discussion and approval / *Pour discussion et approbation*:
 - a. Community survey / sondage auprès des résidents
 - b. Name of the proposal / nom de la proposition d'inscription
 - c. RFP translation, editing, and design / demandes de propositions: traduction, édition, et design
 - d. RFP interpretation / demande de proposition pour l'interprétation
5. For information / *Pour information* :
 - a. Presentation of the first draft management plan / Présentation de la première ébauche du plan de gestion
 - b. Financial and administrative report / rapport financier et administratif
 - c. Community engagement and planning report / rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification
 - d. Participation at the Congrès mondial acadien 2009 report / rapport sur la participation au Congrès mondial acadien 2009
 - e. Project manager's and progress reports / rapports d'étape et du directeur de projet
6. Other business / *Autres affaires*
7. Open floor (time limited by chair)/ *Plénière (temps limité par le président de session)*
8. Next meeting / *Prochaine réunion*
9. Adjournment / *Levée de séance*



Advisory Board Meeting/ *Réunion du comité consultatif* Notes

July 9th, 2009 / 9 juillet 2009

Grand-Pré national historic site of Canada /
Lieu historique national du Canada de Grand-Pré

2 pm – 4 pm / 14 h à 16 h

Chair/ *Président de session*: Gérald C. Boudreau

Voting Members Present

Erin Beaudin	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Gerald Boudreau	Société nationale de l'Acadie (SNA)
Stan Surette	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)
Beth Keech	Kings Hants Heritage Connection
Mike Ennis	Municipality of Kings County
Greg Young	Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce
Hanspeter Stutz	Community Member at large
Barbara Kaiser	Community Member at large

Ex-Officio Members Present

Claude DeGrace	Parks Canada
Mary Jo MacKay- Alternate	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage

Alternate Members Present

Marianne Gates	Kings Community Economic Development Agency
Victor Tetrault	Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP)

Resource Members Present

Chrystal Fuller	Municipality of Kings County- Planner
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Voting Members Absent

Liz Morine	Destination Southwest Nova Scotia
Chief Shirley Clarke	Glooscap First Nation
Robert Palmeter	Grand Pre Marsh Body

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Neal Conrad	Nova Scotia Economic Development
Vaughne Madden	NS Office of Acadian Affairs(OAA)
Bill Greenlaw	NS Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
Brian Banks	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

Alternate Members Absent

Christophe Rivet	Parks Canada
Louise Watson	Nova Scotia Economic Development

1. Welcome / *Mots de bienvenue*
Chair Gerald Boudreau called the meeting to order at 2:04
2. Approve agenda / *Approbation de l'ordre du jour*
The agenda was approved as circulated.
3. Approve minutes from previous meetings / *Approbation des notes de la réunion précédente*
The notes from the last meeting were approved as circulated.
4. For discussion and approval / *Pour discussion et approbation:*
 - a) Recommendation to fill the position of co-chair by the Selection Committee
This discussion was tabled to be completed after items 5. a-e.

The meeting was in-camera for this discussion.

Documents circulated for discussion were collected and shredded.

The meeting was brought back to the public and the meeting chair announced the unanimous decision to accept Peter Herbin as the new co-chair of the Advisory Board.

Chrystal thanked Erin for her excellent job as the out-going co-chair and it was noted that Erin would continue on the Steering Committee.

5. For information / *Pour information :*
 - a) Financial and administrative report / *Rapport administratif et financier*
Accepted as circulated.
 - b) Community engagement and planning report (verbal) / *Rapport sur la participation communautaire et la planification (verbal)*
Erin Beaudin introduce the following new support staff:
 - Phil Gould: Project Coordinator
 - Amelia Awalt: Kings CED Assistant Development Officer who will be working on communications.
 - Jason Selby: Kings CED summer student who will be assisting with communications.
 - c) Project Manager's report and progress report / *Rapport du gestionnaire de projet et rapport sur l'avancement du projet*
Chrystal Fuller reported for Christophe highlighting the circulated reports.
 - d) Tax study (verbal) / *étude sur les taxes (verbal)*
Erin reported that the tax study was approved by ACOA for 100% funding. This is in addition to previously approved project funds. The consultant, KELCO, has started and a full report will be circulated at the September meeting. It has

proved to be a challenge to find information on similar sites in Canada therefore information will be sought from the US and UK.

- Erin also indicated that an RFP would be issued shortly for an "Interpretation Plan"
- Erin reported that a letter had been submitted to the Department of Transportation requesting a traffic study be completed for the Grand Pre area.
- Claude noted that the two UNESCO sites in Newfoundland might provide good information for the tax study.

e) Management working group report (verbal) / *Rapport sur le groupe de travail de gestion (verbal)*

Chrystal Fuller reported that the Community Plan process and the Management Plan process will come together this September. A joint community consultation is planned. The tentative date for a public meeting is September 17, 2009. This meeting will provide answers to community questions voiced at the last public meeting and will also introduce the draft Community Plan and draft Management Plan. Another public event, "café" style will be held later in September where the community can participate and provide input. This schedule will be discussed with the Community Association. The timing is tight to ensure deadline requirements are achieved. The goal is to have an approved Community Plan and Management Plan by January 2010.

A community "survey" has been suggested and, if conducted, would be completed in Jan-Feb 2010. This survey would poll the community on the decision to proceed or not with a UNESCO application proposal.

- Beth indicated that this process felt too "rushed".
- Claude indicated that it was important for the community to have time to consider the information.
- Hanspeter indicated that more regular communication should be going out to the community.
- Barb questioned the need for a survey and indicated that it was important for people to have all the required information before making a decision
- Beth stressed that most community members are in favor of the designation and agreed with Barb that perhaps a survey was not necessary.
- Hanspeter suggested that it was important to consider who would receive the survey.
- Mike Ennis indicated that all land owners should receive a survey. He further agreed that only a small number of residents have spoken to him about opposition to the project. Perhaps, with more information and awareness, a survey may not be required.
- Greg suggested that the purpose of the survey be considered before proceeding.

- Mary Jo indicated that community support was essential and that if only a small number are opposed, perhaps a survey is not the best option. She agreed that providing information was more important.
- Erin indicated that a positive survey response would be a great addition to the dossier submission and would lend credibility to the community support.
- Beth and Claude indicated that if a survey is completed that it not just be a “yes or no response”, but that the question of “why” be asked.
- Barb suggested that if a survey was completed that it be a series of questions like a “report card” on the project.
- Peter Herbin from the audience suggested that that the more important issue to residents will be if the “Community Plan” will have any changes for landowners.
- Naomi Blanchard from the audience suggested that it would be important to note, in advance, if the decision was binding.

6. Other business / *Autres affaires*

Beth noted that the selection of Peter Herbin was an excellent choice. She suggested that a press release be done to inform the community of this new position.

7. Open floor (time limited by chair)/ *Plénière (temps limité par le président de session)*
None

8. Next meeting / *Prochaine réunion*

September 3, 2009, 1:00

November 5, 2009, 1:00

9. Adjournment / *Levée de séance*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35

**Nomination Grand Pré
Communications Overview Report – Steering Committee
September 3rd, 2009
Submitted by Amelia Awalt**

Below is a brief overview of the communications activities that have taken place this summer and the anticipated communications activities coming up this fall.

Summer 2009 – Fall 2009

UNESCO Presence – Events

- July 2009 – Acadian Days Festival, Grand Pré National Historic Site – Info booth
- August 2009 – Congrès mondial acadien/ WAC (Promo materials)
- November 20 – Olympic Torch Run in Grand Pré

Publications

- Promo items (Frisbees)
- Brochures
- Community Flyer (FAQs)
- Press Releases (New Co-chair/*Archaeology Dig – on going/*Public Consultation September meetings - drafted)

Public Consultation

- Information session – September 17th 2009
- Feedback session (World Café) – September 30th 2009
- Fall 2009 – Engaging youth

Communications Tools

- Website re-design
- Blog – commencement phase

Communications Issues

- Feedback from community on website (minor)
- Public consultation – September 17th 2009 Information Session (7 questions)
Finalize answers to questions from May 2009/ Posting on website?
- Solidifying trust within the community and confidence in the municipal and management plan of the proposed World Heritage Site

Strategic Communication Planning

- Next steps: 6 month period—Reaching out to all of the players/stakeholders for support

Nomination Grand Pré
Progress report 10 (for discussion)
September 2009

Phase	Description of Area	Justification for inscription			Evaluation of present state of conservation	Assessment of factors affecting the property	Monitoring Plan	Develop protective management system			Visitor and Interpretation	Draft proposal	Final proposal	
Sub-phase		Identify criteria for inscription	Compare with other properties	Assess integrity and authenticity				Planning for the national historic site	Municipal planning exercise	Planning for the proposed area			Document	Formatting and copies
Objective	Describe the property proposed	Define why the property proposed has OUV	Compare value, integrity, and authenticity of similar properties	Identify resources, their integrity and authenticity	Describe the state of the resources supporting the OUV	Describe the pressures on the resources and the OUV	Describe how the condition is monitored	Manage and protect resources at the national historic site (NHSC)	Manage and protect resources in the Grand Pré area (excluding the NHSC)	Manage the resources supporting the OUV	Describe facilities available and if applicable, programs for interpretation	Draft of the proposal, excluding formatting, translation, bibliography, and images	Final editing; Final translation; Bibliography; Image database;	Container/package; Design; Printing;
Deliverable	Description and exact location; Maps;	Statement of OUV;	Comparative Analysis;	Statement of authenticity and integrity; List of resources;	Indicators; Statistical benchmarks;	List of factors; List of mitigation measures;	List administrative arrangements; Indicators; Compilation of results of previous monitoring exercises;	Management Plan; Conservation plan;	Plan and community vision;	Management system that integrates the different plans and focuses on OUV;	Description of facilities, funding, programs;			
Expected beginning date	July 2009	June 2008	October 2008	June 2008	September 2008	September 2008	September 2008	March 2008	July 2008	May 2009	November 2008	October 2008	November 2009	October 2009
Expected date of completion	December 2009	October 2009	October 2009	March 2009	December 2009	December 2009	August 2009	April 2010 (to Minister's office)	October 2009	February 2010	August 2009	September 2010	December 2010	January 2011
New date				January 2010			January 2010			April 2010	January 2010			
Status/ activities	draft	Comparative analysis underway	underway	Archaeology underway	Archaeology underway	underway		underway	underway	underway	Data analysis	N/A	N/A	N/A
Issues	none	none	none	none	Requires federal/provincial/municipal strategy	none	Requires federal/provincial/municipal strategy	none	none	Completion depends on recommendations	RFP will be provided			

Phase	Project administration		Communication and public engagement strategy		Economic development and interpretation strategy			Approval process			Support process			
Sub-phase	Project administration	Funding	Development of strategy	Implementation of strategy	Economic study	Tourism plan	Project	Municipal approval	Federal approval	Canadian delegation approval	Acadian support	Municipal support	First Nation support	Provincial support
Objective	Deliver administrative support to the project according to principles of transparency and accountability;	Funding and resources for the project;	Develop a brand, logo, media strategy;	Implement an effective strategy to engage stakeholders;	Understand the economic context;	Propose a strategy for the sustainable development of the community;	Celebrate the community;	Approve the municipal vision and plan	Approve the management plan for the NHSC	Approve the final document	Support the process and the final document;	Support the final document;	Support the process and the final document;	Support the final document;
Deliverable	Financial reports;	Budget;	Communication and public engagement strategy;		Economic study;	Economic development plan;	Project	Plan for the community of Grand Pré and surroundings	Management plan for the NHSC	Nomination proposal	Resolution; Letter;	Resolution; Letter;	Resolution; Letter;	Letter;
Expected beginning date	January 2008	March 2008	June 2008	September 2008	July 2008	March 2009	July 2009	April 2009	June 2009	December 2009	September 2009	October 2009	September 2009	September 2009
Expected date of completion	March 2011	April 2011	December 2008	April 2011	June 2009	February 2010	TBD	April 2010	April 2010 in Minister's office	January 2011	December 2010	December 2010	December 2010	December 2010
New date														
Status / activities	Active Manage funds		complete	ongoing	Complete	initiated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Active	Active	ongoing	N/A
Issues	none	none	none	Need support for web based engagement tools	none	none					none	None	Guidance required to enhance engagement	



TO: Nomination Grand Pré Advisory Board

From: Christophe Rivet, Project Manager

Date: September 3rd, 2009

RE: Project Manager's Report 10 (for discussion)

GENERAL

Schedule and tasks

- The comparative analysis is underway;
- Draft community plan underway;
- A first draft management plan for the proposed property was completed;
- Archaeological survey is still underway;
- An updated version of the website was completed;
- A strategy to engage Acadians and follow up on the project's participation at the Congrès mondial acadien is initiated;

Phase	Task	Target date of completion	Status
Justification for inscription	Statement of OUV	December 2008	Completed
	Comparative analysis	October 2009	Ongoing
	Statement of Integrity and Authenticity	October 2009	Ongoing
Develop protective management plan	Management plan for the national historic site	April 2010	Ongoing
	Draft community plan	October 2009	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
	Other support	December 2010	N/A
Final proposal	Final content	December 2010	N/A
	Final formatted document	January 2011	N/A

Finance and resources

See report financial report.

PHASES (SEE PROGRESS REPORT 10 FOR OUTLINE)**Description of Area:**

Preliminary description completed.

Next steps: Complete draft section.

Justification for Inscription:

A first draft of the comparative analysis is expected to be completed in early September. The draft will be circulated to the experts for review. A meeting is tentatively scheduled in early October.

Next steps: Complete draft comparative analysis.

Evaluation of present state of conservation:

The archaeological research team, a collaboration between Parks Canada, the Nova Scotia Museum, and St.Mary's University is currently completing this year's survey of the uplands to provide additional information on the location and significance of structures and features. The archaeological reports are expected sometime in December. A report to the Advisory Board on these archaeological activities can be expected in November.

Condition assessment will be required for the attributes of the property. Discussions with the provincial, federal and municipal technical staff will be required to develop a condition report and indicators for future reporting.

Next steps: Prepare a report to the Advisory Board on archaeological activities. Coordinate a discussion between the different reporting authorities on condition assessment and reporting.

Assessment of factors affecting the property:

The assessment of factors is complete.

Next steps: none.

Monitoring plan:

Not initiated.

Next steps: Initiate a discussion between the different authorities on monitoring and reporting.

Develop protective and management system for the proposal:*National historic site process*

A planning team meeting is scheduled on September 4th to review a draft management plan. Target date for draft is October 2009 in preparation for Aboriginal consultation.

Next steps: draft management plan and additional consultation.

Municipal process

See Community Planner's report

Next steps: see Community Planner's report

Management and land use working group

A first draft of the management plan for the proposed property was completed. It reflects the outcome and direction from the working group meetings. The working group will have its third meeting in October to review the draft plan in light of the comments provided by residents and other stakeholders.

The management plan working group during its meetings recognized that much already existed to protect the area. The working group provided direction to address local residents' and other stakeholders' goals as well as perceived gaps for each regulatory authority to speak to in its own plan. These plans have the authority to protect aspects of the outstanding universal value and are essential to support the management plan for the proposed property.

The first draft of the management plan is scheduled to be presented to the community on September 17th. A world café in the community to discuss key components of the plan is scheduled for September 30th.

Next steps: Present the first draft of the management plan to the local residents on September 17th. Organize a world café meeting on September 30th. Prepare third meeting of the

Visitor and Interpretation:

A request for proposal was issued and closed on August 25th.

Next steps: TBD

Draft proposal:

A standing offer for editing, translating, design was issued and closed in August. A request for proposal for photography is scheduled to be issued in September. Discussions are scheduled with the Nova Scotia Community College regarding videography.

Sections of the nomination proposal can now be worked on based on the direction provided in the management plan and in the OUV report.

Next steps: Draft sections of the nomination proposal. Issue RFP for photography. Select successful candidate (s).

Project administration:

See financial report

Next steps: See financial report

Communication and public engagement:

A revised website was launched in late August. It includes a blog which allows for a more interactive engagement of stakeholders. A strategy is required to maintain the French blog. The brochures are complete and available for distribution. The project was present at the Congrès mondial acadien in New Brunswick in August. Dr. Gérald C. Boudreau and Christophe Rivet

attended for the duration of the congress. Donations and signatures were collected. Approximately 600 signatures were collected.

In the past, a number of organizations had invited Nomination Grand Pré to give presentations on the project. An update is required. These organizations will be approached for Nomination Grand Pré to offer an update.

Next steps: Develop strategy for outreach in Acadian communities, both with the blog and community events. Develop presentation schedule to stakeholder organizations and interested groups.

Engagement of the Acadian community

See above.

Next steps: none.

Economic development & interpretation strategy:

Nothing to report.

Next steps: None

Approval process for final document:

N/A

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>CASH</u>	<u>IN-KIND</u>
ACOA	211,348.50	0.00	\$0.00
Province of Nova Scotia	211,348.50	44,490.67	\$71,000.00
County of Kings	100,000.00	66,666.66	\$23,760.00
Kings CED	20,767.50	0.00	\$117,260.00
Parks Canada	0.00	0.00	\$511,980.00
SPGP	0.00	0.00	\$54,425.00
Private Donation	10,000.00	5,000.00	\$0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Cash Revenue	<u>553,464.50</u>	<u>116,157.33</u>	<u>778,425.00</u>

EXPENSES

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>IN-KIND</u>
Communications & Public Relations			
Communications & PR Specialist	0.00	0.00	\$60,000.00
Communications Strategy	25,700.00	25,700.00	2,000
Website	0.00	0.00	5,000
Web Administration	1,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Communication-Related Materials	10,000.00	6,253.89	\$0.00
Translation	15,000.00	0.00	\$10,000.00
International Brochure	2,500.00	0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total	<u>54,200.00</u>	<u>31,953.89</u>	<u>77,000.00</u>
Research & Expertise			
Heritage Planner	106,000.00	61,102.99	\$0.00
Archaeologists	33,000.00	10,785.15	\$95,000.00
Cartography	5,000.00	0.00	\$40,000.00
GIS	0.00	0.00	\$40,000.00
Historians	0.00	0.00	\$80,000.00
Archaeological Surveys	0.00	0.00	\$10,000.00
Archival Research	0.00	0.00	\$15,000.00
Conservations Services	0.00	0.00	\$20,000.00
Sub-Committee Meetings	20,000.00	9,472.22	\$0.00
Air Photos	4,000.00	189.90	\$0.00
LIDAR	0.00	0.00	\$12,000.00
Comparative Study	22,500.00	5,793.75	\$5,000.00
Background Research for Management Plan	5,000.00	4,887.34	\$0.00
Sub-Total	<u>195,500.00</u>	<u>92,231.35</u>	<u>\$317,000.00</u>
Consultation & Stakeholder Relations			
Stakeholder Relations	0.00	0.00	\$104,425.00
Permanent Display	5,000.00	1,173.00	\$0.00
Meetings	4,000.00	1,275.04	\$0.00
Meeting Documents	4,000.00	289.57	\$0.00
Translations Services	0.00	0.00	\$10,000.00
Sub-Total	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>2,737.61</u>	<u>114,425.00</u>

Nominations Proposal-Production & Follow-up

Graphic Design	25,000.00	0.00	\$15,000.00
Photography & Video	5,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Editing	20,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Translation	0.00	0.00	\$20,000.00
Printing	10,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Maps Production	5,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Interpretation & Presentation Supports	60,000.00	9,429.67	\$0.00
Professional Services (including Paris delivery)	27,500.00	0.00	\$0.00
Attendance at World Heritage Convention	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Site Visit	5,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total	157,500.00	9,429.67	35,000.00

Project Administration

Project Management	30,000.00	1,931.39	\$150,000.00
Research Assistant	0.00	0.00	\$40,000.00
Data File Management	0.00	0.00	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	\$5,000.00
Office Space	0.00	0.00	\$30,000.00
Board of Directors Operations	20,000.00	8,356.23	\$0.00
Conferences & Events	10,000.00		\$0.00
Sub-Total	60,000.00	10,287.62	235,000.00

Total Expenses Pre-Contingency & Taxes

480,200.00	146,640.14	778,425.00
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Contingency & HST(6.5%)

Contingency	17,134.50	5,232.41	\$0.00
HST (not applicable on Heritage Planner Expense)	56,130.00	2,717.19	\$0.00
Sub-Total	73,264.50	7,949.60	0.00

Total

553,464.50	154,589.74	778,425.00
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Anticipated Surplus/Deficit

0.00	(38,432.41)	0.00
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TO: UNESCO Advisory Board

From: Steering Committee

Date: September 3rd, 2009

RE: Decision on a community vote/survey

Issue

During recent public consultations some community members expressed a desire for the Advisory Board to hold a vote to determine if the majority of the residents within the proposed UNESCO boundary wish to be a part of the future World Heritage Designation. This report will outline the implications of a vote or survey, summarize consultations to date and provide a Steering Committee recommendation regarding holding a vote.

Recommendation

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board not proceed with a vote.

Background

At several public meetings, some community members have expressed a desire to have a vote conducted to determine the level of support for a future UNESCO designation. While this request has not been widespread, there is a fairly strong call by some residents of the community for a vote to occur. It is our understanding that the residents who wish a vote want a simple, one question vote asking if the residents support the UNESCO nomination.

Any vote would not be binding on the board, but would be information for the board to use to determine if the Nomination process would continue. A legally binding vote is called a plebiscite and may be held, upon request, by the Municipality if there is an issue requiring a change in regulation. According to the province who legislates plebiscites, a plebiscite is a vote on one specific question and the result of the vote can

change a piece of legislation or can make something legal, like the sale of liquor, which was formerly illegal.

In this case, there is no binding legal question or required change in legislation for the Municipality to ask relating to the UNESCO nomination. Planning related issues, which are pieces of legislation, cannot be decided by plebiscite but rather through the legislation of the Municipal Government Act (an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia) and the procedures of Municipal Council.

As a result, other options to assess the desire of the local residents must be explored. The main tool left to the Board is a survey/vote to assess the level of community support for the UNESCO designation. This survey could ask one question or a series of question to gauge level of support.

Below is a summary chart outlining the pros and cons of holding a survey/vote.

Pros of holding a vote/survey	Cons of holding a vote/survey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed the desire of some residents to have a vote • Stimulates a community discussion on the issues relating to the nomination. • Raises the profile of the nomination process, as any vote or survey would likely receive media coverage • Allows us to gauge the level of support for Nomination by the local community. This could be useful for the dossier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents do not like the idea • There already has been substantial consultation and engagement, which has generally been supportive of the nomination process • Funders may have concerns regarding holding a vote after contributing funds to the project. May jeopardize funding sources • Votes often polarize a community, creating an “us against them” situation. There has been considerable effort to being the community together and build consensus. This may be impacted by a vote. • Cost and staff time of holding the vote. • Any vote requires the circulation of information to the community to ensure that it has the best information on which to make an informed decision. • Possible confusion and controversy over the best question to ask. • If the vote/survey comes back showing a lack of support, it will be very difficult to move this project forward. • The geographical community is just one group who has an interest in the nomination. If the geographical community gets to vote, then how do we gauge the support of Acadians and First Nations, who also have a vested

	<p>interest? By not addresses the desires of other groups, we may be creating feelings of disenfranchisement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Municipal process will deal with any regulatory changes and will involve the normal democratic processes established by the Province of Nova Scotia • It is unclear who would be eligible for the vote: landowners, residents, or people within the boundary or within the buffer. This may be a cause for controversy.
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Public Consultation

From the Steering Committee's understanding, the request for a vote appears to be based on the concern that the community has not had adequate opportunity to participate in and to provide leadership to the Nomination Grand Pre process, and that something negative may happen if Grand Pre is designated a World Heritage Site.

It is important to note that the Nomination Grand Pre Advisory board has put considerable emphasis on public consultation and engagement over the last two years. It has held 4 public meetings, 3 open houses/community events, issued 7 press releases, sent out 1 newsletter, met with local community groups and local residents at every opportunity in order to ensure public participation at every level of decision making. In addition, the Board has also tried to ensure community participation by:

- Electing a co-chair from the local geographical community
- Having several community members sit on the Management Plan Working Group
- Having community members sit on the Outstanding Universal Value working group
- Making presentations to the Town of Wolfville, Town of Windsor, the West Hants Joint Council meetings, the Municipality of the County of Kings
- Ensuring that the board is composed of a variety of stakeholders, both governmental and non-governmental
- Meetings with the local business community
- Supporting a planner position to create a community based land use plan. The Planner is working with local residents who are guiding and shaping the plan, so that the community's future reflects the needs and desires of the local residents.
- Conducted a study, prepared by a professional communications firm, to ensure that we are communicating effectively with all stakeholders.
- Hiring a Communications Coordinator to deal more effectively with communications issues.
- Hiring a professional and neutral facilitator to conduct important public meetings
- Designing a top quality and highly interactive website, with information in both official languages

Based on the above consultation efforts, there has always appeared to be an interest and desire to keep the process moving forward by the majority of participants.

Next Steps

If the Board accepts the recommendation of the Steering Committee, this decision will be provided as part of the upcoming consultation process. In particular, the community will be made aware of this decision at the public meeting on September 17th.

If the Board wishes to hold a vote, the Steering Committee will develop an approach to conducting the vote, prepare the question(s) and develop criteria for conducting the vote, which shall include:

- Who gets to vote?
- What information needs to be circulated to ensure the public is well versed on the issues?
- What is the question(s)?
- What response rate is give the vote validity or is acceptable?

Draft Motion

Given the number of concerns relating to holding a vote and the level of consultation held to date to assess community issues and concerns, the Steering Committee is recommending that the Advisory Board not hold a vote and puts forward the following motion for consideration:

Whereas the Nomination process already includes significant public consultation and engagement that aims to address the concerns and issues of all stakeholders, including the local geographic community, Acadians and First Nations;

Whereas the board believes that a vote may create divisiveness within the local geographic community when it appears there is a high level of consensus regarding the value of the Nomination proposal;

Whereas the World Heritage Nomination is commemorative in nature;

Whereas the Community Plan currently under development will address any potential land use changes through established democratic processes and will involve significant input from the community before it is considered for adoption by Council.

Be it resolved that the Nomination Grand Pre Advisory board not hold a vote on proceeding with the nomination of Grand Pre as a World Heritage Site.