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A Message from the Co-chairs...

Project is progressing well!

At our last Advisory Board meeting on March 4th, we accepted the "Tourism Strategy & Interpretation Framework Final Report - March 4, 2010" from the consultants Hockin Cronin Associates and in doing so, we also approved the implementation of a community legacy project. The legacy project will consist of a panoramic viewing deck situated at the top of the cornfield upland, off Old Post Road, which will provide a 'bird's eye view' of the marshland, dykes, National Historic Site, the Bay of Fundy and tides. We hope that the initial stage of this viewing deck will be completed by this coming fall.

Our Project Manager's report indicates that progress in the various components of the proposal is being made as scheduled. Excitement is in the air, as we advance towards our hopeful target date of February 2011. The Project Manager and other staff members on this project are working diligently to make sure we meet our goal.

We appreciate your support and your involvement in this very worthwhile project for our communities.

Gérald C. Boudreau and Peter Herbin

Co-chairs

School Engagement Project...



Panel of judges (left) who came together to take on the difficult task of judging artwork of the Creative Art Challenge 2010, February 1, 2010. Six winners from six different schools were selected.

School Engagement—Creative Art Challenge 2010

Nomination Grand Pré engaged youth from the ages of 10–18 in a Creative Art Challenge during the month of January. Handouts were delivered to various schools that described Nomination Grand Pré and the unique character and important heritage the area celebrates. Youth were then encouraged to create an image representing what they thought was unique and special about Grand Pré. A total of six schools participated in the art challenge and turned out some wonderful artwork. The winners will have their artwork enclosed in the nomination submission to the World Heritage Committee in February 2011. Each participating school was awarded a poster of all the winning artwork seen below. The school engagement initiative clearly demonstrates that youth recognize why Grand Pré is special and why we celebrate its heritage. It is a positive reminder of how future generations will continue to share the legacy and celebrate the cultural heritage of Grand Pré.

*Creative Art Challenge 2010 Wall Mural (Right)
Artwork of six winners and two honourable mentions.*

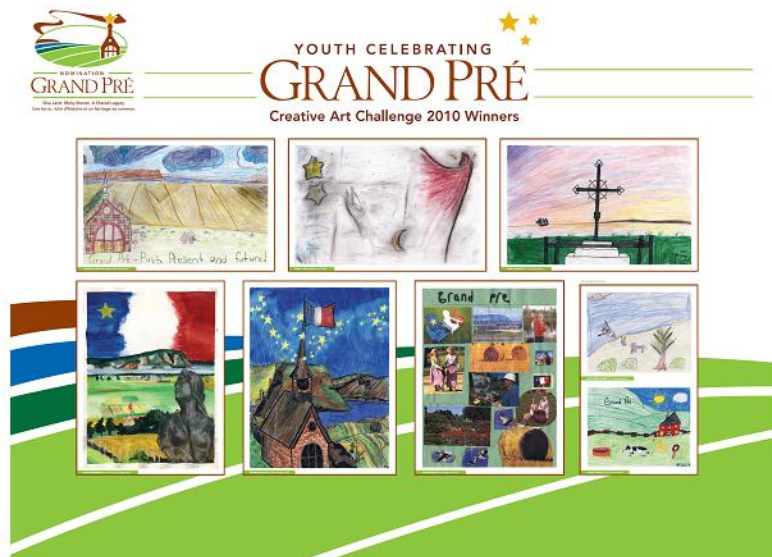
Winners & Honourable Mentions Creative Art Challenge 2010

Winners:

Johanna Gates, Port Williams Elementary
Isobel Leidl, Wolfville Junior High
Emily Largesse, L.E. Shaw Elementary
Fiona Mackinnon, Central Kings Rural High
Monique Silver, Evangeline Middle School
Aidan Brown, Cambridge Elementar

Honourable Mentions:

Nathaniel Maxner, L.E. Shaw Elementary
Donna Tebogt, L.E. Shaw Elementary



The artwork of all the participants can be found on our website at www.nominationgrandpre.ca.

A Recap of the Past Couple of Months...

National Heritage Day 2010



The National Historic Site in Grand Pré hosted a unique event on February 15, 2010, that celebrated youth and heritage. Participants and winners from the *Creative Art Challenge 2010*, school engagement effort, were the special guests of the National Heritage Day event. Awards were given out to the winners of the Creative Art Challenge. A wall mural celebrating the winning artwork and honourable mentions were displayed for the National Heritage Day celebration. The mural remains at the National Historic Site in Grand Pré.



Community Meeting Recap

January 21, 2010

A public meeting was held in Grand Pré at the National Historic Site to introduce the initial findings of the Tourism Strategy and Interpretation Framework. Consultants from Hockin Cronin Associates came well prepared to present their research and findings of the tourism strategy of the proposed World Heritage Site.

With a thorough presentation, the consultants allowed time for community members to ask questions and engage in discussion. Community members were also encouraged to participate in a feedback exercise to help collect opinions on a legacy project for the area of Grand Pré.



Community Meeting Recap

March 4, 2010

The final report of the Tourism Strategy & Interpretation Framework was delivered at a public meeting at the National Historic Site in Grand Pré. The consultants of Hockin Cronin Associates presented their final report which can be found on Nomination Grand Pré's website in the documents section. Community members were able to obtain a hard copy of the final report at the meeting that highlights the importance of managing tourism and interpretation, so to lessen the impact on the site of Grand Pré and area.

Coming Up...

DRAFT Management Plan Updates...

Feedback Forum Mid-April 2010

We need your feedback:

The second draft of the Management Plan will be available in hard copy and online by mid-April. Help by reviewing the second draft and giving us your feedback on the changes. An online tool will be implemented on our website for you to e-mail your comments. You may also choose to contact us by phone, in which case more information will be provided at this time. Your feedback is valued.

Management Plan Working Group April 30, 2010

The Management Plan Working Group will meet to follow up on the feedback you provide for the second draft of the Management Plan. Your feedback will help inform this discussion.



International Experts Visit Grand Pré

Experts will be coming to help us celebrate World Heritage Day-April 18, 2010. During that week, April 15 and 16, experts from around the world including Germany, the Netherlands, United States and Canada will visit the local community of Grand Pré and area, speak with local residents and help us with our proposal.

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World Heritage Day Events

Nomination Grand Pré has teamed up with a planning committee including Acadia University, the Wolfville Historical Society, members of the Marsh Body and local businesses and residents to prepare a weekend long celebration of World Heritage Day, April 17-18 2010. World Heritage Day is a time the entire globe celebrates international sites and monuments recognizing the diversity of cultural heritage that is shared by all of humankind. This year's theme focuses on Agricultural Heritage. See our website for details.

What you can expect: Presentations from international and national experts on issues related to protecting agricultural heritage, an evening of wining and dining of local products including a dinner at Acadia put on by the Wolfville Historical Society, tour of beautiful botanical gardens, a community celebration of traditional farming and of course more food!

This is surely an event not to be missed!

Please check our website for confirmation updates as planning progresses...

250TH Anniversary of the Arrival of the New England Planters

June marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the **New England Planters**. A conference will be held at Acadia University June 17-20, 2010. Informational sessions and presentations will be the focus of this event. Nomination Grand Pré will give a presentation about the UNESCO proposal and overall project. More information to follow...

