



All Across the Landscape

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Heritage Day 2022 Honours Landscape

On February 21, 2022, the Province of Nova Scotia's Heritage Day honoured the rich heritage of the Landscape of Grand Pré UNESCO World Heritage Site.

With the support of the Province, Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. produced a 5-minute video celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Landscape. This video can be viewed on the Landscape's website at:
www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca



Outreach Expands for Visitor Experience Concept

Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. invites your input as we continue working to develop the visitor experience concept for the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site. The final report of the visitor experience concept and feasibility study is available on the Landscape's website: www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca. The Board of Directors is sharing the report in order to generate additional discussion and suggestions.

Developing the concept involved considerable engagement with key stakeholders and the public to seek ideas on how the Corporation should proceed with conveying the Outstanding Universal Value of the Landscape. While the final report fulfills the terms of the contract awarded through a request for proposals, the Board of Directors has not endorsed its recommendations. The public engagement process has yielded a variety of perspectives regarding the project, but there is no consensus on how to move forward.

Please contact Chrystal Fuller at chrystal@brighterplanning.ca or

Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. is committed to working with our partners to promote wide recognition, understanding and appreciation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Landscape of Grand Pré. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the inscription of the Landscape on UNESCO's World Heritage List, we acknowledge that visitors currently have limited opportunities to discover and appreciate the overall significance of the World Heritage Site.

With that in mind, Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. will be conducting further public engagement regarding the visitor experience

concept. We have retained the services of Brighter Community Planning & Consulting for this work. Over the next few weeks, Chrystal Fuller will be engaging with community members and stakeholders regarding the visitor experience concept. Using the final report as a starting point, we invite you to let us know how you feel about the concept. In particular, we would like to know what elements, if any, you think should be supported to provide visitors with opportunities to discover and appreciate the overall significance of the World Heritage Site.



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Visit our website for more information about the Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca

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Claude DeGrâce at executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca if you would like to provide further input in the public engagement process.

Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. was established as a non-profit body to coordinate the management of the World Heritage Site. Its mandate is

- to protect and preserve the Landscape of Grand Pré UNESCO World Heritage Site in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, and
- to educate the public and increase its appreciation and awareness of the Landscape of Grand Pré UNESCO World Heritage Site and its history.



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Landscape of Grand Pré Inc.'s vision statement recognizes the shared responsibility for managing the landscape: Our communities and partners work collaboratively and proudly to protect and champion the living cultural and agricultural landscape of Grand Pré for the world to appreciate.

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Join us for 10th Anniversary Celebrations

Please join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the UNESCO inscription of the World Heritage Site on Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1, 2022. A subcommittee of the Education and Marketing Committee has been established to help coordinate these celebrations, which will be held at the View Park located on Old Post Road in Grand Pré.

Many celebration ideas have been proposed and are being organized. These include a community BBQ, a 10th anniversary ceremony, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by member organizations, some music and a ghost talk on the evening of June 30.

On Canada Day morning, we are planning a panel discussion on the significance of agriculture in the

Landscape and a presentation about our UNESCO journey.

The afternoon will feature an open-door day with visits to some of the key points of interest in the Landscape. We are also working in collaboration with our partners for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Memorial Church in late July.

A tent will be installed at the View Park for the two-day event.

A program of activities will be posted soon on the Landscape's website: www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca. If you have questions about the 10th anniversary celebrations, please reach out to the Executive Director at:

executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca

Memorial Church Marks 100th Anniversary

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the construction by the Acadian community of the Grand-Pré Memorial Church, a memorial built to commemorate the Expulsion of the Acadian population in the mid-18th century.

Inspired by an initiative of John Frederick Herbin, Grand-Pré is the most important memorial site of the Acadian diaspora. It was created through a partnership of the Acadian community and the Dominion Atlantic Railway. Parks Canada acquired the Memorial Church and gardens in the mid-1950s, and they became a national historic site in 1961.

In 2012, the Landscape of Grand Pré was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While

inscription criterion (v) speaks to the traditional living agricultural landscape, the focus of criterion (vi) is the iconic place of remembrance of the Acadian diaspora, dispersed by the Great Upheaval in the second half of the 18th century.

The Société Promotion Grand-Pré and Parks Canada, in collaboration with Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. and Les Amis de Grand-Pré, plan to hold major celebrations during the last weekend of July to mark this event. Why not make plans to visit the site this summer!

The grounds of the national historic site are open year-round and are accessible free of charge.



John Robichaud

Support to Landowners Extended for Archaeological Assessments

For the second year, landowners who plan to develop their property located in the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site and its buffer zone can take advantage of an initiative that will cover the cost of an archaeological assessment. After a successful introduction of the program in 2021, the Corporation has renewed this initiative in an effort to help protect the rich archaeological heritage of the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site and its buffer zone. The Corporation will also consider allocating, on a case-by-case basis, up to \$2,500 for mitigating measures that could be required following the initial assessment. The Corporation has established standing offer agreements with two qualified archaeologists who will carry out the assessments. If you are planning a project on your property that would involve soil disturbance, including grubbing and grading, you can request that one of these archaeologists carry out an assessment. The Corporation will award a contract to the archaeologist you select and will pay for the costs of these services as set out in the standing



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offer vFor information regarding obtaining a building permit for development projects, please contact the Municipality of the County of Kings at www.countyofkings.ca/residents/services/permits/bpermits.aspx. The protection of the archaeological heritage of the landscape is very important for the preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site. When the representative of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) visited Grand Pré on behalf of UNESCO in 2011 to evaluate the nomination proposal, they concluded that the archaeological potential of the Landscape was

exceptional. The expert also emphasized the importance of providing support to landowners for the protection of archaeological resources. For more information about Landscape of Grand Pré Inc.'s initiative to protect the archaeological heritage of the landscape and its buffer zone, please contact the Corporation's Executive Director, Claude DeGrâce, by phone at 902-697-2575 or by email at executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca



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