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Harper Government Announces New Investments in Grand-Pré National Historic Site

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Greg Kerr, Member of Parliament for West Nova, on behalf of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, today announced infrastructure investments totalling \$572 thousand in Grand-Pré National Historic Site.

Projects highlighted today include an investment that will go toward work to repair damage Hurricane Arthur caused to the Grand-Pré National Historic Site Compound, and work to replace the historic church roofing.

Grand-Pré holds a special place in the hearts and minds of many people. This site offers occasions for all Canadians to learn and to appreciate the rich and complex history of this land. The stories told here help us remember the village of Grand-Pré as a centre of Acadian settlement and the strong attachment of the Acadian people to Grand-Pré.

Quick Facts

- In June 2012, the Landscape of Grand-Pré, which includes Grand-Pré National Historic Site, was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its outstanding universal value.
- Grand-Pré National Historic Site welcomes more than 2,000 students and 25,000 visitors per year.
- Grand-Pré National Historic Site is an important tourist attraction and economic driving force in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley region. Through continued federal investments, Grand-Pré National Historic Site has created lasting, positive economic impacts locally and throughout the province.
- On November 24, the Prime Minister announced the largest infrastructure investment in Parks Canada sites across Canada in the agency's 104-year history. This investment will support infrastructure improvements to heritage, visitor experience, waterway and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas across Canada. This is part of a new \$5.8 billion federal infrastructure program.

Quotes

"Our Government is committed to protecting our rich cultural heritage. Visitors to this beautiful national historic site have an extraordinary opportunity to learn about the important events that changed the lives of the Acadian people. An investment such as this will strengthen and grow our local and regional partnerships as we increase the opportunity to further enhance the visitor experience at Grand-Pré National Historic Site."

-Greg Kerr, Member of Parliament for West Nova

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