

Stewardship Board of the Landscape of Grand Pré Society

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**The Society**

The Landscape of Grand Pré Society was incorporated in May 2013 to replace the Stewardship Board committee of the former Kings Regional Development Authority (RDA).

The goals of the Society are to:

- **ensure** the conservation, protection, presentation and transmission to future generations, of the property's Outstanding Universal Value, through implementation of the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site Management Plan;
- **provide** advice to ensure the integrity of the World Heritage Site through a coordinated management approach between all Regulatory Authorities;
- **promote** the World Heritage Site's Outstanding Universal Value;
- **engage** stakeholders in the stewardship of the World Heritage Site; and
- **report** to UNESCO on the condition of the World Heritage Site.

**The Stewardship Board**

The Society's Board of Directors (the Stewardship Board) is composed of organizations with jurisdiction and/or primary interest in some part of the Landscape of Grand Pré.

While the Board itself has no jurisdiction, the mandate of the Board is to facilitate information sharing, partnerships and co-ordinate technical expertise, as well as to promote the site through marketing and education.

The Stewardship Board has been working together since October 2012 in a collaborative environment. The Board intends to use its website at [www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca](http://www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca) as the primary communication vehicle.

The Society incorporation recognizes all constituent organizations as voting members represented on its Stewardship Board:

- **Société Nationale de l'Acadie**, Claude Degrace, Board Co-Chair
- **Grand Pré and Area Community Association**, Naomi Blanchard, Board Co-Chair
- **Société Nationale de l'Acadie**, Hélène Lavigne
- **Grand Pré and Area Community Association**, Ann Palmeter
- **Grand Pré Marsh Body**, Charlie Curry, Board Treasurer
- **Société Promotion de Grand-Pré**, Stan Surette, Board Secretary
- **Municipality of the County of Kings**, Deputy Warden Mike Ennis
- **Glooscap First Nation**, Chief Sidney Peters
- **Parks Canada**, Robert Moreau

Ex-officio resource members of the Board include staff from Kings County, Destination South West Nova and the Nova Scotia Departments of Agriculture and Communities, Culture and Heritage, including Acadian Affairs.

**BOARD UPDATES**

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**Job Postings and Contracts**

The Society will publish notices of all job or contracted opportunities on its website. The position of Site Management Co-ordinator is currently posted.

**Future office space at Just Us!**

The Board has approved a lease beginning September 2013 with Just Us! Coffee for local office space for the Site Management Co-ordinator.

**Support Services**

The Board has awarded some year-long professional services contracts: Shablizzam Interactive Studios for website management, Sagehouse Design for administrative support (both based in Grand Pré) and Equilibrium Business Services, Gaspereau, for financial support services. Translation contracts have been awarded to France Blanchard and Ginette White of Moncton.

**Lost Art Cartography, Grand Pré,**

has completed for the Society, an update of the World Heritage Site brochure. **Please take a moment to look over the copy delivered for your household.**

**BOARD MEETINGS**

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Board meetings are open to the public and are held locally. Meetings are announced on [www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca](http://www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca) Past meeting agendas and approved meeting minutes are also posted on the website.





With the loss of support services from the Kings RDA, the Board publicly called for the provision of administration, website management, financial and translation services. Municipal staff reviewed submissions and contracts were awarded following incorporation of the Society.

The Stewardship Board is currently establishing its **2 Major Committees** to focus on **Marketing/Promotion/Education** and for coordinating all **Technical Advice**, as required under the commitment to UNESCO. If you have any interest in being part of either of these important groups, or would like further information, please contact any Board member or email: [info@landscapeofgrandpre.ca](mailto:info@landscapeofgrandpre.ca).

### Board Activities

At the April board meeting, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture staff responsible for marshland protection and the dykes provided a presentation to enable an enhanced understanding of the dykes and on-going challenges relating to the protection of the dykelands. This presentation enabled the Stewardship Board to begin to consider how best to communicate issues around the privately-owned dykelands of the World Heritage Site.

Jonathan Fowler, archaeologist, Saint Mary's University, provided a presentation focussed on the challenges and opportunities relating to the management and conservation of archaeological heritage in the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site. There will now be a formal dialogue initiated between the Stewardship Board and Saint Mary's University to define a continuing partnership for archaeology in the area.

The Co-Chairs provide the Board's first Annual Update, June 18th 2013, to the Council Committee of the Whole, Municipality of the County of Kings.

Other continuing and future work of the Stewardship Board includes:

- Hiring of the first Site Manager Coordinator.
- Developing both interior and exterior interpretative material for the Visitor Centre at the Grand Pré National Historic Site.
- Distribution of the new brochure to Nova Scotia visitor information centres and Parks Canada sites in Atlantic Canada.
- Expansion of the Landscape of Grand Pré website as a portal for all information, including links to new publications about Grand Pré.
- Share work and budget with the funding partners.
- Participate, with other community members, in Nova Scotia's annual Heritage Conference, focusing this year on Cultural Landscapes.
- Participate with municipal staff, in the planned County of Kings Signage Study.

### Funding partners

The **Landscape of Grand Pré UNESCO World Heritage Trust** was established in November 2012, with a \$2.5 million endowment from the Government of Nova Scotia. Over 10 years, the Trust will provide support to:

- **provide** for the protection, continuing community and agricultural use and appreciation of the site;
- **enrich** the existing tourism destination by promoting wide recognition, understanding and appreciation of the values represented by the site;
- **instill** a strong sense of shared community pride and stewardship in the protection, interpretation and promotion of the site;
- **foster** increased economic, tourism and agricultural opportunities through partnerships at the site; and
- **ensure** the long-term sustainability of the site's governance.

The Members of the Grand Pré Trust are Peter Herbin and Robert Palmetier of Grand Pré, with Marie-Paul LaForge of Halifax.

The **Municipality of the County of Kings** is contributing \$30000 annually to the work of the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site.

### EVENTS UPCOMING

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#### View Park Official Opening

Join Peter Kent, the Minister of Environment and Parks Canada  
**Sunday June 30, 2013 (tentative)**  
**11:00am-postponed (see website)**

There will be an associated **community celebration** scheduled in the Fall.

#### Unveiling of the Three Founding Nations Sculpture

Don't miss the official unveiling at the National Historic Site Visitor Centre.

**Monday, July 1, 2013 2:00pm**

#### ACADIAN DAYS, National Historic Site Saturday, July 20th, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Talks (2 French speakers in the morning, and 2 English speakers in the afternoon)

#### Sunday, July 21st, 10:45am – 4:00pm

Sunday Mass (in French) at 11:00;  
Lennie Gallant in concert at 1:00;  
La Baie en Joie at 2:30; a wine garden, kiosks, food vendors;  
Staddle (hayrick support) construction; presentation on the Claude Picard paintings and more.

#### The Day of Commemoration of the Acadian Expulsion.

**Sunday, July 28th, 4:30pm.** At Horton Landing, a Light of Hope and Healing ceremony followed by an inter-spiritual and intercultural service at the Covenanter Church (**5:55pm**).

#### Evangeline Musical in Charlottetown, PEI

Evangeline, a major new production debuts this summer at the Charlottetown Festival and it plays at the Homburg Theatre from July 26 – September 28.

#### Do you have an idea to promote or enhance the World Heritage Site?

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The Stewardship Board is open to hearing ideas from individuals or businesses to consider endorsement and/or support. As an example, local businesses are currently preparing a collaborative proposal for a Nova Scotia WebCam adjacent to the Grand Pré View Park.

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