

June 7, 2010

Kings Hants Heritage Connection  
c/o Gordon Haliburton, Chair  
36 Gaspereau Avenue  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
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Mr. Peter Herbin & Dr. Gerald Boudreau, Co-Chairs  
Nomination Grand Pre  
c/o Kings Regional Development Agency  
35 Webster Street  
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Dear Mr. Herbin & Dr. Boudreau,

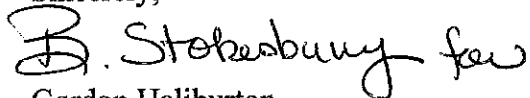
I am writing this letter in my capacity as Chair of the Kings Hants Heritage Connection. This group represents some ten organizations within Kings and West Hants Counties involved with the cultural/heritage sector. Indeed our group is one of the most active bodies for the promotion and protection of heritage within our geographic region.

Our group is well acquainted with the Grand Pre UNESCO Nomination and felt that it was high time that we issued a letter of support for this exciting and deserving initiative. Through our members Beth Keech and Marianne Gates we receive monthly updates on the progress of the nomination bid.

For those of us who live in the Annapolis Valley the designation being sought for Grand Pre as an inspiring cultural landscape worthy of protection for its outstanding universal value is unquestionable. Around our committee table sit the descendants of both Acadians and New England Planters. We planned events cooperatively for the last Acadian World Congress just as we plan events jointly for this year marking the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the New England Planters. The history that this land reveals in its own unique way is the history of our forefathers, and we for our brief time on this earth act as its custodians. What better way to ensure the preservation of that history than with the shield of UNESCO designation. We encourage the world to see, to visit, to experience what we as Canadians enjoy by our birthright. This land is special to us but the unique history reflected in this cultural landscape belongs to other cultures and peoples beyond our borders and, therefore, warrants universal protection.

On behalf of my committee I wish you every success in your nomination.

Sincerely,



Gordon Haliburton  
Chair  
Kings Hants Heritage Connection