

Grand Pré Nomination Proposal Advisory Board Meeting

Agenda
November 6, 2008

Grand-Pré National Historic Site of Canada
1 pm - 3 pm

In attendance:

Voting: Gerald Boudreau, Stan Surette, Beth Keech, Liz Morine, John Fuller, Marianne Gates (alternate for Erin Beaudin)

Ex-officio: Claude De Grace, Christophe Rivet, Chrystal Fuller, Louise Watson, Victor Tétrault

Regrets:

Erin Beaudin, Robert Palmeter, Hanspeter Stutz, Barb Kaiser, Greg Young, Chief Shirley Clarke

Ex-officio: Neal Conrad, Brian Banks, Bill Greenlaw, Vaughn Madden

Chair: Gerald Boudreau

1. Welcome

Gerald called the meeting to order at 1:05.

He welcomed the group and thanked them for attending.

2. Approve agenda

- Add 6.a. Economic Impact Study (Marianne Gates)
- No other additions.

NOTE: Approved by consensus.

3. Approve minutes from previous meeting

- Meeting minutes/notes will be circulated for the next meeting and the following will be approved:

September minutes;

October notes (no quorum);

and November minutes.

ACTION: Marianne will send all three documents as one PDF

NOTE: The chair opened a discussion regarding the day of week, time and frequency of the Advisory Board meetings as attendance and quorum have been an issue.

Discussion ensued and the following was agreed:

- The Advisory Board will meet regularly every second month. (1st Thursday of the month)
- If the Steering Committee determines that an additional meeting is required, notice will be provided and the meeting will be held on the alternate 1st Thursday of a month.

4. For information:

- Financial and administrative report (Erin Beaudin): update on funding and expenditures
 - Reports circulated.
 - The current final document was circulated.
 - Chrystal Fuller commented on the supplied report regarding the revised budget.
- Public engagement and communications report (Erin Beaudin / Gérald C. Boudreau): progress on the consultant's report and on the Acadian strategy
 - Marianne Gates reported that the Steering Committee continues to work with ICON and the strategy is on target to be completed by the end of November.
 - Gerald asked Victor to report on the progress of the application for funding for additional resources to assist with the implementation of the strategy to the Acadian community. Victor reported the application will be submitted on November 17.
 - Louise Watson asked about strategies for the Micmaq and planter communities. Marianne and Chrystal indicated that all groups will have a specific strategy in the overall communications and engagement plan.
- Community planning and engagement report (Chrystal Fuller): progress on the community planning exercise
 - Report circulated.
 - Chrystal indicated that the local community is very interested and engaged in the project and the overall progress is going well.
- Project manager's and progress report (Christophe Rivet)
 - Reports circulated.
 - Christophe indicated that the retreat went well and was a necessary point of reflection for the project.
 - The OUV committee has made great progress and has started to establish a statement on the criteria, justification, authenticity and boundaries. The next meeting is November 28 at Acadia.

ACTION: Marianne will send details to the AB Board on time/location once they are established

ACTION: John Johnston will give the final OUV report at the next meeting.

- The archeologists are presently working on getting "CORE" samples and progress is on schedule.

5. For discussion and recommendations

- Timeline and project schedule: Report circulated. The Steering committee have reviewed the timeline and determined that it is not possible to achieve the submission deadline. The following comments were recorded:
 - a. Louise noted that this would require approval by the funders.

ACTION: Kings CED to meet with NSED, ACOA and the Municipality to review the time extension.

- b. Claude indicated that this delay might cause confusion within the local and Acadian communities.
- c. Beth indicated that in her opinion the local community understood that the date was not firm and would be adjusted as required to ensure a solid submission was produced.
- d. John Fuller indicated that the revised date should not cause any concerns for the County but communication and updates would be appropriate.
- e. Stan expressed his disappointment but he understands that the necessary requirements, the management plan, must be completed
- f. Christophe highlighted the fact that several factors contributed to the delay, not just the management plan.

NOTE: The following recommendation was presented by the Steering Committee for decision of the Advisor Board:

The Advisory Board, wishing to ensure effective stakeholder engagement and support for the World Heritage nomination proposal for Grand Pré, adopts the new timeline and extends the duration of the project to target February 1st 2011 as the submission date for the -nomination proposal.

NOTE: Approved by consensus.

- Budget

- Gerald indicated that the budget is a living document and needs adjustment to reflect reality from time to time.
- The overall amount for revenue and expenditures remain constant and only reallocations were made to various line items.

ACTION: Kings CED to meet with NSED, ACOA and the County of Kings to review the budget changes.

ACTION: Subsequent budget changes should indicate the current and proposed budget to ensure changes are clear.

NOTE: The revised budget was approved by consensus.

- Chair of the management of the proposed area working group
 - Christophe recommended Chrystal Fuller to chair this committee.
 - Chrystal reported that this grouped is scheduled to begin meetings in March 2009

NOTE: Approved by consensus

6. Other business

- a. Economic Impact Study: Marianne circulated a report supplied by Dr. Brian VanBlarcom. The survey completed by Kings CED during the summer of 2008 has been analyzed and compared to the statistics of visitors to the Grand Pre National Historic Site. The final analysis and report will be ready in April 2009.
 - Christophe indicated that surveys completed outside the Historic Site need to be included in the analysis as it is likely the OUV will include the both areas.

- Chrystal indicated that this report will be provided to the local business community and as more detailed information is available, it is critical that it too gets communicated to this group.
- Christophe will forward information from an Economic Impact Study completed by Mount St. Vincent University.

7. Open floor (*time limited by chair*)

- Louise wanted to congratulate Beth Keech and Parks Canada on the excellent session presented to the community on the history of the Grand Pré area.
- Christophe indicated that this presentation may be compiled for a publication in the future.
- Claude commented that the various groups working together and learning about the Grand Pre area and its important historic significance offers a positive benefit regardless of the success of the nomination.

8. Next meeting: **January 8, 2009**

Note: No December meeting

January meeting is the 2nd Thursday due to observance of the New Year's Day holiday

9. Adjournment at 2:50