

**UNESCO World Heritage Nomination Proposal
Grand Pré Cultural Landscape
April 2008 Update**

1. The monthly public information session was held on April 17, 2008 with 12 members from the community in attendance. An overview of activity to date was presented.
2. Applications for funding were submitted to ACOA and NSED.
3. Presentations were made to Kentville and Berwick Town Councils as well as to the Kings CED Board of Directors.
4. The Interim Board for the Grand Pré and Area Community Association will select the two community representatives from those who submit expressions of interest. A public meeting will be held to ratify the Interim Board's selections. The Advisory Board positions should be in place for the June 5, 2008 meeting. An advertisement was placed in "The Advertiser" to ask for expressions of interest from the community for the two volunteer community representative positions on the Advisory Board as well as interest from the community in volunteering on the working groups. See below text.
5. The Steering Committee advertised for the Heritage Planner in "The Advertiser" and Caren Beacon. See below text.

Employment Opportunity:

Heritage Planner

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Convention encourages

the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding universal value by inscribing it on the World Heritage List. The cultural landscape of Grand-Pré is one of 11 properties out of 125 candidates considered by Canada to have the most potential for being inscribed on the World Heritage List by 2014.

Stakeholders from local groups, as well as government partners, have formed an Advisory Board and Steering Committee to prepare a proposal to submit to UNESCO to have the Grand Pré Cultural Landscape recognized as a World Heritage Site. Kings Community Economic Development Agency (Kings CED) and the Municipality of the County of Kings are seeking a highly motivated and community oriented Heritage Planner to work on this project. Specific responsibilities will focus on developing a management plan or system to protect the area's heritage values, which may include a regulatory framework for the Grand Pré area; conducting public consultation throughout the planning process; working with planners from other jurisdictions; acting as the liaison between the Steering Committee and the community planning process; and working collaboratively with the Nomination Grand Pré Steering Committee and Advisory Board.

This challenging position requires an enthusiastic individual who has an exceptional ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, to diverse audiences. We require someone with the ability to deal effectively and tactfully with sensitive situations. Excellent organizational and project management skills are essential. Although previous planning experience is desired, you must be a strong team player who can maintain effective working relationships with diverse stakeholders and consistently meet assigned timelines. The successful candidate will have a post secondary degree from a recognized planning school. CIP membership, experience in heritage management and bilingualism are assets.

- The position will work out the Kings County Municipal office in Kentville.
- This is a full-time, 24 month contract position (subject to long term funding approval) that includes medical/dental benefits and two weeks vacation per annum.
- Salary range \$47,347 to \$54,058, depending on qualifications.

To apply for this position, please submit a resume by fax, mail, e-mail or in person to the Office Manager, Annette Schofield, at the address below by: **4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2008.**

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We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted. Please visit www.nominationgrandpre.ca for more details about this project.

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Volunteers Sought

The *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)* seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. Through the *World Heritage Committee*, natural and cultural properties with outstanding universal value are placed on the *World Heritage List* and deemed to be protected for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. In order for a site to be nominated as a potential *World Heritage Site*, it must first be on a *State Party's Tentative List*. The cultural landscape of Grand-Pré was one of 11 Canadian properties out of 125 considered to be included on Canada's tentative list in 2004!

Stakeholders are preparing a dossier to submit to UNESCO to have the *Grand Pré Cultural Landscape* recognized as a *World Heritage Designation*. The Kings Community Economic Development Agency (Kings CED) and Société promotion Grand-Pré (SPGP) co-chair the *Nomination Grand-Pré Advisory Board*. The Board includes local groups as well as government partners. The *Nomination Grand-Pré Advisory Board* meets monthly to provide strategic direction for the project. To receive a copy of the *Advisory Board Terms of Reference*, please contact Marianne Gates.

The advisory board is seeking two community representatives to become volunteer members. Interested applications will be reviewed and selected by the Interim Board of the Grand Pré and Area Community Association and ratified by a public meeting to be held in May 2008.

Additionally, the project requires volunteers to participate on the following working groups:

- 1. Outstanding Universal Value**
- 2. Land-use and Management**
- 3. Documentation and Research**
- 4. Community Events.**

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please go to our website for the application at www.nominationgrandpre.ca or contact Marianne Gates to receive an application form. Completed applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

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