

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Society Updates – The Stewardship Board is pleased to announce the election of new directors representing the Grand Pré and Area Community Association. Ms. Jean Leung joins the Board as the new Co-Chair and Mr. Charles Curry, who formerly represented the Marsh Body, continues on as the Board's Treasurer. Ms. Beverly Palmeter has been appointed interim representative of the Grand Pré Marsh Body. The Board appointed Ms. Naomi Blanchard and Ms. Ann Palmeter as Directors at Large.

In May, Kings County Planner, Ms. Madelyn LeMay was seconded to the Society as the interim Site Management Co-ordinator, for a six-month term. She is now working with the Board to secure a permanent Site Management Co-ordinator.

The Society worked with the CBC/Radio-Canada Acadie this spring to prepare ads promoting the Landscape of Grand Pré. The ads will be airing on the networks until mid-September. The Stewardship Board would like to thank Productions Phare-Est and Jamie Robertson for the use of their video for the ads.

In partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, between August 13th and 24th, the Society participated in the ExpoMONDE in Grand-Sault/Grand Falls, New Brunswick, which was part of the Congrès mondial acadien 2014 (World Acadian Congress).

With the financial support of the Society, Parks Canada confirmed that Grand-Pré National Historic Site would be open 7 days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until October 13th. The Landscape of Grand Pré Society brochures are available at the National Historic Site Visitor Centre, Wolfville's Visitor Center, and at local businesses in and around the area.

Following a decision at the July 31st Board meeting, draft Board meeting minutes in English and French are posted on the Landscape of Grand Pré Society website within a month after the meeting's date.

Technical Advisory Committee – This permanent committee supports the Society in the management of the World Heritage Site, providing the technical support required to ensure the preservation of the integrity and authenticity of the site for UNESCO.

Education and Marketing Committee – Also in support of the Board, the Education and Marketing Committee's role is to review and recommend to the Board any education and marketing initiatives.

Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage in the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site – Over the next few months, the Landscape of Grand Pré Society will be implementing a wayfinding program to guide visitors and residents to destinations within the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site. The branding and signage plan, including a new brand mark, was developed this past winter with the involvement and support the Grand Pré and area communities.

The first signs to be installed will be those on Highway #101, approaching Exit 10 from the east and the west. Over the coming months arrival signs for the Landscape of Grand Pré will be installed on Highway #1. There will also be points of interest signs at key destinations as well as directional signs to guide visitors as they explore the World Heritage Site. Consultation with owners of land abutting the wayfinding sign locations is ongoing and has been very positive.

To implement the interpretive signage program, consultation
with stakeholders and owners of land abutting the sign locations will take place this fall and winter. For updates, announcements and to view the full signage plan, please visit the Landscape of Grand Pré website at www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca

Webcam – You can now see the Landscape of Grand Pré anytime on Nova Scotia webcams. The webcam is located at the View Park at the top of Old Post Road. The camera takes a photo every 3 seconds of two views, see www.novascotiawebcams.com

Annual General Meeting

The public is invited to attend the first Annual General Meeting of the Society. The AGM will be held on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site Visitor Centre. The program will include a public presentation at 8:00 p.m. on the dykes and dykelands and associated risks and management challenges.

Stewardship Board meetings and activities of the Society

The next Board meeting will be held on September 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site Visitor Centre. The public is invited to attend meetings of the Stewardship Board. Check anytime to see continuing progress on all Board work on the Landscape of Grand Pré Society's website.

Comments, Ideas, Suggestions or Volunteer?

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