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Christophe Rivet
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World Heritage Nomination Proposal for Grand Pré

Dear Mr. Rivet:

RE: Update on the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan & Public Consultation

The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee met on 3 February 2010. With a few minor changes, the Community Plan Liaison Committee recommended that the draft Grand Pré and Area Community Plan be taken out for public consultation. There will be an open house on 11 March and then a more formal presentation with a question and answer period (public meeting) on 16 March. The input gained from the public consultations will be incorporated into the Community Plan and then the Community Plan will be brought back before the Community Plan Liaison Committee for recommendation to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee. It is often the case that the draft community plan will be brought back a few times before it is ready for recommendation to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee. The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan Liaison Committee wish to have the draft ready for recommendation to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee in the spring.

The members of the Advisory Board are welcome to attend the upcoming public consultation sessions. It is my understanding that the Advisory Board will have a representative at these sessions to answer questions regarding the UNESCO nomination bid. The public consultation sessions are as follows:

- ❖ **Open House: Thursday, March 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Horton Community Centre, 11794 Hwy 1, Hortonville**
Storm Date –Thursday, March 18, 2010
- ❖ **Public Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Horton Community Centre, 11794 Hwy 1, Hortonville**
Storm Date – Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The Grand Pré and Area Community Plan is a Municipal planning document intended to promote a common vision for the four communities of Grand Pré, Hortonville, North Grand Pré, and Lower Wolfville. It will establish long-term goals and implement planning tools, such as zoning, aimed at achieving these goals.

Letters have been sent to every assessed property owner within the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan boundary informing them of the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan and inviting them to attend the Open House and Public Meeting. Letters have also been sent to land owners in Melanson informing them that they are no longer within the Plan Area boundary.

Assessed property owners have been specifically notified of the above public consultation initiatives if they are the owners of a property that would be impacted by a proposal (zone change). The proposals are as follows:

- Proposal to Rezone Property from Agriculture (A1) to Environmental Open Space (O1) -
The purpose of this proposal is to mitigate the threats of coastal erosion along the north shore and to protect migratory bird habitat by rezoning land from Agriculture (A1) to Environmental Open Space (O1). The O1 Zone would no longer permit the construction of new dwellings. It would also require natural vegetation to provide support to the coastline through its root network.
- Proposal to Rezone Property from Agriculture (A1) to Environmental Open Space (O1) -
The purpose of this proposal is to protect wetlands by rezoning land from Agriculture (A1) to Environmental Open Space (O1). The O1 Zone would no longer permit the construction of new dwellings.
- Proposal to Rezone Property from Coastal Shoreland (CS) to Environmental Open Space (O1) -
The purpose of this proposal is to mitigate the threats of coastal erosion and to protect migratory bird habitat by rezoning land from Coastal Shoreland (CS) to Environmental Open Space (O1). The O1 Zone would no longer permit the construction of new dwellings. It would also require natural vegetation to provide support to the coastline through its root network.
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- Proposal to add a Views Protection Overlay (VP) zone -
The purpose of this proposal is to identify significant views. One of the policies of the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan is to encourage the protection of significant views. A Views Protection Overlay (VP) zone may restrict the positioning of a building on a property so that the significant view is not obstructed.
- Proposal to Rezone Property to Parkland (P1) -
The purpose of this proposal is to rezone Parks Canada's properties to the Parkland (P1) zone. The purpose of this rezoning to Parkland (P1) is to provide for the development of parks and recreations facilities on these properties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions regarding the particulars or progress of the Grand Pré and Area Community Plan.

Sincerely,



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