

KHHC Minutes

June 2, 2022

Prescott House Museum, 1633 Starrs Point Rd, Port Williams

10:00 am

Welcome: Chair Gordon Haliburton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and thanked Margrete for providing the refreshments.

In Attendance: Gordon Haliburton, Margrete Kristiansen, Wendy Robicheau, Susan Surette-Draper, Carole Anne Casey, Anthony Harding, Pat Townsend, Ellen Lewis, Ted Dolan, John Whidden, Krystal Tanner, Evan Jennex, Sara Poirier, and Claude DeGrâce.

Regrets: Jud Porter.

Minutes of May 5, 2022 approved as circulated.

New Business:

1. KHHC Archives (Margrete)

Margrete reminded the group that a discussion was held at the February 3, 2022 meeting to discuss what to do with previous minutes and other materials from the Canada 150 project (2017) and bookmarked projects.

Wendy responded that KHHC has a space within the Acadia University Archives for materials. She noted that to drop off any materials an appointment has to be made on the Acadia Archives booking page.

It was suggested and agreed upon by the group that any meeting related information should be compiled by the Secretary to drop off, and any other material (i.e., from the Canada 150 project or bookmarked projects) can be dropped off by the individual.

Old Business:

1. KHHC Social Media Project 2022 (Margrete Kristiansen)

The title of this years project is “Remember me?” and it will highlight lesser known people in our communities. It will run from July 3 to August 27. There are a number of groups signed up to participate including Kings County Museum, Haliburton and Shand House Museums, Acadia University Archives, Prescott House Museum, Les amis de Grand-Pré, West Hants Historical Society, Hantsport & Area Historical Society. The group also wants to approach Glooscap First Nation and the Charles MacDonald House to participate.

The group is still looking for titles for the weekly themes:

- Week 1: Food
- Week 2: Groups
- Week 3: Sports
- Week 4: Unknown Voices
- Week 5: Artists
- Week 6: Innovators
- Week 7: Youth
- Week 8: Unique Characters

If you have any ideas, please send them to Margrete.

2. Heritage Trust (Beth Keech)

Beth did not attend the meeting.

3. Upcoming Conferences

- TIANS AGM held on June 7-8 in Pictou <https://nstourismstrong.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/AGM-June-6-Media-Release-1.pdf>
- Formal apology to No.2 Construction Battalion set for July 9 in Truro <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/defence-minister-formal-apology-black-battalion-1.6397871>
- OASIS Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada gathering from August 11-13, 2022 at Acadia University <https://oasis.baptist-atlantic.ca/>
- UNESCO Edmonton Round Table, *Working Together at the Intersection of Culture and Nature: A World Heritage Context* at Athabasca University in Edmonton from October 3 to 5, 2022. Claude will pass along more information when it is available.

Correspondence: None.

Roundtable:

- (1) **Ted, Parks Canada** – In relation to Fort Edward, Parks Canada was invited to present to West Hants Regional Municipal Council to discuss site and how they would factor into any future development on the property that West Hants Council is selling abutting Fort Edward in Windsor. Ted noted that Parks Canada declined the offer to present as their legal team stated Parks Canada does not have jurisdiction and the project is on the border of the site lines. Parks Canada, through Ted, was also asked to comment on the preliminary designs for the property. Tree trimming was performed at the Fort Edward site and all comments from the public have been positive.

Ted also commented on the staffing challenges he is facing this year. Staff are finding it difficult to find housing close to the Parks Canada sites and security clearance of staff members takes about a month, so some people already accept other positions while they are waiting. He is not sure what effect this will have on operations, but he thinks visitations will be up this year.

(2) **Susan, Les amis de Grand-Pré** – A few notable events are happening at Grand Pré this summer:

- Landscape of Grand Pré 10th anniversary celebrations on June 30 and July 1;
- France National Day celebrations on July 12 with the Consul Général de France;
- Acadia Days celebrates the Memorial Church 100th anniversary and Acadian history and culture from July 28 – 31; and
- there will be events planned to celebrate National Acadian Day on August 15.

More information can be found here <http://www.experiencegrandpre.ca/>

Les amis de Grand-Pré is busy providing tours throughout the summer. Individuals on vacation are interested in knowing more about their heritage, a group from Quebec is coming in July, and a group of Cajuns are coming in August.

Susan added that after over 5 years of meetings with the Province, a sign has finally been placed on the road to Canning stating “Grand Dyke”.

(3) **Ellen, Kings County Museum** – Ellen has 4 students with her at the museum this summer. The Kings County Museum has an AGM coming up and a membership meeting will be held in September to vote on items such as repairs to the building. They are still looking for a treasurer and president.

(4) **Claude, Landscape of Grand Pré Inc.** – Claude stated that they have been working on a project to tell the universal story of the Landscape. A report entitled “*Visitor Experience Concept and Feasibility Study Report*” is available to read at the website below. They have hired a consultant to help build consensus of what to do moving forward. There will be a public meeting on June 16 at the Horton Community Hall.

http://www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca/uploads/1/2/5/4/125471971/grand-pre_final-report20220111_3.pdf

Claude provided an invitation and program for the 10th anniversary of the Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site (attached).

(5) **Anthony, Covenanter Church** – Anthony noted that he is selling cards of the Covenanter Church and the Grand Pré Cookbook. If anyone is interested, please reach out to him.

- (6) **Margrete, Prescott House Museum** – Margrete noted that the Prescott House Museum opened yesterday and that they have a new staff member, Megan, who has a marketing background. Nancy and Dennis are also back this year. A writer’s workshop will be held on August 13.

Margrete and Krystal discussed the track pilot program they are working through for site evaluation. Anyone interested can register on ANSM website <https://ansm.ns.ca/programs/>

Margrete added that today’s article of the Grapevine was the last, as the owners are looking for someone to take it over.

- (7) **Krystal, Randall House Museum** – Krystal stated that she has finished her term with ANSM and is back at the Randall House Museum which is opening next week. She reported that the textile collection is back at the Museum. They have two summer student, Evan and Jillian, working with them this year.

Krystal had a meeting with the Town of Wolfville to determine upcoming events and partnerships. They will be running a Harbour Historian summer program for kids and will have a film crew on site for a few weeks filming a show called Haunted.

- (8) **Evan, Randall House Museum** – Evan has been with Randall House Museum for 3 years however this is his first experience with the Board. This will be the second summer writing and planning weekly walking tours in Wolfville. He reported that Randall House Museum also needs a treasurer and president.

- (9) **Carol Anne, West Hants Historical Society** – Carol Anne reported that their AGM is being held tonight. Students have been hired for the summer, however none are able to start in June. The monthly speaker series is planned to begin again in September. They were able to raise over \$700 from the Windsor Yard Sale.

- (10) **Wendy, Acadia University Archives** (submitted by Wendy) –

Information about the No. 2 Construction Battalion:

John Boileau gave a presentation on 25 May to the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Nova Scotia Chapter. He spoke about the history of No. 2 Construction Battalion. Col. (Ret.) Boileau also spoke about the apology taking place in Pictou County on 9 July and encouraged people to attend. There was a discussion about perpetuation ceremonies for engineering units, along with chatter about badges, colours, and battle honours.

Additional things that came out of Col. (Ret.) Boileau's talk:

- the Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo is honouring No. 2 Construction Battalion. A young, soldier who attended the talk is portraying Capt. White.
- there was some emphasis on three points: one, only Americans call it 'World

War One' (Canadian forces call it 'The Great War' or 'First World War'--I weighed in on this of course); two, the family of Capt. White called him 'Andrew' rather than 'William'--I weighed in on this too as you would expect; and, three, No. 2 Construction Battalion is not called 'The No. 2 Construction Battalion' (for some reason the 'the' is not used, but I didn't ask why).

- the RUSINS Journal is held at the NS Legislative Library, but it is not digitized. Their talks appear in this journal.

- (11) **Sara, West Hants Regional Municipality** – Sara spoke to KHHC about the WHRM Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee (PAC/HAC). She noted that Madelyn had spoken to PAC/HAC at their meeting on May 12 about KHHC and members were very interested in learning more about the group. Several members of PAC/HAC had asked if minutes of KHHC could be circulated. This may also grow interest in a PAC/HAC member wanting to attend the KHHC meetings.

KHHC members discussed the request and agreed to allow the KHHC minutes to be circulated to the West Hants Regional Municipality PAC/HAC.

- (12) **John, Wolfville** – John discussed a reoccurring theme that has been mentioned, that the Wolfville Historical Society and Kings County Museum are both in need of treasurers. His suggestion would be to explore the potential of sharing resources between those in need. The committee discussed this idea.

- (13) **Jud, Hantsport and Area Historical Society** (report submitted by Jud) –

Update

- Summer students and grants - 4 student placements approved to date
- 2022-06-02 Attended the “Newcomers Meet & Greet” at the Wellwood Community Hall
- 2022-05-30 Received a table for display purposes plus other items from the Mt Denson Baptist Church
- 2022-05-26 Cemetery Committee Meeting – Mt Denson Garden Club has been working at the Riverbank Memorial Garden
- 2022-05-18 – 2022 Spring/Summer Banners put up around town
- 2022-05-13 Assembly on the HMCC grounds with Grades 5 & 8 students – School
- Banners unveiled and photos taken with students who created the artworks

Upcoming

- Opening of McDade Heritage Centre to the public – hopefully the last week of

June!

Next Meeting: September 1, 2022. Location TBD. Margrete will check with Rosie at Haliburton House in Windsor to see if they could host.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Poirier.



June 1, 2022

Invitation
10th Anniversary Celebrations
Landscape of Grand Pré World Heritage Site

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Landscape of Grand Pré Inc., I am pleased to invite you to join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the inscription of the Landscape of Grand Pré on UNESCO's World Heritage List taking place on Thursday, June 30th and Friday, July 1st, 2022. The celebrations will be taking place at the View Park on Old Post Road, Grand Pré.

Highlights of the celebration activities include a free community BBQ beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 30th, 2022, followed by a flag raising, music, an official ceremony and a Valley Ghost Walks program. On Canada Day morning, we are organizing a panel discussion on the significance of agriculture in the Landscape and a presentation about our UNESCO journey. The afternoon will feature an open-door day with visits to some of the key points of interest in the Landscape. A full program of activities is attached to this invitation. Grand-Pré National Historic Site will also be open for visitors.

Our anniversary celebrations will be taking place no matter the weather forecast; a tent will be installed at the View Park for the two-day event. Please visit our website at www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca for additional information. If you have questions about the 10th anniversary celebrations, please reach out to our Executive Director at executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca

In order to prepare sufficient food and refreshments for everyone, please let us know by June 15th if you will be attending the community BBQ and how many people will be in your party. Families are welcome and invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Beverly Palmeter
Chair,
Landscape of Grand Pré Inc. - Le Paysage de Grand-Pré inc.



PROGRAM

10th anniversary of the inscription of the
Landscape of Grand Pré on UNESCO's World Heritage List

Celebrations will take place at the View Park, Old Post Road, Grand Pré

June 30, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. Bilingual interpretive guide at the View Park from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Bike ride from Wolfville to Grand Pré, meet at the Town of Wolfville's Waterfront Park. Limited bike rentals at the Wolfville Memorial Library.
- 6:00 p.m. Free community BBQ
- 7:00 p.m. Flag raising – 50th anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention
- 7:10 p.m. Opening prayer offered by Elder Lorraine Whitman ("Grandmother White Sea Turtle"), Doctor of Humanities, with François Côté playing the flute
- 7:20 p.m. 10th anniversary ceremony
- 7:45 p.m. Music by Michaela Comeau
- 8:15 p.m. Valley Ghost Walks
- 9:15 p.m. End of event

July 1, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Presentation on the history of agriculture (panel discussion)
- 11:00 a.m. The inscription journey by Claude DeGrâce (English)
- 11:30 a.m. The inscription journey by Claude DeGrâce (French)
- 12 noon Lunch will not be provided. Opportunity to participate in the Canada Day events at Wolfville's Willow Park

2:00 p.m. Open-door tour of points of interest (View Park, Covenanter Church, Battle of Grand Pré, Horton Landing, Grand-Pré National Historic Site, aboiteau and the Guzzle). A map with directions will be provided at the View Park.

A 14-passenger van will be available with a bilingual guide for the visit of the points of interest. Please reserve your seat by sending an email to: executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca

Volunteers will be available at each point of interest for those who wish to tour on their own.

Please visit www.landscapeofgrandpre.ca for additional information. Please contact the Executive Director at executivedirector@landscapeofgrandpre.ca or at 902-697-2575 for questions or for additional details.

Please note that Acadian Days will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Memorial Church during four days of festivities at Grand-Pré National Historic Site from July 28 to 31, 2022. For a complete program: www.experiencegrandpre.ca