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**Grand Pre Marsh Body fonds**  
**Accessions 2007.032-GMB**  
**and 2010.047-GMB**



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**Grand Pre Marsh Body fonds. – [textual records, technical drawings, graphic material]. – 1923-2004. – 50 folders of textual records. – 16 plans and blueprints. – 20 photographs**

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**1. Minutes. – 1949-1993. – 1 folder**

Series contains minutes for general and annual meetings

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2007.032-GMB/1 meeting minutes ([1949-1993](#), [1971-1993](#))

**2. Executive Committee. – 1936-1997. – 3 folders**

Series contains minutes of the Executive Committee and the Grand Pre / Bishop Beckwith Joint Executive Committee

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2007.032-GMB/2 Executive Committee minutes (1936, [1949-1956](#))

2007.032-GMB/3 Executive Committee minutes (1971-1995)

2010.047-GMB/2 Grand Pre / Bishop Beckwith Marsh Bodies Joint Executive Committee (1996-1997) primarily related to an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada and the Marshlands Reclamation Act. Includes minutes, correspondence and financial statements

**3. Administrative Records. – 1941-1987, [199-?]-2004. – 32 folders and 20 photographs**

Series contains membership lists, a time book, discussion paper, correspondence, policies, by-laws, minutes of related organizations, and information on events

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2007.032-GMB/4 membership list ([1941](#), [1943](#))

2007.032-GMB/5 time book (1971, 1972, 1974, 1987)

2007.032-GMB/6-28B administrative records (1950-1960, 1971-1975, 1977-1996) includes land usage documentation, history of the Marsh Body, petition for [incorporation](#), meeting minutes of [19 April 1993](#), weed spraying information, photograph of marshlands [1988?], photocopied picture of the marsh lands, by-laws and related for the local Marsh Bodies, [invitation](#) to a general meeting, Kings County Planning Advisory Committee minutes, and correspondence about the [short-eared owl](#).

Land usage documentation includes [agreement with the M.M.R.A.](#) (1950), land improvement policy, list of Proprietors with [land assessments](#), main outlet drainage policy, [appraisal of land repairs and damages](#), [assessment roll](#), correspondence about the Wolfville [sewer system](#) and the [sewage treatment plant](#), correspondence with the terms of [arbitration](#), request for a [provincial survey](#), information about [laying sewer pipe](#), correspondence to get

[approval](#) to erect a running dyke, correspondence about [assistance](#) for marsh drainage and repairs, correspondence concerning [building](#) a running dyke, correspondence on [dyke patrol personnel](#), and correspondence concerning the [property](#) of a Proprietor and a [survey](#).

Anniversary celebration information includes a [notice](#) of anniversary celebration, press release the [anniversary](#), and a [speech](#) about the history of the dykes.

Weed spraying information includes [cost estimates](#) and work records for [1983](#), [1984](#), [1986](#), [1987](#), [1988](#) and [1989](#).

By-laws of the Marsh Bodies include the Grand Pre Marsh Body in [1949](#) and [1950](#), [Wellington Dyke](#), [Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body](#) and [regulations](#). Also includes correspondence about adding the [Wickwire marshlands](#) to the Marsh Body, correspondence concerning [by-laws](#) for the Wellington Marsh Body, correspondence about the revised [by-laws](#) of the Marsh Body, and [boundary changes](#) for the marshlands in Falmouth.

2010.047-GMB/1 by-laws of the Grand Pre Marsh Body [199-?]

2010.047-GMB/4 Nova Scotia Marsh Bodies Newsletter funding (1995) includes correspondence and statements

2010.047-GMB/5 An Update to the Nova Scotia Marsh Bodies Newsletter of 1996 (June 2004) by Ruth Conrad

2010.047-GMB/6 correspondence [199-?] from James Card regarding the history of dykelands in the Cogmagun River (N.S.) area

2010.047-GMB/7 historical information [19-?] includes information on Planters, Grand Pre Marsh, Bloody Creek and the Robert Palmetier house

2010.047-GMB/8a Grand Pre Dyke circa 1891. - [199-?]. – 1 print : b&w ; 10.5cm x 16cm. – Reproduction of photograph by A. L. Hardy of Kentville. Image shows men working on a dyke. Work animals and carts are also feature. A bicycle is leaning against the dyke in the right of the image.

2010.047-GMB/8b Grand Pre Dyke circa 1891. - [199-?]. – 1 print : b&w ; 11cm x 21.5cm. – Reproduction of photograph by A. L. Hardy of Kentville. Image shows men working on a dyke. Work animals and carts are also feature. A bicycle is leaning against the dyke in the right of the image.

2010.047-GMB/9a Remains of Old French Dyke, Grand Pre. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 10cm x 15cm. – Reproduction of photograph by Edson Graham. Image shows two horse drawn carts carrying hay along a dyke. Two men accompany one of the carts. Buildings are visible in the background.

2010.047-GMB/9b Remains of Old French Dyke, Grand Pre. – [199-?]. – 1 print : b&w ; 20cm x 30cm. – Reproduction of photograph by Edson Graham. Image shows two horse drawn carts carrying hay along a dyke. Two men accompany one of the carts. Buildings are visible in the background.

2010.047-GMB/10a Old French Dyke, Grand Pre. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 10cm x 15cm. - Reproduction of photograph by Edson Graham. Image shows dyke with farm buildings and fields in the background.

- 2010.047-GMB/10b Old French Dyke, Grand Pre. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 20cm x 30cm. - Reproduction of photograph by Edson Graham. Image shows dyke with farm buildings and fields in the background.
- 2010.047-GMB/11a Middle Dyke Road flood. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 10cm x 15cm. – Reproduction of a photograph . Image shows flooded road running down the centre of the image. Dry land and buildings are visible in the background. Power lines, half submerged in water, line the road. Original photograph taken in the 1940s.
- 2010.047-GMB/11b Middle Dyke Road flood. – [199-?]. – 1 print : b&w ; 20cm x 30cm. – Reproduction of a photograph . Image shows flooded road running down the centre of the image. Dry land and buildings are visible in the background. Power lines, half submerged in water, line the road. – “Middle Dyke Road at Grand Pre / mid 1940s when East dyke broke / and dykelands and roads were flooded” written on the reverse in ink.
- 2010.047-GMB/12 Horton Landing – la Croix commémorative. – [199-?]. – 1 print : b&w ; 11.5cm x 17cm. – Reproduction of a photo from 1924. Image shows a crowd (mostly men) gathered around the commemorative cross at Horton Landing. Fields appear behind the cross. A priest has his hand raised to the cross. “Voyage du Devoir en ACADIE, 1924 / HORTON LANDING – Bénédiction de la Croix commémorative / de l’embarquement des déportés” is printed at the top of the image.
- 2010.047-GMB/13a Long Island Dyke, West Grand Pre. – [199-?]. 1 print : b&w ; 9.5cm x 15.5cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken by A.L. Hardy in approximately 1891. Image shows men with horses and dump-carts building an aboiteaux. Fields and water are visible in the background. “Dyke. Long Island West Grand Pre” is written on the front of the original photograph.
- 2010.047-GMB/13b Long Island Dyke, West Grand Pre. – [199-?]. 1 print : b&w ; 17cm x 25.5cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken by A.L. Hardy in approximately 1891. Image shows men with horses and dump-carts building an aboiteaux. Fields and water are visible in the background. “Dyke. Long Island West Grand Pre” is written on the front of the original photograph.
- 2010.047-GMB/13c Long Island Dyke, West Grand Pre. – [199-?]. 1 print : b&w ; 17cm x 25.5cm. – Photocopy reproduction of a photograph taken by A.L. Hardy in approximately 1891. Image shows men with horses and dump-carts building an aboiteaux. Fields and water are visible in the background. – Note tapped to the image reads “This picture was taken in approximately 1891, showing men with horses and dump-carts building an / aboiteaux at North Grand Pre”.
- 2010.047-GMB/14 Lunch break. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 12.5cm x 18cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken circa 1908. Image shows 13 men sitting on and against a dyke. All the men are wearing hats. Many of the men are holding bottles or food. Basket lay on the ground near many of the men. One shovel is sticking out of the ground in front of the men.

- 2010.047-GMB/15 At work. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 12.5cm x 18cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken circa 1908. Image shows men and horse with carts working in a field beside a dyke. Buildings are visible in the background.
- 2010.047-GMB/16 Big Dyke, Falmouth. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 12.5cm x 18cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken in 1908. Image shows men and horses pulling carts working on a dyke. Buildings are visible in the background. “Big Dyke, Falmouth N.S. 1908” is printed on the original image.
- 2010.047-GMB/17 Big Dyke, Falmouth. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 12.5cm x 18cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken in 1908. Image shows men working in a field. Some of the men are carrying long skinny pieces of wood. Similar pieces of wood are lying on the ground. A forest is visible in the background. “Big Dyke, Falmouth N.S. 1908” is printed on the original image.
- 2010.047-GMB/18 negatives for images 2010.047-GMB/14-17
- 2010.047-GMB/19 Men and machinery. – 1996. – 1 print : b&w ; 10cm x 15cm. – Reproduction of a photograph taken during the early 1900s. Two men, dressed similarly and wearing hats, stand in front of a large piece of machinery. The man in the front is holding a shovel.
- 2010.047-GMB/20 Unveiling and dedication of Grand Pre Marsh plaque. – 1995. – 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm . – Photograph shows 5 people standing beside a wooden plaque. One man is removing a cover from the plaque. Large blue Grand Pre Marshland sign is visible behind the people. Dykeland visible in the background. People in the photograph are: (left to right) Ruth Conrad, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of Grand Pre Marsh Body; John Murphy, M.P. East Kings; Honourable Wayne Gaudet, Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture; Robbie Harrison, M.L.A. East Kings; Bruce Fuller, President Grand Pre Marsh Body.
- 2010.047-GMB/21 Bishop-Beckwith Marsh plaque dedication and unveiling. – 1995. - 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm . – Photograph shows 3 adults and two children looking at a plaque. Two men on either side of the plaque are holding a cloth. Dyke and dykelands are visible behind the plaque. People in the photograph are: (left to right) Honourable Wayne Gaudet, Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture; two Elderkin boys; Peter Elderkin, President of Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body; Ruth Conrad, secretary.
- 2010.047-GMB/22 Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque. – 1996. – 2 photographs : col. ; 10cm x 15cm . – Photograph is a close up of the Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque.
- 2010.047-GMB/23 Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque. – 1996. – 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm . – Photograph is a close up of the Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque.
- 2010.047-GMB/24 Plaque unveiling reception. – 1995. – 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm. – Photograph of three woman in the Grand Pre Community Centre. From left to right, the woman are: Peggy Hope-Simpson, Ruth Conrad, and Joan Bromley

- 2010.047-GMB/25 Plaque unveiling reception. – 1995. - 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm. – Photograph of 8 men and 1 woman standing and sitting in the Grand Pre Community Centre. The man seated furthest to the left is Don Kennie. The men standing are (from left to right) Dick Haliburton, Robert Palmeter (with his back to the camera), John Patterson, Peter Elderkin, and John Murphy.
- 2010.047-GMB/26 Plaque unveiling. – 1995. - 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm. – Photograph of a small crowd gathered to watch the unveiling of the Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque. Most of the people are standing around a guardrail. There is a parking lot in the background. The three people sitting on the guardrail are (from left to right) Mary Lou Conrad, Brandon Conrad, and Ryan Falkner.
- 2010.047-GMB/27 Plaque unveiling. – 1995. - 1 photograph : col. ; 10cm x 15cm. – Photograph of a small crowd gathered to watch the unveiling of the Grand Pre Marsh Body plaque. Most of the people are standing around a guardrail. There is a parking lot in the background. Several people are holding camcorders. The three people sitting on the guardrail in the left of the photo are (from left to right) Mary Lou Conrad, Brandon Conrad, and Ryan Falkner.
- 2007.032-GMB/33 newsclippings and press release (1996) inserted in Municipal Legislation Review Committee. Discussion Paper. (June 1996)

#### 4. Legal Documents. – 1994-1996. – 5 folders

Series contains legal documentation and related records about the case between the Town of Wolfville and the Bishop-Beckwith and Grand Pre Marsh Bodies

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Published items removed to Special Collections, list below

File list included

#### File List

- 2007.032-GMB/29A and B government, legal, and correspondence documents with focus on marsh ownership and legal reasoning for conservation efforts (1994-1996). Concerning the dispute with Town of Wolfville, records include a [presentation](#) about the history of the dispute with the Town of Wolfville, press releases about the [disagreement](#) over dykeland jurisdiction and [public use, presentation](#) about jurisdiction over the marshlands, letters to the Editor about the [dykeland dispute](#), a ["pedestrian" letter](#), the [court appeal](#), and [approval for condos](#), Town of Wolfville Planning Advisory Committee minutes, petitions about the ["Dykeland Open Space Park"](#), [presentation](#) about the Open Space Park and tourist brochure, [report](#) on the court case, [presentation](#) about the Wolfville Harbour front, correspondence [to the mayor](#) of Wolfville, proposed [sewer line](#) information, [presentation](#) about agricultural development, correspondence about the [Open Space Park](#), correspondence to [propose](#) for a Sunday meeting, [notice](#) of special meeting about future land use, correspondence about the order for [judgment in court decision](#), correspondence concerning the [appeal](#) by the Town of Wolfville, correspondence over the court case [decision](#), correspondence regarding [legal action](#) to protect agricultural land, correspondence about the [dispute](#) with Town of Wolfville, correspondence on [land use regulation](#), another set of correspondence about [land use regulations](#), dyke [preservation and maintenance](#),

correspondence concerning [public use](#) of dyke walls and [utilization and access](#) to the marshlands, proposed [installation of a sewer line](#), corresponded [questions](#) by the Attorney General, correspondence concerning a tourist [brochure](#), correspondence about the realignment of [boundaries](#), correspondence on the [Marshland Reclamation Act](#) and discussing proposed [changes to the Act](#), corresponded [dialogue](#) about the dykelands, correspondence with the [Ingonish Marsh Body](#), Dykelands Preservation Society [newsletter](#) and [meeting minutes](#), Friends of the Dykedlands [meeting minutes](#), and Concerned Citizens of the Wolfville Area [meeting minutes](#). Also included are minutes of specific meetings held on [7 February 1994](#), [26 April 1995](#), [24 July 1995](#), [8 June 1995](#), [20 March 1995](#), [28 March 1995](#), [2 May 1995](#), [30 November 1995](#), and [11 April 1996](#)

2007.032-GMB/30 Town of Wolfville Planning Advisory Committee minutes (4 May 1995) includes Results of Survey, Dykelands Business Park Merchants Questionnaire (29 April 1995) and letter and affidavit of the matter of the Planning Act (15 September 1995)

2007.032-GMB/31 Town of Wolfville v. Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pre Marsh Body court case file (1994-1995)

2007.032-GMB/32 Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pre Marsh Body v. Town of Wolfville appeal file (1995-1996)

See also "In the Supreme Court of Canada (on appeal from the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal) between: Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pré Marsh Body, applicants (respondents) and Town of Wolfville, respondent (appellant) : reply of the applicants (pursuant to s. 40 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-19)" by Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body [KEN7965 .A47 W6 1996b SPCOLL]

See also "In the Supreme Court of Canada (on appeal from the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal) between: Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pré Marsh Body, applicants (respondents) and Town of Wolfville, respondent (appellant) : application for leave to appeal (pursuant to s. 40 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-19)" by Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body [KEN7965 .A47 W6 1996 SPCOLL]

See also "In the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal between: Town of Wolfville, appellant, and Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pré Marsh Body, respondents : respondents' book of authorities" by the Town of Wolfville [KEN7965 .A47 W6 1995b SPCOLL]

See also "In the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal between: Town of Wolfville, appellant, and Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Body and Grand Pré Marsh Body, respondents : factum of the respondents" by the Town of Wolfville [KEN7965 .A47 W6 1995 SPCOLL]

#### **5. Financial Records. – 1935-[1996]. – 12 folders**

Series contains financial records and statements. Some of the records include names, addresses, and acreage for each land owner

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2007.032-GMB/6-26 balance sheets and financial statements (1953-1954, 1972-1993). Specifically, the financials include balance sheets for [1972](#), [1973](#), [1974](#), [1975](#), [1976](#), [1977](#), [1978](#), [1979](#), [1981](#), [1982](#), [1985](#), [1986](#), [1988](#), [1989](#), [1990](#), [1991](#), [1992](#), and [1993](#) and statements for [1954 and 1955](#)

2010.047-GMB/3 financial report for 1995 [1996]

- 2007.032-GMB/34 financials (1946-1948) contains names and addresses as well as acreage for each owner
- 2007.032-GMB/35 financials (1950-1958) contains names and addresses as well as acreage for each owner
- 2007.032-GMB/36 financials (1958-1971) contains names and addresses as well as acreage for each owner and includes financial statements (1950-1970) and bookkeeping instructions
- 2007.032-GMB/37 financials (1972-1989) contains names of individuals and businesses (possibly owners)
- 2007.032-GMB/38 financial records (1950-1957) contains names of individuals and businesses
- 2007.032-GMB/39 financial records (1958-1972) contains names of individuals and businesses
- 2007.032-GMB/40 petty cash book (1950-1972) contains names of individuals and businesses
- 2007.032-GMB/41A and B financial records (1940-1956) includes names of owners and includes financial statement (1935-1943)
- 2007.032-GMB/42 financial statements (1971-1974)
- 2007.032-GMB/43 financial statements (1971-1980)

**6. Plans. – [19--?], 1923, 1951, 1957, 1977. – 14 folders**

Series contains plans of the Grand Pre area with focus on the dykes and marshes

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- 2007.032-GMB/44 [proposed dyke](#) on Grand Pre marsh [19--?] – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/45 plans showing [marsh land in Grand Pre and Wolfville](#) [19--?] – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/46 portion of [East Dyke-Grand Pre](#) showing land owned by W. Kennedy (1951 ; A) – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/47 portion of East Dyke-Grand Pre showing New Dyke and damaged land (1951 ; B ; 2 copies) – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/48 portion of [East Dyke Grand Pre](#) showing New Dyke and damaged land (1951 ; D) – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/49 portion of [West Dyke-Grand Pre](#) showing new dyke and damaged land (1951) – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/50 village of Grand Pre (1977) – folded
- 2007.032-GMB/51 plan showing [lands protected by the Grand Pre dykes](#) but not in Grand Pre, plan 1 Grand Pre by EA Crawley, Provincial Land Surveyor (1923) – rolled
- 2007.032-GMB/52 plan showing [lands protected by the Grand Pre dykes](#) but not in the Grand Pre, plan 2 North Grand Pre by EA Crawley, Provincial Land Surveyor (1923) – rolled
- 2007.032-GMB/53 plan or portion of [Grand Pre dyke](#) by C Hogau, Provincial Land Surveyor [19--?] – rolled

2007.032-GMB/56 plan of Grand Pre marsh 1957 [19--? ; photocopy] – rolled  
2007.032-GMB/57 plan of Grand Pre marsh 1957 [19--? ; photocopy] – rolled  
2007.032-GMB/58 plan of Grand Pre marsh 1957 [19--? ; photocopy] – rolled  
2007.032-GMB/59 plan of Grand Pre marsh 1957 [19--? ; photocopy] – rolled

**7. Blueprints. – 1926, 1945. – 2 folders**

Series contains plans of the Grand Pre area with a focus on the dykes

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2007.032-GMB/54 [blueprint of North Grand Pre](#) : plan showing area of land taken for new dyke (1945) – rolled  
2007.032-GMB/55 [blueprint plan](#) showing certain public roads protected from the sea by the Grand Pre dykes by Seth W. Crowell, Provincial Land Surveyor (1926) – rolled

## Administrative History<sup>1</sup>

The Grand Pre Marsh Body (hereafter the Body), incorporated in 1949, includes all Proprietors<sup>2</sup> of tidal lands protected by the Grand Pre and Wickwire Dykes.<sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee of the Body is typically made up of Proprietors and consists of five members including the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and auditor. This Committee is appointed by a Nominating Committee at the annual general meeting of the Body to serve a two-year term. The Executive Committee administers and directs the business affairs of the Body. All major decisions affecting the Body are made by a majority wins electoral system. The Body holds the power to assess and tax the Proprietors annually.

In 1948 and 1949, the Federal Government of Canada and the Nova Scotia Provincial Government both passed legislation to assist in the repair and rehabilitation of the marshlands in the Maritimes. The Body signed an agreement with the Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act (hereafter the M.M.R.A.) and so was incorporated under the Ministry of Agriculture and Marketing, to be governed by the Maritime Reclamation Act of Nova Scotia.

The government's duty was to assist in the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the dykes, aboiteaux, and breakwaters. The Body made agreements with each Proprietor for used and damaged land during the construction and reconstruction of the dyke systems. Proprietors were not to interfere or hinder the M.M.R.A.'s duties. If no agreement was made between the Proprietor and the Body, expropriation of land could occur.<sup>4</sup> The repairs needed were assessed annually and contracts drawn up between the Ministry and the Body before work began. The Body was reimbursed and paid by the province for drainage construction and maintenance.

One main role of the Body, as stated in their by-laws, has always been "to ensure that land use and development of the marshlands is authorized only for the purposes and practices of agriculture." In the 1990's this was challenged by The Town of Wolfville. The Town wanted jurisdiction over the marshlands within their boundaries and took the issue to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court for a decision. The Town claimed that the Planning Act of 1978 gave them jurisdiction over the dykelands whereas the Body, under the Maritime Reclamation Act, claimed to have been given agricultural planning jurisdiction over the same lands. In response, the Joint

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<sup>1</sup> Information gathered from the Grand Pre Marsh Body fonds, 2007.032-GMB.

<sup>2</sup> A Proprietor is an individual who owns a piece of land, like a stakeholder.

<sup>3</sup> Wickwire Dyke was included in 1958.

<sup>4</sup> Such as in the case of Waldon Kennedy in the 1950's.

Executive of the Bishop-Beckwith and Grand Pre Marsh Bodies worked together to collectively defend the marsh bodys' stance, with Ruth Conrad as acting secretary. The Joint Executive received financial and moral support from the Department of Agriculture and other marsh bodies around the province in the court case. In 1995, the Supreme Court ruled jurisdiction of the marshlands remained with the Marsh Bodies but the Town of Wolfville appealed the decision. In 1996, the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal left the dykelands without any means of protection from non-agricultural development.

In 1995, the Dykelands Preservation Society was launched as a non-profit organization, in interest of protecting and preserving agricultural heritage. This was started in response to the concern raised over the Town of Wolfville's intentions to allow non-agricultural development to the dykelands.

On October 21, 1995, the Grand Pre and Bishop-Beckwith Marsh Bodies held a 235<sup>th</sup> year celebration for the Marsh Body.

### Scope and Content

The fonds consists of administrative records for the Grand Pre Marsh Body, including documentation for the legal case against the Town of Wolfville and plans and blueprints of the Grand Pre area.

The fonds consists of eight series:

1. minutes (1949-1993)
2. Executive Committee (1936-1995)
3. administrative records (1941-1987, 1996)
4. legal documents (1994-1996)
5. financial records (1935-1999)
6. plans ([19--?], 1923, 1951, 1957, 1977)
7. blueprints (1926, 1945)

### Notes

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Some items available digitally

See also Dykes and Common Fields accession 1900.018

See also Proprietors of the Lower Dyke Common Field accession 1936.001

See also Sherman Bleakney accessions 2004.039-BLE, 2005.036-BLE, 2006.037-BLE

See also "The Wellington Dyke" by Marjory Whitelaw [TC345 .C3 W5 1997]

See also "Sods, soil, and spades : the Acadians at Grand Pré and their dykeland legacy" by J. Sherman Bleakney [TC345 .C3 B53 2004]

See also "Municipal Legislation Review Committee [microform] : discussion paper" by the Committee [AC1 .M5 no.96-06560 MFICHE]

See also "The Marshland Reclamation Act" by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing (1975)

See also "The Marshland Reclamation Act and Amendments" by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing (1951)

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#### Access Points

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Grand Pre (Kings Co., NS)

Dykelands Preservation Society (NS)

Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Administration (NS)

Municipality of Kings County (NS). Planning Advisory Committee

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Town of Wolfville (Kings Co., NS). Planning Advisory Committee  
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Dikes (Engineering)—Nova Scotia—Grand Pre Region—History

Salt marshes—Nova Scotia—Grand Pre Region—History

Salt marshes-Nova Scotia-Periodicals.