FS08 The Cultural Mix of Old Quebec, the Citadel and the Military Drill Hall

FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

In the decades which followed the American Revolution, Quebec City became an increasingly important British stronghold. After the War of 1812, the Duke of Wellington ordered the construction of a huge fortress to ward off possible American attack. This field session will explore the military history of Quebec City, taking you to see defensive structures from both the French and British regimes. Our walking tour of the upper town will include some of the city’s most important historic sites and institutions. We will then make our way to the Citadel, constructed between 1820 and 1831, one of the largest defensive structures in North America. The Citadel is located at the highest point within the city walls, so that it dominates the river, the city and the plains of Abraham, the famous battlefield beyond the western wall of the town. Your session will end with a presentation of a major project to restore the Manège militaire (Military Drill Hall), by professionals from Parks Canada and the architectural firm responsible for the work.

In April 2008 the Manège Militaire burned. The 1885 building, with an edition completed in 1913-1914, was heavily damaged by fire. The Government of Canada announced its reconstruction in 2012 through an ambitious and innovative rehabilitation project. The visit with consultants offers a tour of key sectors of the damaged building, while presenting the project. It will focus on the technical issues, the investigations carried out in 2013-2014 and the philosophy of intervention on historic interior finishes damaged by fire. The tour includes an overview of the some of the work performed in-situ (masonry, plaster) and a short presentation on the project.

CONTACTS

Claude Bureau, Mendel tours guide
Francis Vanasse, architect, St-Gelais, Montmigny + associés, architectes
Pascal Létourneau, architect, partner of DFS Inc. architecture & design

LIENS

http://www.mendeltours.com/
http://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca
http://www.seminairedequebec.org/
http://www.standrewsquebec.ca/
http://www.morrin.org/
http://www.lacitadelle.qc.ca/fr/
http://www.manegemilitaire.org/fr/
http://www.stgm.net/
http://www.dfsarch.com/

www.mjdarchitecte.com
SCHEDULE AND MAP

October 27, 2014
Meet at 12:15pm at the main entrance of Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel

12:30pm Old Quebec tour
A- Place d’Armes
B- Seminary of Quebec courtyard
C- Sainte-Anne street
D- St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
E- Morrin Center
F- d’Auteuil street

1:45pm – 3:15pm
G- Quebec Citadel

3:25pm
H- Le Manège militaire (Military Drill Hall)

4:25pm
All participants must be returned to the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel by 4:40 pm:
Opening Session and Keynote Speaker at 5:00 pm at Frontenac Room.