The Preservation of the A.C. Davie Shpyard in Lévis

FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

Cross the St. Lawrence to Lévis to see Quebec City from a different point of view. Discover the remains of an old shipyard dating from the 19th century, including the family house, warehouse, stable, and forge-furnace, which have survived to the present day. Learn about the history of the shipyard, how it worked, and restoration issues relating to buildings that have been given new uses, while retaining their traditional materials, construction techniques and essential spirit. The architect who worked on the project will discuss the strategies and methods employed, as well as the problems encountered.

1. Learn about the complexities involved in rehabilitating buildings that have lost their original function while adapting them to present needs.
2. Learn about the difficulties involved in restoring buildings with traditional techniques and materials when traditional skills are being lost and building materials of are inferior quality.
3. Discuss the difficulties of restoring buildings so that they retain their traditional (historic) character at a time when public opinion favors perfection, uniformity and newness, when the objective of the restoration is to conserve the essential elements as much as possible.

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INTERNET REFERENCES

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SCHEDULE

October 28, 2014
Lecture by David Mendel from 12:30pm to 13:00pm, at Grand Ballroom: British and French Influences in the architecture and urban development of Quebec City. Lunch included.

Groups departure at 1:30pm in Grand Ballroom:

1:30-1:50 pm
Walking towards the ferry and explanations about Quebec City and Lévis

2:00 pm-2:20 pm
Crossing of the St. Lawrence River and walk to the site A.C. Davie

2:20 pm-2:50 pm
Visit A.C. Davie site

2:50 pm-3:15 pm
Homestead House

3:15 pm-3:40 pm
Warehouse and stable

3:40 pm-4:05 pm
Forge-boiler

4:05 pm - 4:40 pm
Back to Québec by ferry

4:40 pm-4h45 pm
Return to the hotel by the funicular

5:00 pm
All participants must be returned to the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel by 5:00 pm.