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Wireless Internet Connection **Internet users take the Plains of Abraham by storm**

Québec City, July 24, 2009 – The National Battlefields Commission, *The Friends of the Plains of Abraham* Society and ZAP Québec jointly announce the completion of an ambitious wireless Internet connection project on the Plains of Abraham. The first national historic park in Canada, visited by four million visitors every year, is becoming a public access zone (PAZ or ZAP in French) in certain selected areas, and will be connected to Internet users from all over the world as early as next July 27.

The 700 votes recorded in recent months on the MoijeZAP.com site have allowed the Plains of Abraham to top the list of wireless users as that special place where they can plug in. The National Battlefields Commission is proud to offer this service free of charge to everyone, at all times and in the open, in a number of locations of Québec City's rallying site par excellence.

ZAP Québec is a safe, reliable network, freely accessible to all visitors equipped with a mobile. It can be consulted in English, French and Spanish. Outside antennae were recently installed in the park to cover three delimited areas. Technically speaking, the coverage can extend beyond these determined areas.

Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand (ZAP-Plaines d'Abraham - KEB)

This magnificent stage presenting concerts all summer long is located east of the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec. Spectators abound during the summer and picnics are very popular. The proximity of the service building (an interior zone is also accessible) makes it an ideal place to surf the Net for extended periods.

Service Pavilion (ZAP-Plaines d'Abraham - pavillion)

Very close to the Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand, the pavillion is a friendly rest area where it is pleasant to enjoy a cup of coffee or ice cream among friends. The pavillion houses a number of services that pleasantly contributes to any visit or surfing activity.

Joan of Arc Garden (ZAP-Plaines d’Abraham - jardin)

A favourite tourist attraction, the Joan of Arc Garden, located steps away from the lively Grande Allée, its restaurants and its office buildings, is popular with horticulture enthusiasts and strollers. Calm and magnificent, the garden naturally lends itself well to business or pleasure.

The site of major events (ZAP-Plaines d’Abraham - est)

An effervescent sector dedicated to major events, this site includes part of Cap-aux-Diamants west of the Citadel of Québec. It is very popular with tourists and Québec City dwellers alike. ZAP allows for live Internet coverage of major events, an inspiration to journalists and production teams.

To access the ZAP-Plaines d’Abraham network, activate the WiFi on your mobile, display the available networks, connect to the ZAP network, open the browser (you will be redirected towards the ZAP portal), and enter your user name and password. If you are a new user, return the confirmation e-mail and surf!

ZAP Québec is dedicated to the development of a community network of free public wireless Internet access zones in the Greater Québec City area. This non-profit organization created in November 2006 and supported by volunteers uses simple tools to spin a vast web accessible to all citizens and visitors, in collaboration with the city’s businesses and institutions.

The Friends of the Plains of Abraham Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help the National Battlefields Commission achieve its goals and promote the park’s resources, considering that the Plains’ conservation and preservation are of paramount importance.

Established over a hundred years ago, the National Battlefields Commission is entrusted with the mandate to maintain the great historic Québec City battlefields, preserve this historical heritage and develop the park for the enjoyment of future generations. The Commission helps keep a watchful eye over this majestic urban park, the true lungs of the city, considered to be among the most prestigious in the world.



To access the wireless connection:
www.zapquebec.org



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