

City's Two Wallace Fountains are Gifts From Paris



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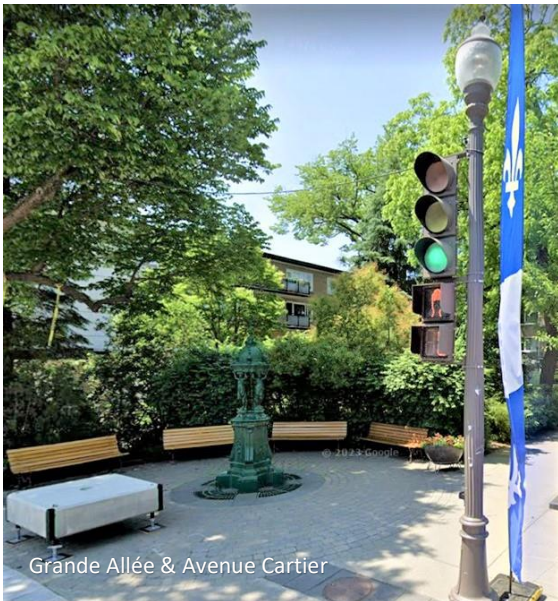
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On June 22, 2000, at the corner of Grande Allée and Avenue Cartier, the mayor of Quebec City, **Jean-Paul L'Allier** inaugurated the first of two Wallace fountains that grace the city.

The two fountains were gifted to Quebec City by **Daniel Méraud**, President of the Interdepartmental Sanitation Union of Greater Paris (SIAAP). They were given in recognition of the initiatives by both Paris and Quebec City to rehabilitate their urban rivers following the first Paris-Quebec Symposium on Urban Water rehabilitation in 1998. Following the Symposium, a collaboration agreement between SIAAP and the City of Québec was signed which made it possible to continue to share their experiences on the rehabilitation of watercourses in urban areas.

The mayor of Quebec City was delighted to receive the gift of these fountains, stating at the inauguration, "This will be, in a way, a small piece of Paris in Quebec City. Not only will this fountain beautify this street corner but it will allow passers-by who are numerous in this neighborhood to quench their thirst and to cool off."

The second fountain was installed shortly thereafter on rue Saint-Paul when work was completed at the Old Port. In 2023, this fountain was removed from its location to undergo restoration in Montreal.



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