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Repair of Heritage Elements on Île Saint-Bernard Work begins on April 6

Châteauguay, April 1, 2021 – On Tuesday, April 6, the repair work of heritage elements will begin on Île Saint-Bernard. At the end of this project, the mill, staircase, grotto, cross and cemetery will be rehabilitated to ensure their longevity and improve the visitor experience. These five relics will also be illuminated and will constitute a historical route to discover. Thanks to the participation of archivists from the Grey Nuns of Montréal and the Société du Musée du Grand Châteauguay (SMGC), five interpretive panels will highlight the attractions and tell their story.

Awarded to Construction Valrive, the contract to repair the heritage elements should be completed by mid-July. The operations will begin with masonry work in the grotto and with the complete reconstruction of the grand staircase, which will be brought back to current standards while retaining its original cachet. The cemetery will then be embellished with landscaping, including paths and more vegetation. The cross's base will be solidified, and the mill will be the last element to undergo a beautiful rejuvenation, particularly with the repair of its masonry.

Impact on the public

Ville de Châteauguay will try to minimize the impact of the work on visitors to Île Saint-Bernard. Access to the site will still be possible. The work will take place during the week, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The asphalt path and green spaces will be accessible, but the site's tranquillity will be disturbed during the work. A portion of the grassy area behind the mound will be reserved for workers and their equipment, and access will be restricted. Also, the areas under construction will be barricaded. The public will be requested to keep a distance to ensure everyone's safety. Information panels will indicate the duration of the work and the safety instructions to be observed.

This \$1.5 million project is being carried out in part thanks to the Fonds d'appui au rayonnement des régions from the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, as well as the financial participation of the Grey Nuns of Montréal. Ville de Châteauguay, for its part, assumes nearly half of the costs. Héritage Saint-Bernard, acting as site manager, is collaborating on the project, as is the SMGC.

For more information on the project and to follow the work's progress, visit the ["Major projects" section of our website](#).

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