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Quebec City: *Very Early Suburb*

-very old bldg w/ fieldstone foundation and newer brick façade (left)

-Catholic church (used to be) the centre of the community

-left its mark from an urban design point of view



Quebec City:

Very Early Suburb

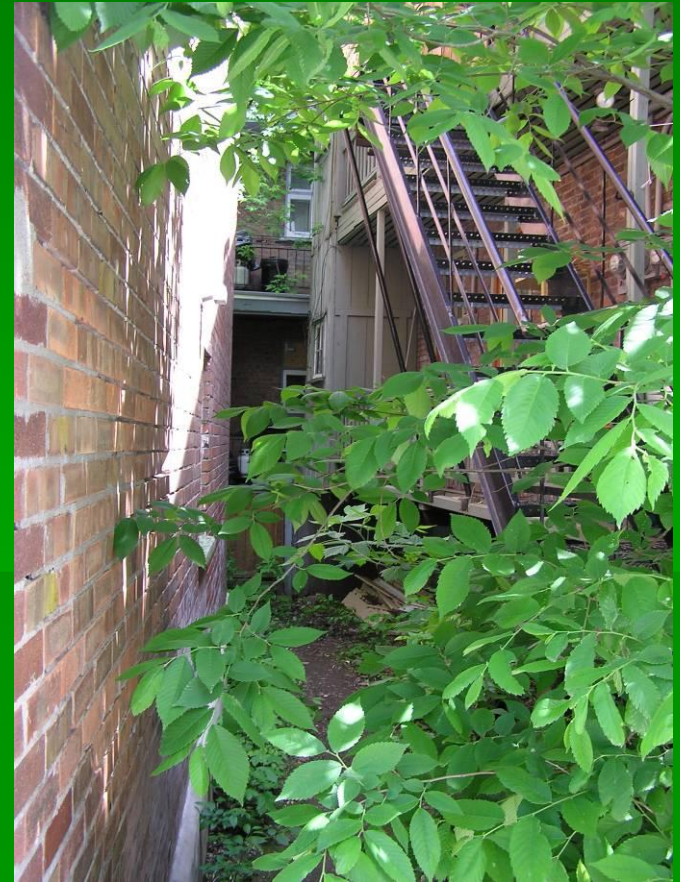
- stairs down escarpment to very early suburbs*
- building on early street patterns*



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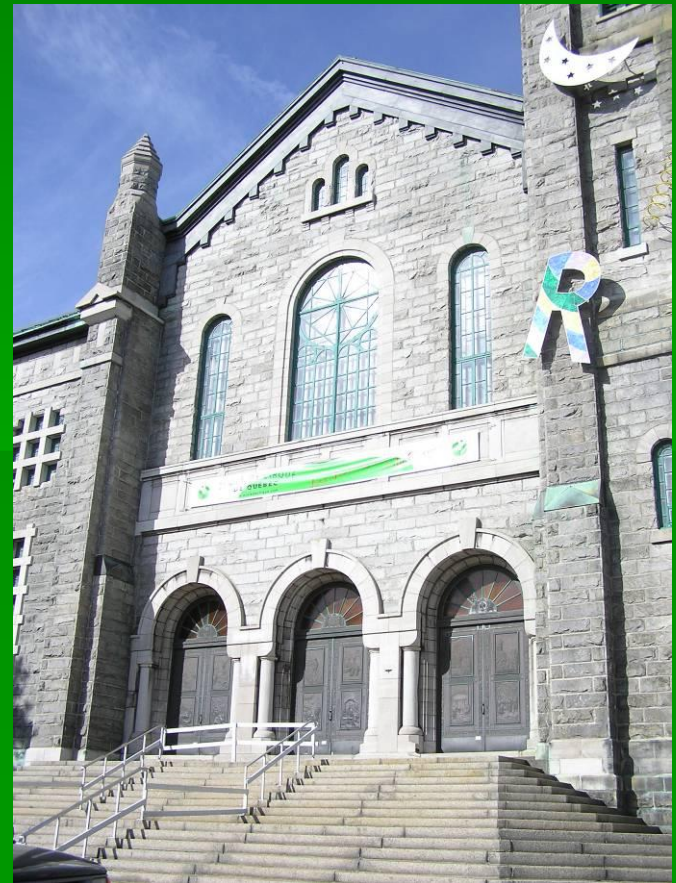
Quebec City: *Early Suburb*

*-Spontaneous shops & service along the corridor pop up
for 3-6 blocks, all within walking distance*



Quebec City: *Early Suburb*

- “La Revolution tranquille”, the quiet revolution*
- church lost its influence, along w/other changes*
- architectural impacts*



Quebec City: *Early Suburb*

- Quebec City & Montreal , “cities of 1000 churches”
- neighbourhoods organised around them
- this former church now houses a school for circus performers



Quebec City:

Early Suburb

-inhabiting the semi-private space

-sense of ownership and very social



Quebec City: *Early Suburb*



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-well cared for small front yards on garbage day



Quebec City:

The “Vibrant City” through Public Spaces & Art

Quebec City: *Architecture*



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- parkade downtown (St. Roch)*
- public art on parkade*
- dead streetscape?*



Quebec City: *Architecture*



Quebec City: *Architecture* *-new housing in old neighbourhood*



Quebec City: *Architecture*

-new housing has mixed use (left)

-the old neighbourhood context (right)



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Quebec City: *400th Anniversary in 2008*



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Quebec City: *Heritage & Infill*

-new narrow bldg (left)

-windowless garage across from “heritage” bldgs



Quebec City: *Heritage & Infill*



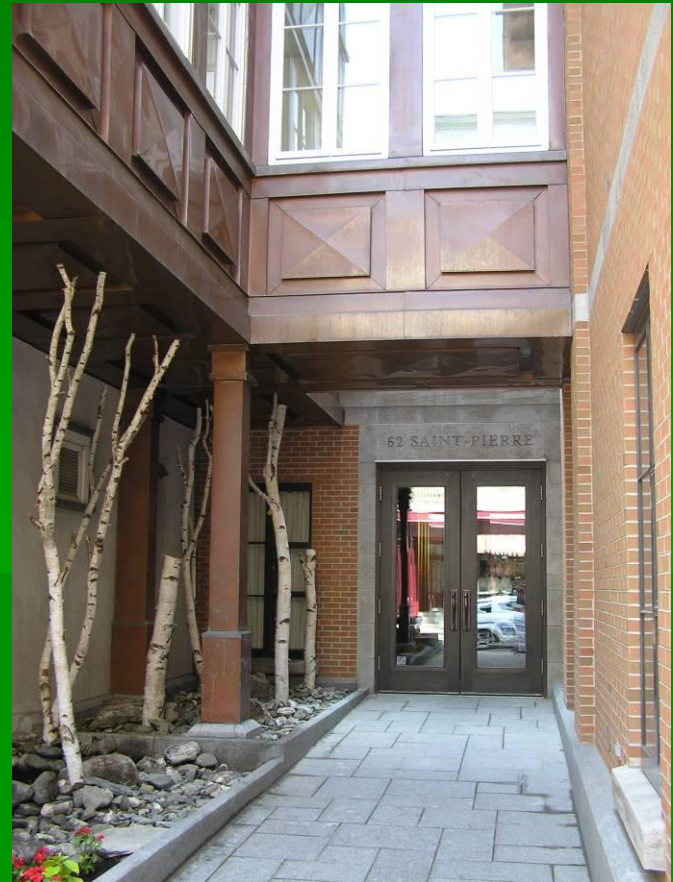
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Quebec City: *Heritage & Infill* *-heritage guidelines gone bad?*



Quebec City: *St. Roch Revitalization*



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-many different experiences in the neighbourhood square



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-choice in level of privacy in seating



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Quebec City:

St. Roch Revitalization

-very layered park design, but building edges too often are underprogrammed



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

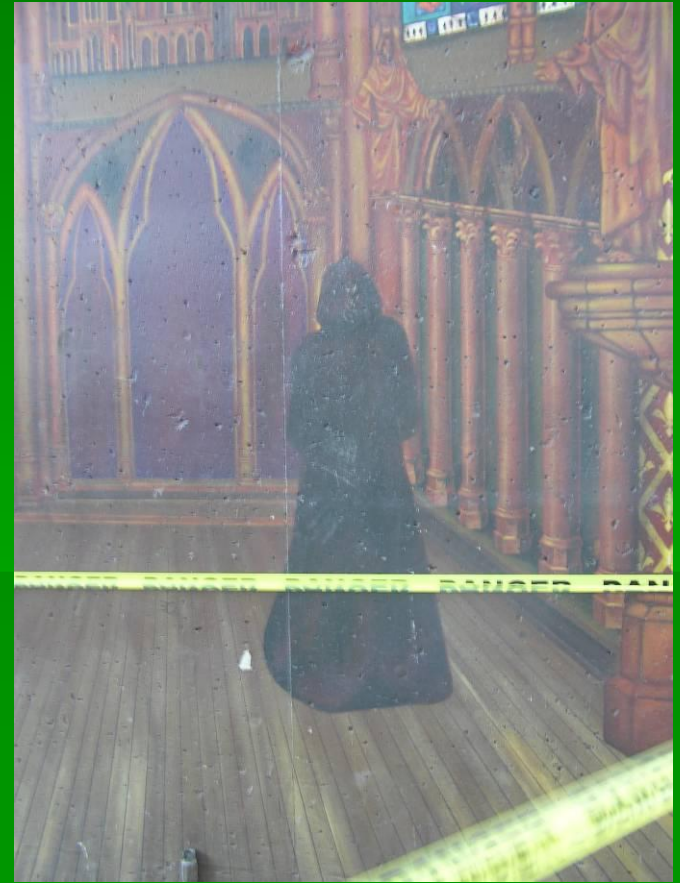
-art in every nook and cranny (St. Roch)



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-view right outside of exit from train station (left)



Quebec City: *Public Spaces & Civic Art*

-seating & sculpture integrated



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

-sculpture extending through paving into the neighbourhood



Quebec City: *Public Spaces & Civic Art*

-surprise & delight



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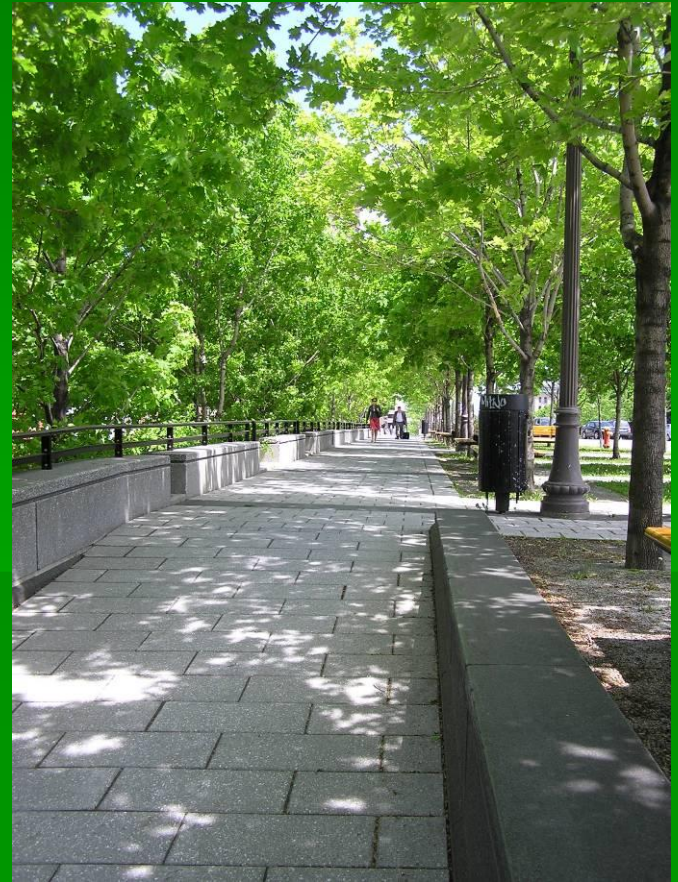
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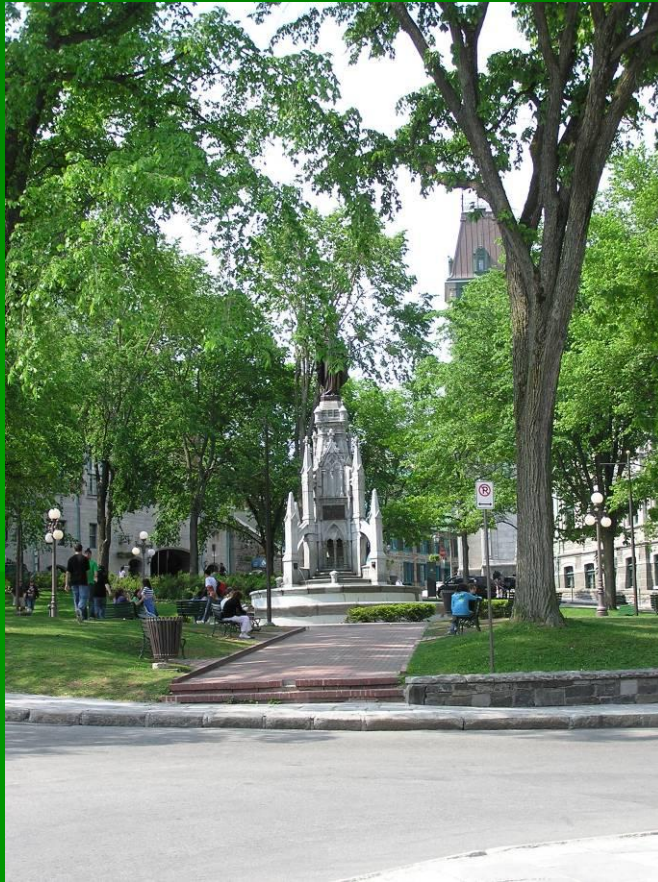


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-proportions & layout of a successful square



Quebec City:

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-element of surprise & delight

-can't tell from one of the front facades what's behind it



Quebec City: *Public Spaces & Civic Art*

-behind facades could just be parking



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

-very dynamic sculpture, but the space itself is under programmed & underutilized



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

-underused public spaces & art

-little apparent content or theme



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

-interesting design, but little relationship to the buildings/spaces around it-eye candy, not interactive



Quebec City:

Public Spaces & Civic Art

-art in unexpected places



Quebec City: *Public Spaces & Civic Art* *-creative signage ☺*



Quebec City:

Streetscapes & Proportions

-does partial shading matter with a rich streetscape texture?



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Streetscapes & Proportions

- delight & surprise of a child sized entrance and a frog*
- integrated “public art” relating to the use*



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Streetscapes & Proportions *-25' foot storefronts before street cars?*



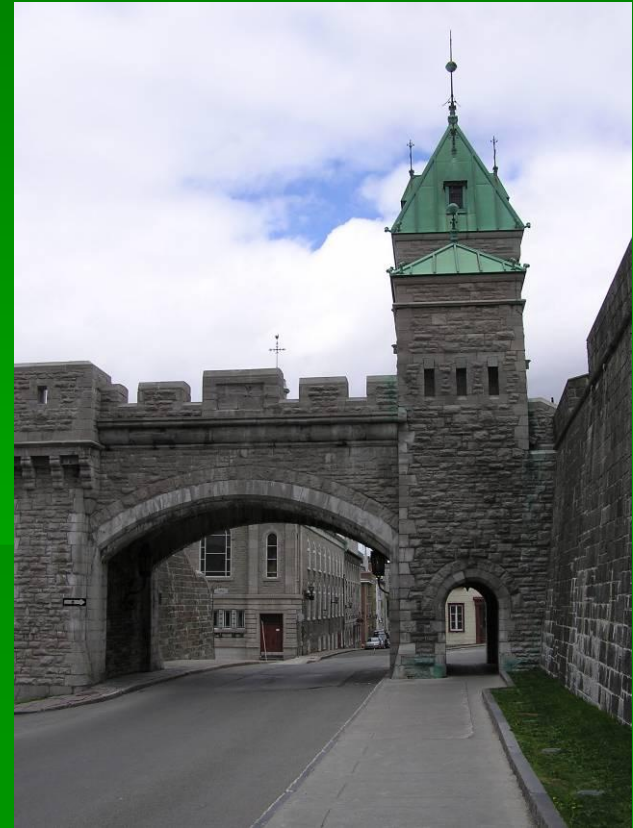
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Quebec City: *Streetscapes & Proportions* *-vistas*



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Quebec City: *Streetscapes & Proportions* *-urban edges & proportions*



Quebec City: *Inhabiting the Public Realm*



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