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The Commission takes stock of the *Moulin à paroles* situation

Québec City, September 9, 2009 – Following the discussion regarding the holding of the *Moulin à paroles*, the National Battlefields Commission insists on taking stock of its involvement and role in this event.

The National Battlefields Commission does not organize this event, nor is it in any way associated with the selection of participants or the readings and speeches delivered during this event. The Commission never interferes in the development of the contents of events other than those it itself organizes. As with the other events held on the site of Battlefields Park, the Commission therefore dissociates itself straight away from the content of the performances offered by those who participate in the various events held on the site, including “Le Moulin à paroles”, as they are under the full responsibility of the organizers and participants themselves.

The “Moulin à paroles” organizers followed the usual procedure provided for in the Commission policy on the holding of events. The “Regroupement Citoyen Le Moulin à paroles” has agreed to abide by all aspects of the policy and accepts full responsibility for the performance of this event.

The Commission is responsible for managing Battlefields Park, a public park accessible to everyone, which is at the centre of the important events taking place in Québec City. This site is a favourite meeting place and, due to its location, a natural attraction for the performance of various events. This is why, every year, the Commission receives nearly 150 occupancy requests from organizations wishing to hold a range of activities in the park, including those of the “Moulin à paroles.”

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