

News Release

NEW SIGNS FOR QUEEN'S PARK

Bridgetown, Barbados, 20 December 2022. Patrons and visitors to Christmas morning in the park will see some new signs which have been installed just before the big day this year.

Some of the signs for the Interpretive Trail in Queen's Park had been vandalised while some others had been affected by water seepage that made them unreadable. With the assistance of CIBC FirstCaribbean, the National Conservation Commission (NCC) was able to have the frames refurbished and the signs reprinted. All have now been reinstalled to meet those traversing the park for Christmas morning.

Chief Executive Officer of CIBC FirstCaribbean Mark St. Hill - whose idea it was to have the signs done back in 2016 when he was Managing Director of Retail, visited Queen's Park with Managing Director for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Donna Wellington to view the completed job.

They were met by General Manager of the NCC, Ryan Als and coordinator of the project Ricardo Marshall who showed them the signs and explained what had been done to update them and make them waterproof.

"We are so happy that CIBC FirstCaribbean has been able to help to get this signage back up and properly visible for those visiting and who wish to get some of the deep history that is rooted in Queen's Park. It is a space that I enjoy as a real oasis in a busy area, and I think that more people should come and just enjoy the ambiance that it offers" stated St. Hill.

In addition, they were shown the newly renovated fountain in which a new pump has been installed to restore the water jets spouting when activated. This area also requires some signage to highlight the panels that represent the eleven parishes, a project that will start next year.

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Mark St. Hill, CEO of CIBC FirstCaribbean pointing out a feature on the trail to from left Ricardo Marshall NCC Project Coordinator, Ryan Als NCC General Manager and Donna Wellington, Managing Director for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.



Ricardo Marshall explaining how they had to change material to guard against water seepage to, from left Ryan Als NCC General Manager, Mark St. Hill CEO CIBC FirstCaribbean, and Donna Wellington, CIBC FirstCaribbean Managing Director for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.



Mark St. Hill explaining some of the activities that used to take place in the Park when he was younger to Ryan Als, Donna Wellington and Ricardo Marshall.