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## **QUEEN'S PARK FOUNTAIN GETS A FURTHER FACELIFT**

**Bridgetown, Barbados, 30 May 2023.** “We are here to create beautiful spaces and moments, and Queen’s Park has a nurturing atmosphere. This upgrade will help to make it even more beautiful for the public.”

The words of Ryan Als General Manager of the National Conservation Commission (NCC) minutes after he showed the completed pillars which have been recently installed around the refurbished fountain in Queen’s Park to Donna Wellington Managing Director of CIBC FirstCaribbean. She visited the Park to view the finished job after the bank sponsored the production of some informational plaques which have been installed inside the eleven pillars around the fountain.

The four-foot columns each represent one of the eleven parishes of the island and give valuable information on the parishes for example the population, places of interest, the date the parish was established and its area.

For example, on the St Joseph pillar, popular places like Cotton Tower, Bathsheba and Joe’s River are featured while on the one for St. Lucy there is Archer’s Bay, the St. Lucy Parish Church and the Harrison Point Lighthouse.

“We are really pleased with the work done on the fountain to reinstate the water flows and now the addition of these informational pillars really add to the ambiance of the fountain and the park as a whole. We must all strive to keep it this way, in this pristine condition” stated Donna Wellington. “CIBC FirstCaribbean is pleased to be associated with this project which all Barbadians can now enjoy again.”

This is not the first time that the bank has worked with the NCC in facilitating work in Queen’s Park. The bank staff did some voluntary work in the park when they painted the equipment in the playpark. The organisation has also sponsored the signage for the Interpretive Trail that was installed back in 2016, as well as some wooden benches for comfortable seating by the Gazebo.

This latest project with the pillars is the most recent collaboration between the bank and the National Conservation Commission.

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Special Project Coordinator at the NCC Ricardo Marshall (centre) points out a feature on one of the informational pillars to (from left) Ryan Als and Donna Wellington.





A Panoramic view of the pillars around the fountain as from left Ryan Als, Special Projects Coordinator Ricardo Marshall and Donna Wellington discuss the information on the pillar.



A close-up of one of the pillars showing the information on St. Lucy.

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