

# VISION CENTRE-VILLAGE DE CHELSEA

Marathon « 9 par 12 »

## SYNTHÈSE DES PROPOS RECUEILLIS

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<p>1. In your opinion, what are the physical boundaries of the centre-village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Respondents appreciated having the map.</li> <li>▪ A variety of views expressed, ranging from status quo to enlarged boundaries and even tighter boundaries</li> <li>▪ Most respondents were not aware of the current boundaries and do not understand the implications of being within the Centre Village on the master plan.</li> <li>▪ Generally, the map showed an area greater than they would have described as the “Centre Village.”</li> <li>• Respondents defined the centre village based on walkability and a higher number and density of businesses.</li> <li>▪ In discussion, several respondents said that what the map showed was two village areas, but also residential areas and some farm land.</li> <li>▪ Respondents consulted originally regarded only the Old Chelsea Village as the village centre. Most included the area between Hwy 5 and Scott Rd, although some people even restricted it to the area from the Catholic Church to Scott Rd.</li> <li>▪ However, after looking at the various possibilities, several people changed their minds and wanted to also include the Chelsea village.</li> <li>▪ Not many people wanted to include the middle part between the Old and the New Village consisting of the municipal and school buildings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One respondent questioned why the boundaries were set at is, and suggested that natural boundaries would be more logical limits (the Gatineau River to the east, Chelsea Creek to the west and south). This question made me wonder why, in fact, what the basis was for setting the present boundaries?</li> <li>• Two respondents put forward the idea of two tiers to the centre village. Old Chelsea as the core and then Freshmart to the NCC Visitor centre as an outer tier.</li> <li>• One respondent included municipal building and soccer fields in centre village definition</li> <li>• Two people from Kingsmere thought the Centre Village boundaries should be radically reduced to focus very tightly on the core Old Chelsea village along Scott Road, Old Chelsea Rd and up to Highway 5, along with the contiguous streets in the village core. This approach would see high density, pedestrian friendly core, retail below with residential above on the main street, leaving green areas around this village core</li> <li>• One person thought Hydro Quebec lands could be included in the centre village boundary in New Chelsea and become part of a “municipal park and provide river access onto the bay in the Gatineau River</li> </ul>

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<p>2. Quels sont les aspects du centre-village que vous appréciez ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Current mix of business – diversified, attractive and unique:</b> smaller, locally owned and managed as opposed to big box or franchises, accessible, personalized, interesting, stand out, good quality of products sold, good variety of restaurants, sense of community that it gives, good architecture. Liked the fact that it is not uniform “un peu croche et pas très organisé”. Liked the ability to get most of their purchases done close to home. Liked the fact that there’s life in the centre, it is a “ meeting place”, a social area, has a certain “buzz”.</li> <li>▪ <b>Patrimonial / heritage:</b> Historic aspect to the buildings. Like “old style” look, artisan style. Like the wooden-sided houses and St. S Church.</li> <li>▪ <b>Nature / rural character:</b> Proximity of trees and vegetation enhances the rural character. Like gardens around some businesses and the proximity of the Gatineau Park.</li> <li>▪ <b>Walkability</b> of the centre village and the <b>bicycle path</b>. Like sidewalk along Old Chelsea Road, linking Old-Chelsea &amp; New Chelsea.</li> <li>▪ Like look of the village as we enter it or see it off the A-5 at Chelsea. (Beautiful vista with St. Stephen’s spire, wooded hills.)</li> <li>▪ Many respondents expressed that they were happy with the way Chelsea is now and didn’t want it to change.</li> <li>▪ People also like the mixed anglo-franco atmosphere of the village.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faire un projet avec le centre communautaire après le centre Meridith</li> </ul>

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<p>3. De l'aménagement actuel du centre-village, quels sont les aspects que vous aimeriez changer ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traffic:</b> Traffic need to be improved in terms of reducing speed on Old Chelsea road. Respondents were concerned about traffic problems at 2 major intersections: Scott/Old Chelsea, Kingsmere intersections and T-junction of Highway 105 and Old-Chelsea. Chelsea roads in the centre-village area are being used at through-routes for traffic using them as shortcuts to go between Ottawa/Gatineau/Aylmer etc. and destinations farther north.</li> <li>• <b>Safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists:</b> Respondents thought that safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists was a problem. There is a lack of continuous sidewalk- poor cycling conditions at Kingsmere/Old Chelsea/ Scott Rd intersection. In terms of the area east of highway 5, respondents thought that Old Chelsea Rd was not designed to be cyclist or pedestrian friendly.</li> <li>▪ <b>Lack of parking and the parking is badly planned:</b> too much backing-up on street making it dangerous.</li> <li>▪ <b>Lack of certain businesses :</b> deli, dental office, medical office, bed and breakfast</li> <li>• <b>Transport :</b> Some respondents were concerned about the limited public transit in Old Chelsea both in terms of trips to Gatineau/Ottawa and within the municipality.</li> <li>• Some residents were concerned about Old Chelsea being more of a tourist destination than a place for residents.</li> <li>• Respondents were disappointed in the lack of protection for heritage building in New Chelsea and the lack of the proper density.</li> <li>• Certains répondants ont suggérés d'avoir un éclairage plus moderne, des bancs, un raffinement dans la signalisation (surtout à l'entrée), des fleurs, de la couleur pour les 4 saisons, une image uniforme pour le centre et aussi Chelsea</li> <li>• N'aiment pas les voitures en face du Pub</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use the field next to NCC visitor building for parking</li> <li>• One respondent thought that the building stock in Old Chelsea was so poor that it should not be kept and that the Centre Village should move in the long term</li> <li>▪ Placer des dos d'ânes pour la circulation</li> <li>▪ Des égouts</li> <li>▪ Utiliser les terrains de la CCN pour des événements et la promotion de produits locaux.</li> <li>▪ Concours Incitatifs / Programmes,/ Subventions pour motiver la communauté, promouvoir la culture, pour inciter les citoyens à investir dans leur propriété et l'aménagement paysager (Ex. concours banc de parc sur la rue principale d'Aylmer)</li> <li>• Several had suggestions about how to rectify traffic problem by various kinds of re-routing (use of Highway 50 corridor).</li> <li>• 3 way stop at corner of Scott and old chelsea</li> <li>• One respondent was concerned about poor lighting and light pollution in Old Chelsea</li> <li>▪ Mettre en valeur le marché Chelsea avec l'ajout d'une structure permanente.</li> <li>▪ Mettre en valeur les pistes cyclables et formaliser celles-ci sur Old Chelsea et la 105.</li> <li>▪ Entretien le coin old chelsea et 105 (présence d'une parcelle qui a peu de fleurs maintenant)</li> <li>▪ L'ajout d'affiches pour guider les touristes</li> <li>▪ Créer une porte d'entrée du village</li> </ul>

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<p>4. Imaginez le centre-village de Chelsea en 2020. À quoi ressemble-t-il ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Don't change the look of Chelsea:</b> Don't become suburbia with High-density housing. Many respondents were satisfied with the Old Chelsea the way it is.</li> <li>▪ <b>Keep it a village:</b> Many respondents want to ensure that the quaintness and heritage aspect of the centre village is conserved. A village is where you walk, and where people interact. Make it pedestrian-friendly and blend architecture with natural elements.</li> <li>▪ <b>Focused on residents needs:</b> Respondents want changes to be based on residents needs and not focused on making the Centre Village a tourist attraction. "My dream is a place oriented to people who live there".</li> <li>▪ <b>More local and unique business:</b> Mettre en valeur et favoriser les petits commerces tout en créant une harmonie. Should be more like European cities with more café and a "joie de vivre" (more small-scales stores and restaurants, particularly in the middle range between pub food and high-end, more small and flourishing Bed and Breakfast, more community based stores, a bakery, a cheese store).</li> <li>• <b>More professional services:</b> Health cooperative, a doctor office, dentist, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, dietician, architects, notary office.</li> <li>▪ <b>More facilities:</b> Some respondents said that there was a need to carefully add facilities to complement the Meredith Centre and the soccer field (a public meeting place or town square, a skateboard park, kid water park, a large playground area with equipment, a food outlets)</li> <li>▪ <b>Cycling and pedestrian friendly :</b> Most respondents want better/ safer cycling and pedestrian infrastructure</li> <li>• <b>A transport service:</b> Some respondents called for a modest public transit system that would operated within the municipality. Some respondents mentioned the lack of public transport means that some seniors don't plan on staying in Chelsea if they can no longer drive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Une gare pour mettre en valeur le train de Wakefield. Train qui arête à Chelsea avec navette. Favoriser la circulation entre la gare et le centre village, ...</li> <li>▪ One respondent saw a revitalized New Chelsea with smaller homes, restored heritage buildings, higher village type density and road links to Meredith Centre.</li> <li>▪ Try to create a loop around the two villages corresponding to the boundaries of the existing zoning</li> <li>▪ Consider a shuttle bus to permit access by people around the loop</li> <li>▪ Design criteria to preserve streetscapes but to allow for higher and denser buildings. Retail below, residential above.</li> <li>▪ Jumeler notre village à notre village sœur en Europe!</li> </ul>

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<p>4. Imaginez le centre-village de Chelsea en 2020. À quoi ressemble-t-il ? (suite)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mix of ages and incomes in Centre Village:</b> Some respondents want to see different housing types in the centre village to encourage seniors/ younger people to make Chelsea their home. Some suggested smaller-type houses suitable for independent seniors and a building for seniors who need assisted living.</li> <li>• <b>Artists and environmental consciousness:</b> Build on strengths of having many artists in the community and our environmental consciousness.</li> <li>• Piped water and sewage for all core village areas</li> </ul>	

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