

Citizens' Forum

Chelsea Vision

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Synthesis of Discussion: Table 4

Themes

1. Character

Protect and enhance the rural character of the study areas with particular attention given to the historic village of Old Chelsea.

Develop bylaws and other instruments to ensure that development in the study area is in accordance with the rural, rustic, and heritage values and small "small is beautiful".

Develop a site design manual, for businesses and for residents, according to pre-established architectural standards, requiring the use of natural building materials (wood, stone), and encouraging the preservation and enhancement of our the history & heritage.

Creating an Economic Development Committee with local businesses, citizens and employees of the Municipality.

It is important to encourage a mix of complementary businesses. Perhaps shops more focused on tourism in Old Chelsea and service oriented for citizens in the New Chelsea. Encourage circulation around the broader triangle. Create a "flavour's tour" or "arts' & artisans' tour".

Strengthen the status of Old Chelsea as the gateway to the Gatineau Park and have the NCC recognize this status.

Pay more attention to the environment; establish better mechanisms for the collection of recyclables and organics. Make Chelsea truly green!

2. Mobility

Encourage circulation through the use of a shuttle service.

Further develop services of the STO in the study area.

Establish incentives to encourage pedestrian traffic or the use of a shuttle.

Build safe European style sidewalks in Old Chelsea.

Improve the link between the Old and New Chelsea by means of a bike lane.

Install some type of signage to properly direct people to the park, businesses or services:

- Park and Walk, Park and Ski, Park and Hike, Park and Ride.

3. Uses

Creating meeting places which would have different uses depending on if they were located in Old, New Chelsea or the surrounding land:

- Places that could be used to organize shows and festivals
- Areas of transition between Old and New Chelsea
- Central locations with a fountain, ice ring in winter
- Art center
- Public benches

Density

- Low to medium density acceptable
- Encourage social diversity
- Innovative housing building concepts to accommodate a degree of social diversity while respecting the architectural values, history, country side.
- Villages offering something for everyone: young and old (senior's residences ...)

Encourage the development of a complementary mix of businesses.

Establish regulations prohibiting the introduction of commercial banners (Tim Hortons)

Encourage small scale businesses: particularly businesses focusing on food services, restaurants, arts, culture, health services, citizen services (i.e., ATM), sports, nature, craft products, lodging.