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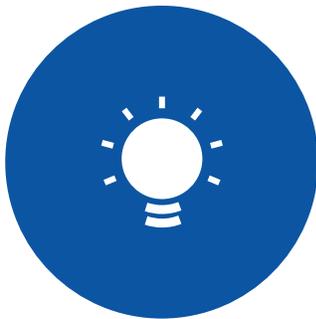
CONTEXT SETTING

In the heart of the Village of Senneville are two areas with significant development potential: the building located at 53 Senneville Road, a former water treatment plant that has been unused for several years, and the riverside park, a green space on the waterfront. These two municipal properties are located on either side of Senneville Road.

In order to improve the offer of recreational activities and the programming of cultural and community events, the Village of Senneville wanted to seek input from the population through a collaborative approach. The main objective of this process was to reflect on the vocation of the building located at 53 Senneville Road and the waterfront park. Discussions were also held on other facilities related to recreational activities.

The collaborative approach helped generate a collective vision for the future of the two areas as well as for recreational activities in the Village of Senneville in general.

GOALS



Precise and shared guidelines

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Ensure a common understanding of the project's challenges and develop a unifying and shared vision for the future.



An inclusive and collaborative process

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Allow the entire population to contribute in order to generate synergies and develop optimal solutions.



People at the heart of the approach

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Taking care of the citizens, taking into account their opinions when thinking, considering what is beneficial to them.

LOCATION

Sector Map



Satellite view of a portion of the village of Senneville, yellow dots identifying the main municipal facilities and buildings, including the two areas subject to the collaborative approach, as well as the new Senneville-sur-le-parc neighbourhood.

Waterfront Park



Photograph of the waterfront park

The waterfront park is located on the shore of Lake of Two Mountains. The site offers access to the shoreline and includes a grassy area and several mature trees. It is proposed by the municipal government that the park will eventually become a site dedicated to the commemoration of veterans. The park is logically positioned between the water, 53 Senneville Road and Senneville Park, to which it is connected by a trail.

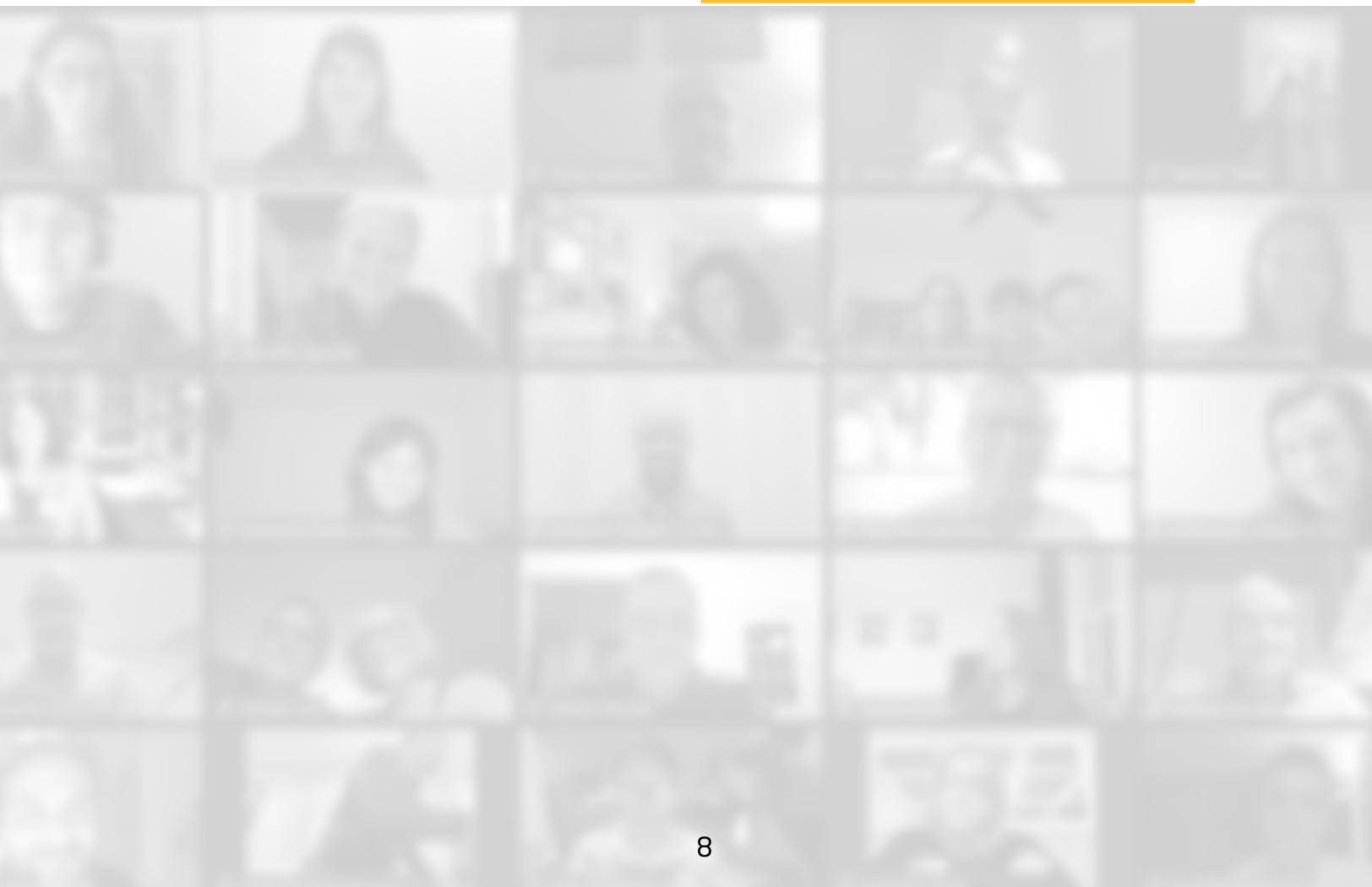
53 Senneville Road



Photograph of the building located at 53 Senneville Road

On the other side of Senneville Road, facing the waterfront park, is the former water treatment plant. The building is now unused.

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH



METHODOLOGY

The collaborative approach proposed different ways to share opinions and contribute to the collective vision of recreational activities. Two virtual collaborative workshops were organized at different times to reach as many citizens as possible: Tuesday, November 17, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12: 00 p.m. The citizens were also given the opportunity to express themselves through an online questionnaire as well as by email.

WORKSHOPS PROGRAM

Each collaborative workshop lasted two hours and had the following objectives:

- ensure a common understanding of the project’s challenges;
- generate as many innovative ideas and possible solutions as possible;
- develop a preliminary vision.

The workshops were divided into four steps, including a collaborative period in subgroups of 5 to 8 people to encourage discussion:

01 SESSION LAUNCH

Welcoming remarks
Burning question
Objectives of the workshop
Course of events
Conditions for success

03 COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY

Participants’ round table presentation
Inspiration
Ideation
Vision
Presentation and sharing

02 PRESENTATION

Sector map
Recreational activities and facilities
George-McLeish Community Centre
Recreational activities
Senneville Park
Tennis courts
Aquatic activities
Cultural and community events
Day camp
Context
Senneville-sur-le-parc
Collaborative approach

04 SESSION CONCLUSION

Synthesis
Closing remarks

RESULTS



RESULTS PRESENTATION

The synthesis of the results is the product of the analysis of all the ideas collected during the collaborative approach (collaborative workshops, online answers and emails received from the citizens or organizations). The statements presented, organized into major ideas, are a concise summary of the directions sought by the population for all recreational activities in the Village of Senneville, and then for the development of the waterfront park and the future of the building located at 53 Senneville Road.

The synthesis exercise that follows highlights the elements that were most frequently mentioned throughout the collaborative approach. These are the elements to be considered for the next stages of the review of the recreational services offer and the development of the waterfront park and 53 Senneville Road.

The pooling of ideas has led to the emergence of :

- a collective vision;
- key ideas for the overall development, the waterfront park and 53 Senneville Road;
- ideas for recreational activities.

COLLECTIVE VISION

The collective vision outlines in one sentence what is expected by the population for all of the Village of Senneville's recreational activities, for the development of the waterfront park and the future of the building located at 53 Senneville Road.



To create an accessible and unifying space for the entire community, commemorating veterans, respecting nature, highlighting a landscape conducive to quiet resourcing and providing access to water for non-motorized nautical activities.



INSPIRING IMAGES

During the collaborative workshop, participants were asked to identify the most inspiring images for the future of the areas and explain the reasons for their choices. The following nine images were the most frequently selected from the image bank. They represent the main ideas that emerged from the workshops, in no order of importance.



Benefit from access to water for non-motorized nautical activities



Provide a place of contemplation and gathering for the community



Encourage children's development and play through safe facilities



Take advantage of a peaceful place with a view of the water to engage in quiet activities



Access to the park and shores with one's dog



Garden in community gardens in an ecological way



Unwind in a place where the natural environment is preserved



Enjoy a space that is accessible and adapted to the entire community



Create a place conducive to nautical activities through rehabilitated shores

KEY IDEAS

ENTIRE FACILITIES

The synthesis exercise led to the following key ideas for all the recreational facilities and services offered, including those which could be offered at the waterfront park and 53 Senneville Road.

GATHERING PLACE

Make the space a complete and accessible gathering place for the entire community, creating a village core where all generations are welcome and where people can collaborate, play, learn and grow together.



CANINE COMPANIONS

Understand the contribution of dogs in the creation of intra-community links and include spaces in the facilities that allow people to enjoy them with their canine companion in complete safety, whether through a large fenced park or dedicated access hours where dogs can play without having to be kept on a leash.



NATURE

Ensure that nature and water views are preserved and enhanced through resilient and consistent development, such as walking paths in the new neighbourhood, observation points and planting of diverse native species.

EQUIPMENT

Provide improved equipment in harmony with the environment, such as expanded children's play areas, sufficient benches strategically placed to enjoy different atmospheres and landscapes.



ACCESSIBILITY

Make the park and facilities accessible to the entire community in all seasons through inclusive and adapted facilities.

KEY IDEAS

WATERFRONT PARK

The synthesis exercise led to the following key ideas for the recreational facilities and services which could be offered at the waterfront park.

WATER VIEW

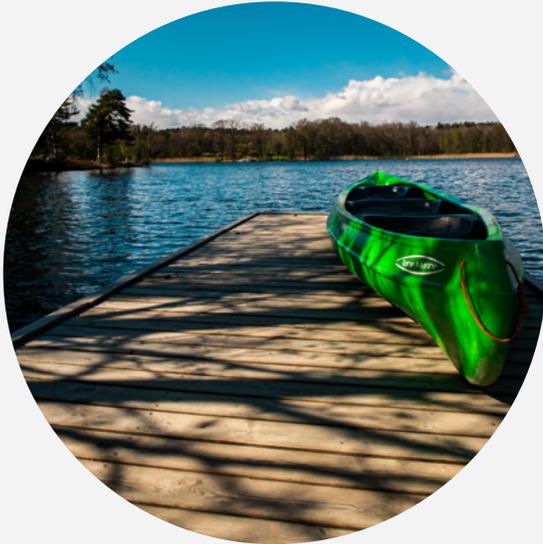
Enhance the water views with diversified landscaping and non-obstructive equipment (benches, tables, Adirondack style chairs) allowing users to enjoy the seasons and spend quality time by the water.



CONNECTION

Provide a connection between the park and the rest of the village to make it an easily accessible gathering place for the community.

WATER ACCESS



Build a community dock to allow the launching of non-motorized and silent nautical sports gear (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards).

TRANQUILITY

Promote calm and quiet recreational activities by providing a platform for yoga practice or an icy trail from the park to skate on the lake, by installing chairs and hammocks for reading or simply meditating.



COMMEMORATION



Make the site a commemorative place for the Village of Senneville, highlighted by the design of the park using traditional stone walls and the creation of a natural-looking monument in memory of the veterans (e.g., a plaque on a large stone).

KEY IDEAS

53 SENNEVILLE ROAD

The synthesis exercise led to the following key ideas for the recreational facilities and services which could be offered at 53 Senneville Road.

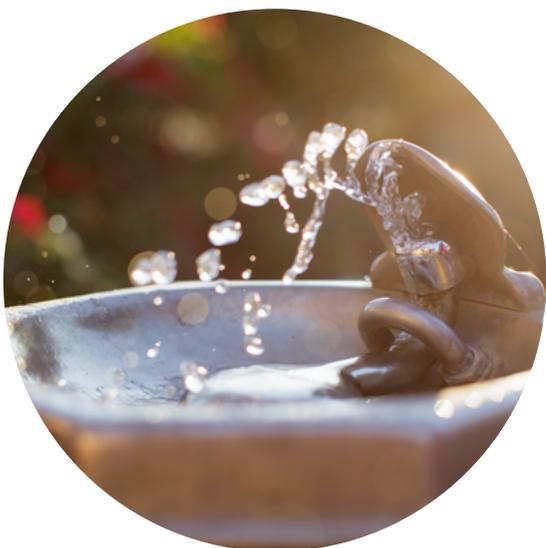
COMMUNITY SPACE

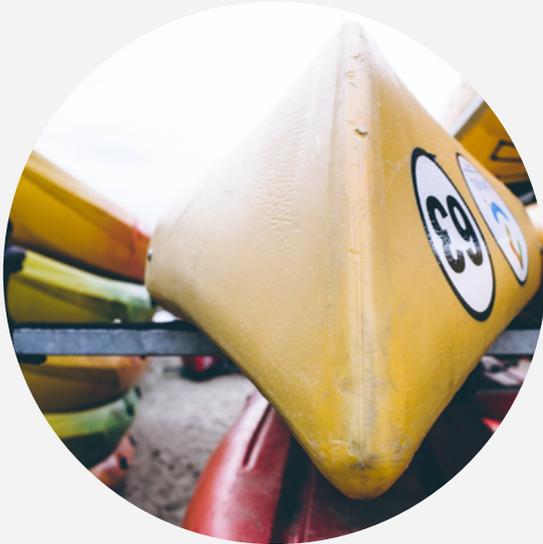
Preserve the building and convert it into a community space, such as a co-op, café or common multipurpose space that could be used by the community for various gatherings or creative workshops (arts, cooking, etc.)



AMENITIES

Provide on-site sanitation amenities and a drinking water station as well as bike racks.



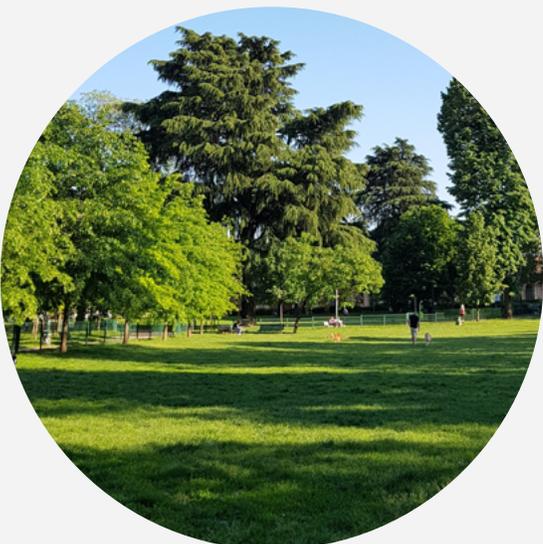


FUNCTIONAL SPACE

Keep the building or build a new one to offer some storage space or rental centre for nautical activities (kayak, paddleboards) and sports (pickleball) or even solely preserve the roof of the existing building to make it a sheltered place for cyclists and park users.

NATURE ACCESS

Enhance the site through a variety of plantings, the establishment of community gardens and seating areas where the community can come together to socialize.



TRANSFORMATION

Alter or demolish the building to allow an unobstructed view of the water and reclaim the green space while retaining the trees on the site.

MAIN DIRECTIONS

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout the process, the population made suggestions on how to develop the recreational activities service offer as well as on the main directions sought in a more general way.

1

Plan an inclusive activity program



Plan recreational activities for all ages, particularly those aimed at toddlers, teens and seniors, and ensure that facilities are conducive to activity participation by these age groups.

2

Promote recreational activities that respect the quietness of the place



Encourage the practice of recreational activities that respect the quietness of the place through adequate facilities, such as yoga, non-motorized nautical sports, cycling.

3

Promote the free practice of recreational activities



Allow more recreational activities through accessible facilities conducive to spontaneous or organized gatherings (pickleball, skatepark, discgolf, outdoor gym, etc.)

4

Create a welcoming environment



Build a vibrant, accessible and inclusive community hub that encourages recreational activities and community gatherings.



Contributing Ideas

The consolidation of ideas has also allowed the identification of new ideas and proposals that could improve the offer of recreational activities services such as

- Add pickleball courts;
- Diversify aquatic facilities (new wading pool);
- Add outdoor training equipment;
- Pursue recreational activities throughout winter;
- Create an ice ring;
- Develop a snowshoeing and cross-country skiing trail;
- Build a petanque or croquet court;
- Install card and board game tables;
- Modernize children’s play facilities;
- Install a giant outdoor chess game.



Cautionary Points

WATERFRONT PARK

- Plan facilities that take spring flooding into account and are safe for all ages (especially for children and water access) as well as amenities to keep the space clean.

53 SENNEVILLE ROAD

- The current state of the building, the costs of maintenance and redevelopment, and its architectural attractiveness are being questioned.
- If the building is preserved and redeveloped to host some children's activities, its proximity to the street will have to be taken into consideration. If it is converted into a storage facility, what measures will be taken to secure and control access to the stored goods.
- Consider the addition of a few parking spaces, particularly for persons with reduced mobility, without altering the area and concealing them with vegetation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Make sure that the new neighbourhood of Senneville-sur-le-parc is well connected to the rest of the village by creating a public space for the entire community to gather and create links, while taking into consideration the possible annoyances and challenges related to the location (proximity of water and a busy street, noise from activities, limited parking space).
- To allow the community to become more involved on a voluntary basis in recreational and citizen activities, to continue citizen consultations in order to regularly validate the needs of the population, to listen to new ideas and to improve services and facilities.