



FACILITATION GUIDE: CITIZENS' VALIDATION WORKSHOP

BRING CITIZENS TOGETHER TO VOTE ON AND DISCUSS DESIGN SOLUTIONS

Activity Type: Design, Evaluate

Participant Audience: Residents, Organizational Partners

Objectives

After design solutions emerge from the [design workshop](#), the citizens' validation workshop is an opportunity to allow residents to express their preferences for certain ideas. This workshop is a resident-focused space, and it is an opportunity to vet and validate design solutions. Citizen-only spaces may support some residents that feel intimidated or unwelcome in more professionalized spaces. This activity also gives a clear sense of which design priorities and solutions residents prefer. Tons of great ideas arise from the design workshop, but residents may want to focus resources and capacity on a few key ideas!



Using the Tool

Materials needed

1. Consultation boards, which present different design solutions for the neighbourhood (see sample materials)
2. Coloured sticky dots to indicate levels of support (Green = love it!, Yellow= Maybe/ some concerns, Red = Do not prefer this idea). An alternative option is emoji stickers.
3. Post-it notes
4. Markers
5. Trained volunteer facilitators
6. Participant hand-out (see sample materials)

Facilitation Process

1. Before the workshop

- Create large poster boards with renderings of design ideas.
- Identify volunteers to help facilitate, and host a facilitator meeting to describe the process for the workshop, and explain the design ideas presented on the boards.

2. At the workshop

- This is an open forum/drop-in style event. Position poster boards around the room. Station a volunteer facilitator at each board to explain the concepts presented.
- Invite participants at a welcome table. Provide them with an overview of the stations in the room, and a participant hand-out.
- As participants move through the room, facilitators will explain the design ideas and invite them to vote on different ideas using sticker dots. People can add more detailed thoughts, observations, or new ideas using the post-it notes.



Tip: Consider giving a short presentation before starting the open forum. This will give you the chance to explain the design ideas.

Tip: This is a great activity for children and youth. Sticker voting is accessible to younger participants.

Tip: Don't have time to produce fancy graphics? Don't worry! Sometimes rough sketchy materials are better for dialogue, better at creating a sense that final decisions haven't been made, there is lots of room to improve.

Sample Materials

1. Consultation Boards (via TCAT and GreenUP)

STEWART STREET PARK

Why Stewart Street Park?

Community-building efforts and teamwork between residents have made Stewart Street Park a special place at the heart of the neighbourhood.

Residents have identified areas of improvement to make Stewart Street Park an even safer place for children to play and for community members to socialize and spend time together.



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Current Context





Key Ideas

1. Bethune Border

- Potential exists to create a welcoming and barrier-free entrance that would draw people to the park.
- Can connect Bethune Street side entrance improvements to the Bethune Street redevelopment



2. A New Feature

- New feature for teenagers, adults, or older adults, would broaden the park's appeal
- Visibility from Bethune Street would draw visitors to the park and activate the Bethune Street side, making it feel less isolated



Have Your Say!

We want to hear what you think of these ideas. On each idea board, you can rank the options by using the coloured dots. Green means "Yes, please!", yellow means "Maybe, I have questions", and red means "No thanks". We encourage you to leave us a note explaining your thoughts.

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IDEA: Beautify Existing Fence



Considerations

- Creative fence art would brighten the Bethune Street side of the park with colours and designs, welcoming visitors
- Opportunity for neighbourhood children and youth to take part in building a community landmark.
- Keeping the park fenced in may maintain isolated corners that currently exist

Have Your Say!

IDEA: A Planted Fence



Considerations

- Natural, planted fences blend well with outdoor nature of the park, making it feel less enclosed
- Planted fence would provide clear distinction between park and street while still welcoming visitors
- Planted fence may need ongoing gardening or maintenance which could also provide opportunities for community-building activities

Have Your Say!

IDEA: No Fence or Boundary




Considerations

- Can make access to the park easier, welcoming more visitors
- Would eliminate isolated corners of the park on the Bethune Street side
- May be a concern for parents whose children play in the park if there is no barrier between park and street

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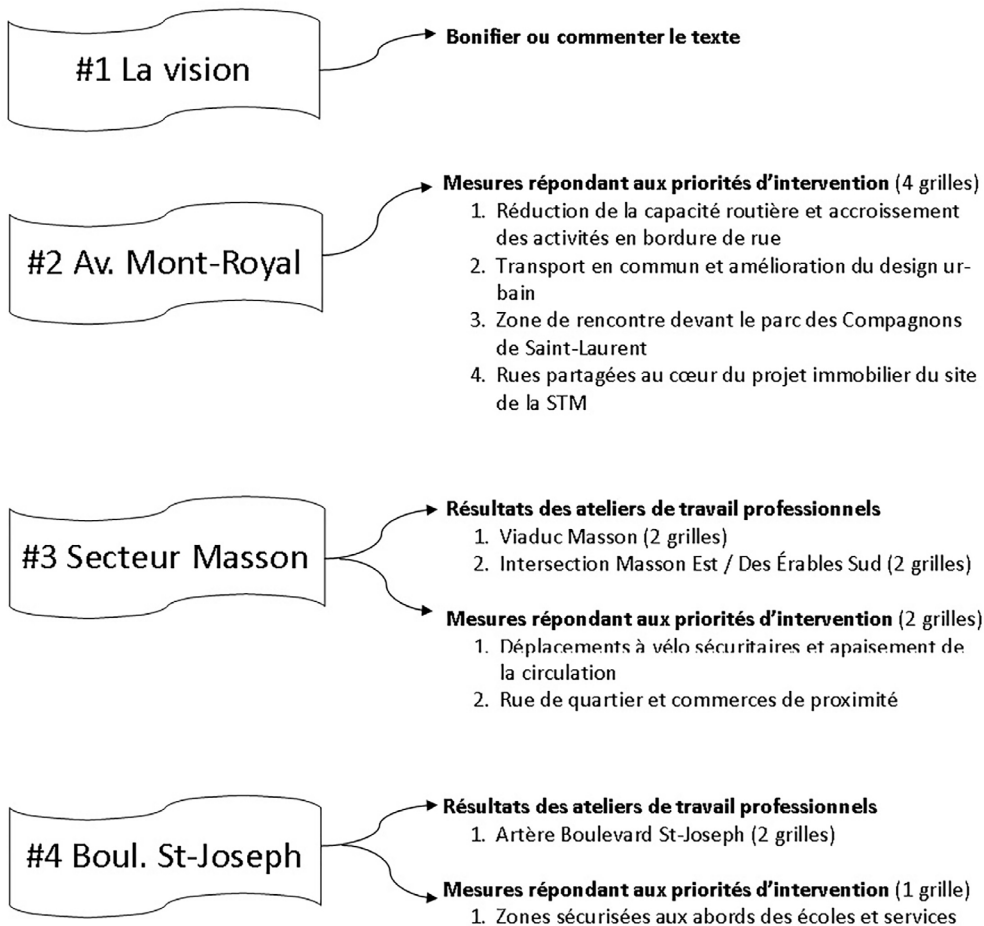
2. Participant handout (via MUEC)

2 OUTILS POUR S'EXPRIMER

 = La pastille verte pour voter

 = Le post-it pour commenter, émettre des idées

4 KIOSQUES



DEUX OUTILS POUR S'EXPRIMER



= **La pastille**
pour montrer son appui ou non aux propositions



= **Le « post-it »**
pour commenter et émettre des idées

Liste de kiosque de consultation

Liste des kiosques	Kiosques visités <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notes
Kiosque 1 : Outil A : Mon lieu de résidence et Outil B : Intérêt pour un programme de verdissement (résident du Chemin des Prairies, Secteur O) Outil C : Les racines et les rêves des résidents		
Kiosque 2 : La réduction du volume de circulation sur le Chemin des Prairies		
Kiosque 3 : Tronçon 1 : Entre le boulevard Taschereau et la rue Océanie		
Kiosque 4 : Tronçon 2 : Entre les rues Oigny et Ontario		
Kiosque 5 Tronçon 3 : Entre les rues Ontario et Oslo		
Kiosque 6 Tronçon 4 : Intersection Orient et Tronçon 5 : Entre les deux voies ferrées		
Kiosque 7 : Tronçon 6 : Entre l'intersection Louisbourg et Prairies		
Kiosque 8 : Tronçon 7 : Entre la rue Le Corbusier et le boulevard Du Quartier		
Kiosque 9 : Information sur les comptages		



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