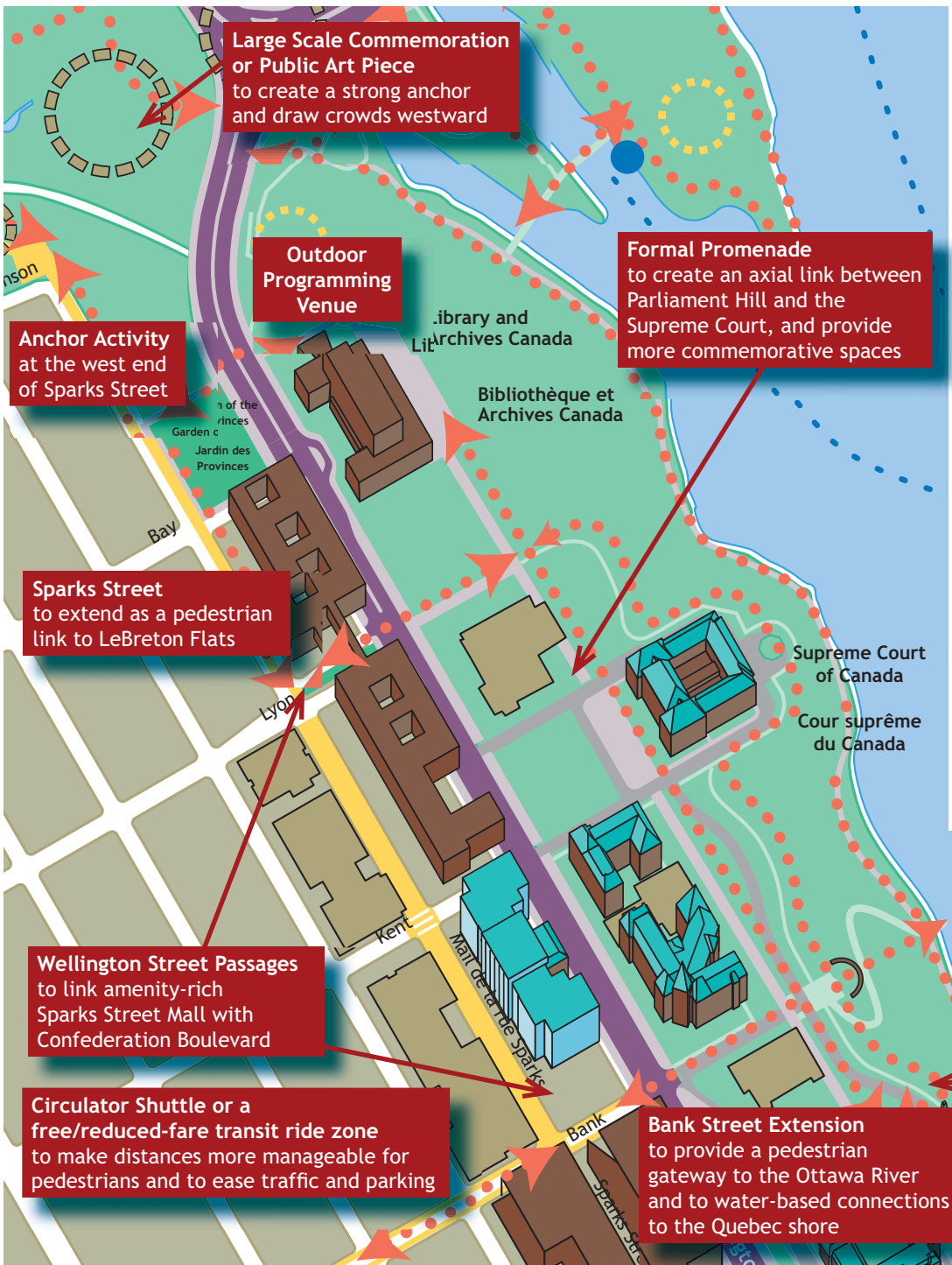


VISION FOR THE FUTURE

West on Wellington district

Freedom of Expression and Our Collective Thoughts

West on Wellington celebrates our nation and our people. Here is the manifestation of the genius and steadfastness of our laws, and the imagination and collective power of those Canadians whose achievements make our society. This district is rooted in the Supreme Court of Canada, the Library and Archives of Canada, and the Bank of Canada, and the resources that these institutions make accessible to visitors. In the future, increased access to visitor-oriented amenities and to the river encourage visitors to enjoy this distinct area. Realigned urban transit routes mitigate the heavy commuter traffic on Wellington Street and a rich variety of program options invite visitors on a journey that explores aspects of our national character. A new access point to the Ottawa River is open at Bank Street and reaches across the river to link with downtown Gatineau. A new anchor activity, facility or site at the west end of Wellington Street beckons to visitors and a scenic east-west pedestrian route through the precinct recounts a compelling story of Canada and creates a new must-do experience of the Capital.



Water Taxi Links

Key Issue Today
Few visitors explore this district because they are given little incentive to do so.

Ottawa River
Rivière des Outaouais

Canada's Promenade
to interpret heritage features and create new commemorative spaces along the Ottawa River escarpment

POINTE Nepean POINT
THÉÂTRE DE L'Astrolabe THEATRE

We value the freedom of expression and thought, we commemorate those who achieve excellence.

Artist's concept of a formal Promenade from the front of the Supreme Court to MacKenzie Tower of the West Block



Future programming for the West on Wellington district

- A large-scale commemoration or public art piece at the west end of Wellington Street serves as an important Capital landmark. Perhaps it is one of a series of monumental art pieces along Confederation Boulevard that reflect our identity. This landmark also serves as an attractor, encouraging visitors to Parliament Hill to walk 'West on Wellington'.
- A landscaped pathway meanders through the precinct and creates promenades where commemorations introduce visitors to heroes of the law, and of arts and letters.
- Visitors walk behind the major buildings, enjoying the power of the geography here. There are areas that offer ample shade and seating, and maps that show important features of the landscape.
- Easy north-south links to Sparks Street expand the availability of visitor amenities and services. Refreshment and cafés invite visitors to linger.
- Pedestrian access to the Ottawa River at the foot of Bank Street is an important addition, encouraging visitors to extend the boundaries of their exploration. In season, a water taxi offers easy links to other Capital attractions along the river.
- A program of events is offered in the Library and Archives of Canada auditorium, the Portrait Gallery of Canada, at the Garden of the Provinces, the Bank of Canada plaza and St. Laurent Square in front of the Supreme Court of Canada. Some of these events are coordinated as in a festival, others are singular.
- Community groups from all areas of the country host literary festivals, small outdoor art shows, and intimate performances to highlight accomplishments in art and culture, and focus on themes that illuminate privileges and responsibilities of being Canadian.