



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Gatineau Central Waterfront district

Canada — The People and the Land

The **Gatineau Central Waterfront** district contains a large central plaza with green spaces, opens up the City of Gatineau to the waterfront and encourages public interaction with the river. Other new attractions include a new Capital Stage, major commemorations, and shoreline public spaces featuring the impressive vistas of Parliament Hill. Visitors arrive on foot, by land transport or by water taxi. Easy wayfinding encourages visitors to extend their tour to include the attractions of downtown Gatineau. The green space might feature gardens, ponds, a skating rink, public art, vendors and artisans.

*We live as
many peoples
in a vast land;

we are a
community of
communities.*

*Artist's concept of green
space reclaimed from
industrial lands*



Future programming for the Gatineau Central Waterfront district

- A new meeting place is created along the shore of the Ottawa River providing a space for events, festivals and gatherings. The view of Parliament Hill acts as an outstanding symbolic backdrop. These events enhance the theme of Canada's peoples possibly including events such as Cultures Canada, dragon boat races, etc.
- The waterfront provides outdoor, cutting edge cultural programming such as concerts, film festivals, art exhibits and 'drama in the park'.
- Natural science interpretation attracts "green travellers" to this area. They can explore the river shoreline, and learn from trained interpreters about the ecology and on-going stewardship of the river.
- A dynamic plaza linked to the built spaces that provides waterside amenities including cafés, boutiques and areas to relax and linger.
- This is an important stop along the River Route.