

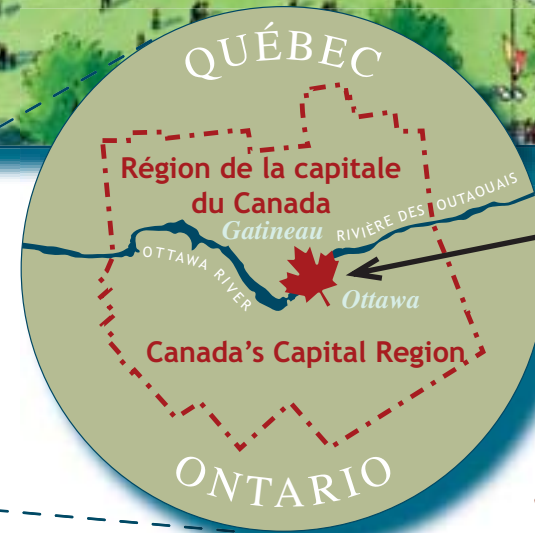
Shaping a New Capital Experience:

THE HEART OF CANADA'S CAPITAL



Canada's centennial in 1967 was a celebration of national pride in what our nation had accomplished in 100 years, and no place better mirrored the country than the Core Area of the Capital with its national sites, institutions and museums. This document presents a Vision for the Capital as Canada moves through its second century. During this time the Capital Core Area will continue to evolve as a symbol which fulfils its role of *Reflecting a Nation*.

Artist's concept of a new public space on the Quebec shoreline



The Core Area

Public Programming Vision for the Core Area

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CANADA'S CAPITAL CORE AREA celebrates who we are — our values, our accomplishments, and our ties to this country. It presents the many faces of the Canadian mosaic. It nourishes our connection to this land that we cherish, and provides us with an authentic experience of our national heritage.

As Canadians, we encounter the Capital experience with pride and a sense of belonging. We feel enriched by an increased understanding of the ways in which our lives are interwoven into the Canadian family. We meet Canadian heroes from across this land, exceptional in deeds and achievements, who distinguish us nationally and internationally.

The Capital reflects our identity, and an aura that is Canadian. It speaks to the majesty of our land, the civility and steadfastness of our institutions, and the many peoples born here, or in other lands, who live and work together to make this nation. This is a centre for a conversation among Canadians, inviting many voices to come together from far and near for celebrations, ceremony, and national events.

The Capital has been a meeting place through the millennia. It is a place for thoughtfulness, for contemplation, for protest, and for shared sorrows and joys. Here we feel that elusive collective sense of joining in a circle of history that helps us learn and reaffirm who we are. Here we honour our past and look to a shared future, strengthening ourselves collectively as Canadians.