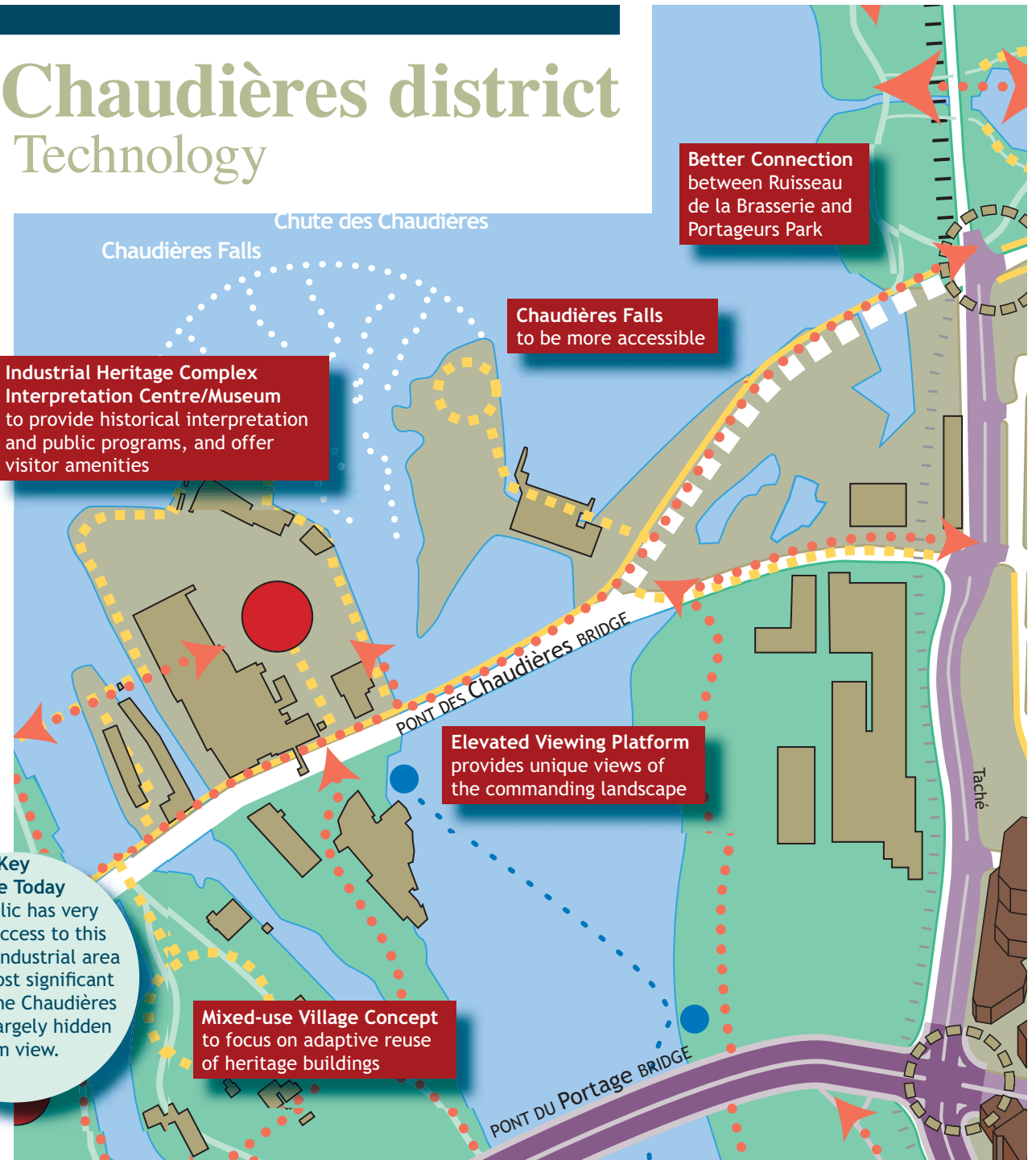


Victoria Island West and Chaudières district

Achievement in Industry, Science and Technology

The **Victoria Island West and Chaudières** district is one of the most outstanding industrial heritage sites in the country. In the future, this area combines public use with industrial, commercial, and perhaps residential activities. Programming encourages visitors to explore our achievements in industry, science and technology. Industrial heritage buildings house a major public attraction such as a museum or interpretation centre to introduce visitors to Canadian stories of challenge and problem solving, focusing on the innovators, industrialists and workers whose lives were so closely connected to these islands. Trails and signage highlight natural heritage features and their historical significance. Amenities appeal to families and youth, and a vibrant village concept provides visitors with a mix of retail and commercial activities. There is easy accessibility through land and river transportation. Footbridges connect to the river shores and a pedestrian walkway on the Chaudières Bridge allows the public to be

awed by the Chaudières Falls. A tower or lookout on the islands or adjacent shoreline provides a bird's-eye perspective on this remarkable natural and cultural landscape.



Our industrial history is rich in innovation.

Artist's concept of public spaces on Victoria Island West

Future programming for the Victoria Island West and Chaudières district

- Commemorations and interpretation celebrate past pioneers of industry, and the important role of the river in the development of the country. Tours of the buildings and facilities introduce visitors to the islands' rich industrial heritage.
- Implementation of the 'Economuseum' concept – enterprises run by artisans and craftsmen – provide hands-on demonstrations that allow visitors to discover heritage trades and skills on a personal scale.
- Artists' studios, photography workshops and public archaeology programs engage the public in the history and vitality of this area.
- Illumination of historic buildings and the Chaudières Falls with sound and light features.
- Music and film festivals – with particular emphasis on workers' heritage.
- This is an important stop along the exciting River Route.
- Opportunities to explore and appreciate the wealth of historic documents and information relating to the heritage of the islands.

