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# principles

## PUBLIC ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

### Fully accessible waterfront

Portsmouth Visioning will result in a development framework that will open this waterfront site to the public, with clear, inviting connections to the existing city-wide system and unobstructed views from adjacent streets and pedestrian spaces. The waterfront will be fully accessible to users of all abilities, and include designated space for both cyclists and pedestrians. A high level of diversity along the waterfront trail will encourage activities to assist in making the space lively and interesting throughout the day, year-round and will include a range of uses bordering the trail, different recreational and public spaces, and opportunities for various activities.

### Interconnected pedestrian realm

A high quality and interconnected pedestrian realm will be developed with parks and squares linked with a street network accommodating pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. Streetscape and park design elements will create a visually cohesive pedestrian realm, planned to accommodate a variety of activities.

## HERITAGE AND CULTURE

### Incorporate heritage structures

Portsmouth Visioning development framework will provide strategies to introduce new uses to the site, while retaining links to the past. Key heritage structures will be conserved to commemorate the history of the site. Adaptive reuse will also be an important tool to support a viable approach for conserving heritage buildings and ensuring that future development speaks to the existing architectural character.

## DESTINATION

### A dynamic destination

The Portsmouth Visioning development framework will allow the site to evolve to become a dynamic and innovative mixed use hub to complement existing Kingston destinations. This framework will provide opportunities to experiment with creative spaces, and can facilitate the development of Kingston's creative economy. The high level of year-round activity will continue to attract residents and visitors of all ages, making this a new landmark community to live in and visit.

### Heritage-tourism

Building on the former Kingston Penitentiary's recognized heritage attributes, the site will be a sustainable, family-oriented destination for residents and visitors, while maintaining the respectful and authentic treatment of its history. The attractions offered by the site will be flexible and dynamic, incorporating museum displays, tours, storytelling and performances.

## WATER RECREATION AND BOATERS

### **Accommodate full spectrum of boaters**

The newly accessible waterfront lands will include facilities and infrastructure for the full spectrum of existing and new users, including launch zones, dockage and boat storage. The waterfront will be designed to enhance its link to the Kingston community by celebrating current and past events, including the 1976 Olympics and major sailing competitions.

## NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD

### **Integrate with surrounding community**

Portsmouth Visioning development framework will establish a mixed use district, including new residences, which is compatible with the surrounding community. New streets, parks and buildings will be compatible with the form and character of the immediate context and will be designed to create appropriate transitions.

## VIABLE

### **Financially viable development**

Development will be financially viable to ensure principles can be successfully achieved. The development framework will explore the potential for both public and private sector involvement, partnerships, phased implementation, attracting regional and/or national investment and a broad range of commercial opportunities. Redevelopment costs will align with future revenue opportunities and the feasibility of year-round use.