# Implementation & Equity 201:

The Path Forward to Complete Streets

Complete Streets Canada: Designing for change Webinar begins at 1PM EST



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## TCAT & Complete Streets

TCAT is centralizing the Complete Streets movement in Canada:

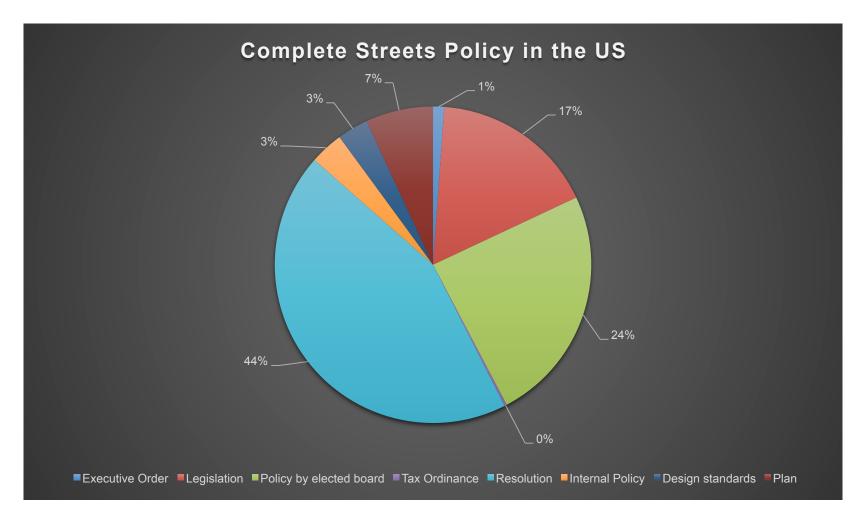
- Complete Streets for Canada website
- Developing Canadian resources: case studies, research, design and policy tools
- Complete Streets Forum
- Complete Streets Game
- Complete Streets policy development & analysis







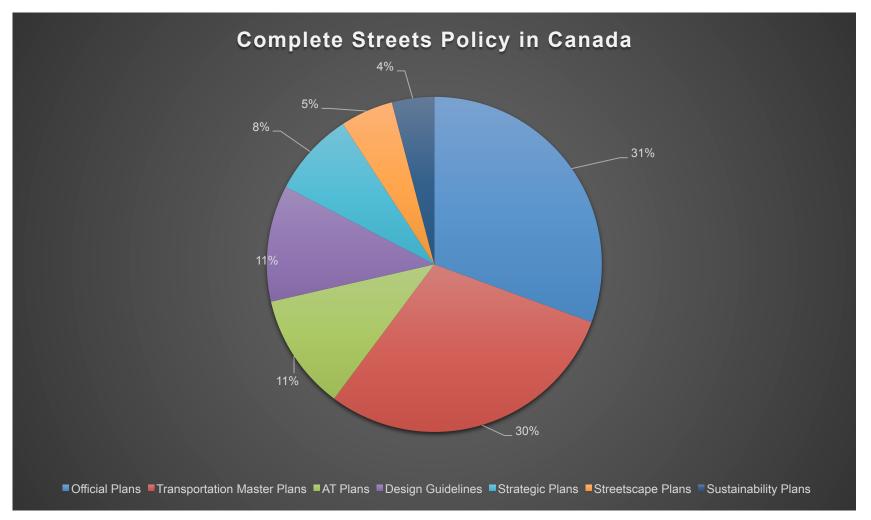
# Complete Streets Policy in the US





Source: The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2016, National Complete Streets Coalition

# Complete Streets Policy in Canada





Source: Complete Streets for Canada: www.completestreetsforcanada.ca

## Thank You. We'd love to hear from you!

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### Complete Streets for Canada

policy and design hub for building safe and inviting streets for all

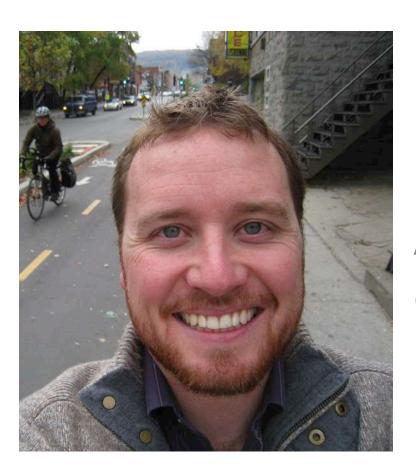




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#### Complete Streets for Quebec City:

Toward an Integrated Street and Public Space Network for Active Transportation and Sustainable Health

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Toward an Integrated Street and Public Space Network for Active Transportation and Sustainable Health

#### **Presentation Plan**

- 1. Overview of Quebec City: The four Ws
- 2. Complete Streets: Priorities, methodology and implementation
- 3. Advantages: Toward a new urban vision



#### **QUEBEC CITY**



Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture



Arrondissement historique du Vieux-Québec inscrit sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial en 1985





«Return the river to the population»



Samuel-De Champlain Promenade



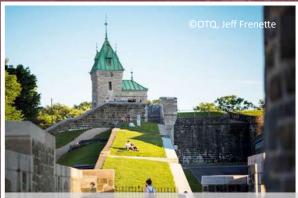


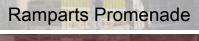
Three Sisters Pedestrian / Cycling Bridge



































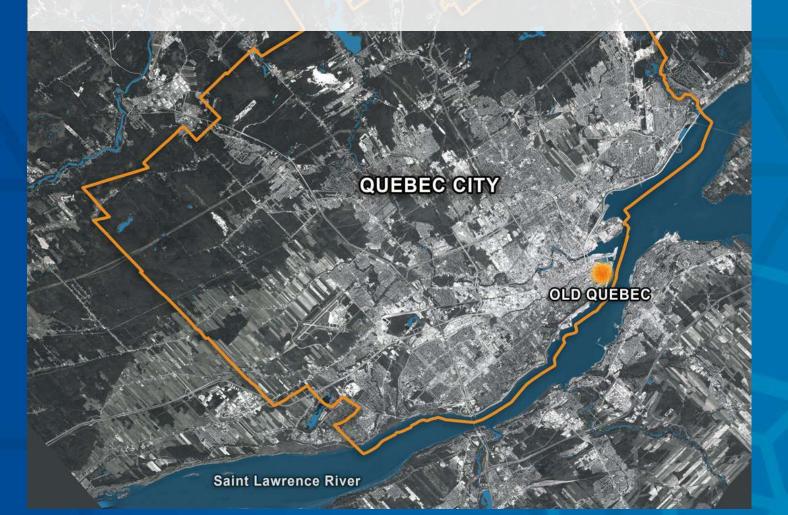


Why complete streets?

#### **QUEBEC CITY AFTER AMALGAMATION IN 2002**

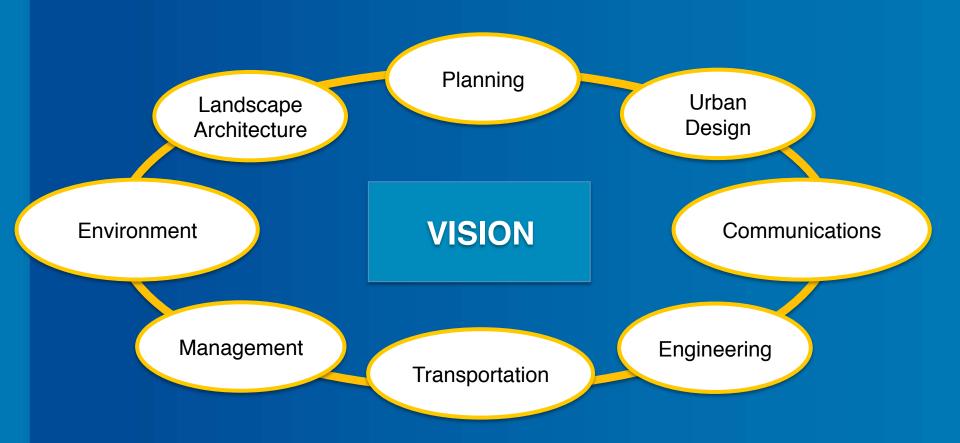
Aging population, low density urban fabric, social iniquities Impacts on:

Infrastructure planning - Street redesign
Parks and public spaces - Sports / recreation / educational facilities





#### Creation of an interdisciplinary working group



Vision for street and public space planning



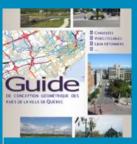
Supporting and improving citizens' well-being and quality of life must be placed at the centre of the decision-making process.

#### Diverse planning documents related to quality of life issues

Universal accessibility (2010)

Public Art (2013)

Street tree plan (2016)















Roadway design (2008)

Sustainable Mobility (2011)

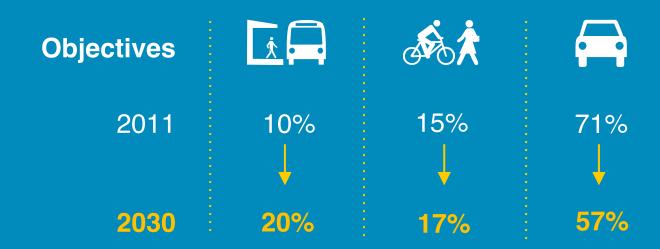
Bike plan (2016)

**BRT** (2016)

A new approach to urban mobility

«...ensure safe and optimal road sharing between motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.»

Plan de Mobilité Durable, Québec, 2011



#### **Conventional** approach

#### **Complete Streets** approach









Avenue d'Estimauville



- Design streets primarily for walking and at a human scale to stimulate transit use.
- Place an importance on physical activity on streets to help improve public health.



- Prioritize ecoresponsible interventions to reduce urban heat islands.
- Assure that air and water quality are improved and managed in a sustainable manner.



- Remain active all year round in complete security.
- > Consider winter as an important activity generator, so that we can take full advantage of all it has to offer.

#### Design objectives



#### Sustainable health

Place people at the centre of the planning and design process to support residents' physical, psychological and social well-being.

#### Contributors / collaborators in public health:

- Alliance santé Québec (Quebec Health Alliance)
- MSSSQ (Health and Social Services Ministry)
- INSPQ (National Institute of Public Health)
- IRDPQ / CIRRIS (Interdisciplinary Centre for Research in Rehabilitation and Social Integration)
- Accès transports viables
- Vivre en ville

Multicriteria analysis: Identifying opportunities and priorities



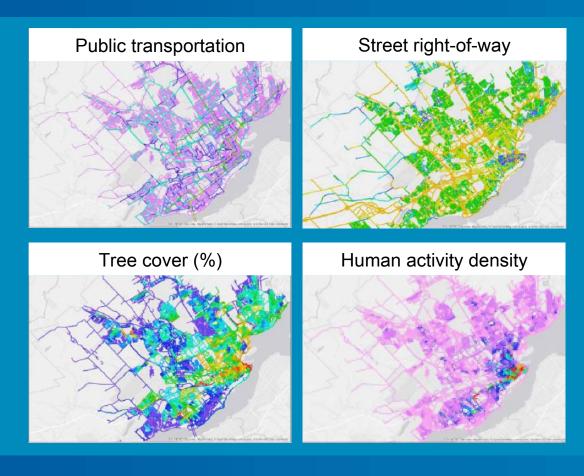
#### Faculty of Business Administration

- Department of Operations and Decision Systems
   Faculty of Planning, Architecture, Arts and Design
- Graduate School of Land Management and Regional Planning
- School of Architecture

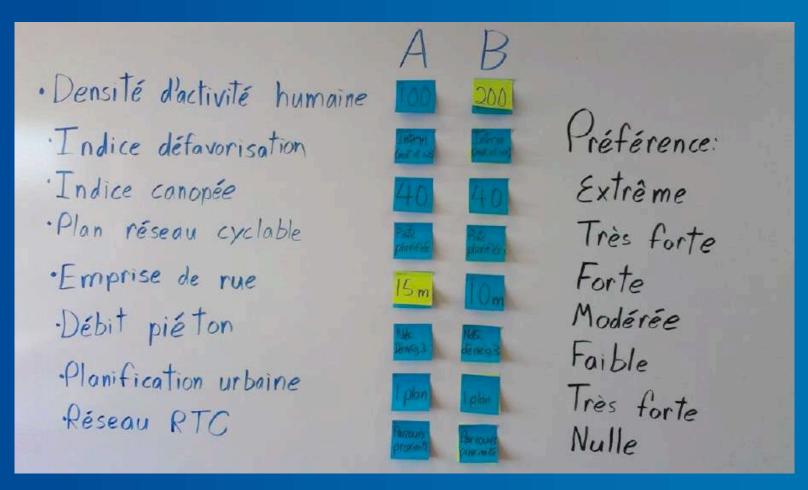
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#### **BASE CRITERIA**

Connectivity Citizen input **Number of pedestrians Human activity density Street right-of-way** Tree cover **Population vulnerability Master plans Cycling network Public transportation** Security **Educational institutions** 

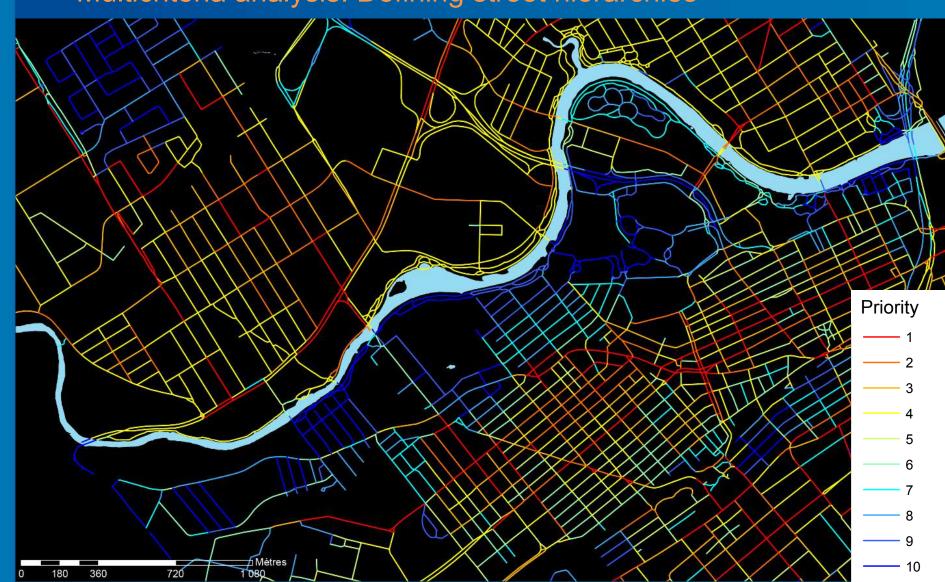


#### Multicriteria analysis: Defining street hierarchies



Source: Francis Marleau-Donais / UMRsu

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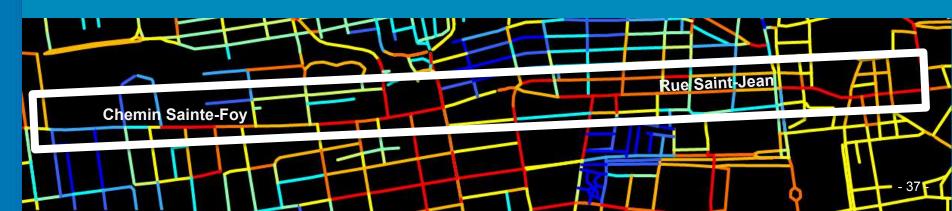
### Multicriteria analysis: Defining street hierarchies

### **Advantages:**

- Eliminates arbitrary decisions
- Introduces transparency in the decision-making process
- Facilitates communications between all stakeholders
- Can be easily adapted and is flexible to allow for information updates and / or new indicators or criteria.

### Limits:

- Is not a design tool but simply a decision-making tool
- Does not replace professional judgments
- Can be influenced by street segmentation.



### Multicriteria analysis: Applying additional indicators

### DESCRIPTION

A: Bourdages, rue DE: Wilfrid-Hamel, boulevard LONGUEUR (m): 705

PROGRAMME: Aménagement du territoire

TYPE D'INTERVENTION: Consolidation et amélioration

CLASSIFICATION: Collectrice secondaire / Locale principale

VITESSE (km/h): 50 DJMA: N/D

CHAUSSÉE (m): NO EMPRISE (m): ± 18,2

### CONSTATS

### TRANSPORT

Potentiol d'un axe de déplacements actifs

Proximité du réseau cyclable du Parc lineraire de la rivière Saint-Charles

Proximité des parcours Régulier 64,74 & 84 et Metrobus 802 Liaison avec la nouvelle passerelle des Trois-Sœurs

Connection à 4 équipements d'enseignement (C.F.P. Louis-Jolliet, C.F.P. de Québec, École secondaire Cardinal-Roy/Wilbrod-Bhèrer, Sacré-Coeur)

Proximité d'un grand équipement de loisir (rivière Saint-Charles)

Proximité de générateurs de déplacement (Fleurs de Lys, commerces)

### DÉFAVORISATION & CONSIDÉRATIONS ENVIRONNEMENTALES

Secteur très défavorisé socialement (2011) Faible canopée sur le tronçon visè

Grande sire de stationnement

### NOTES

### PASSERELLE DES TROIS-SŒURS

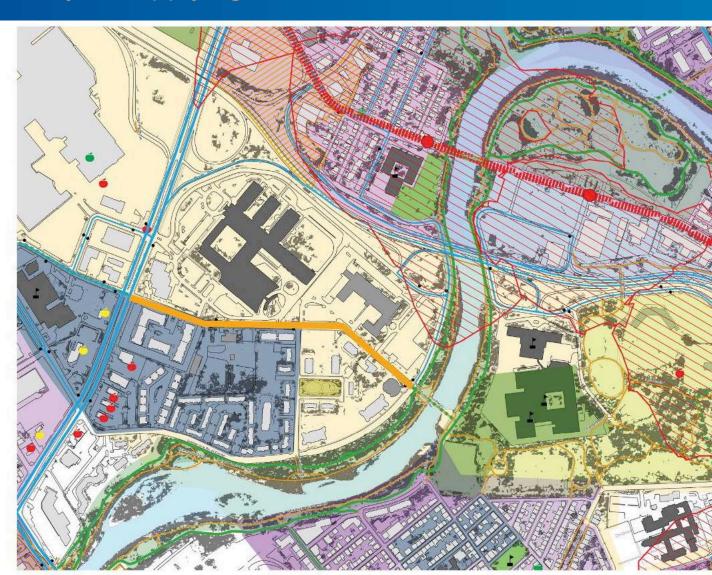
Lien piètonnier+cycliste important avec quartiers adjacents et parc

### **OPPORTUNITÉS**

### ÉCHÉANCIER

2017

2018



### An inclusive process





Web survey



Participatory design sessions



**Public forums** 

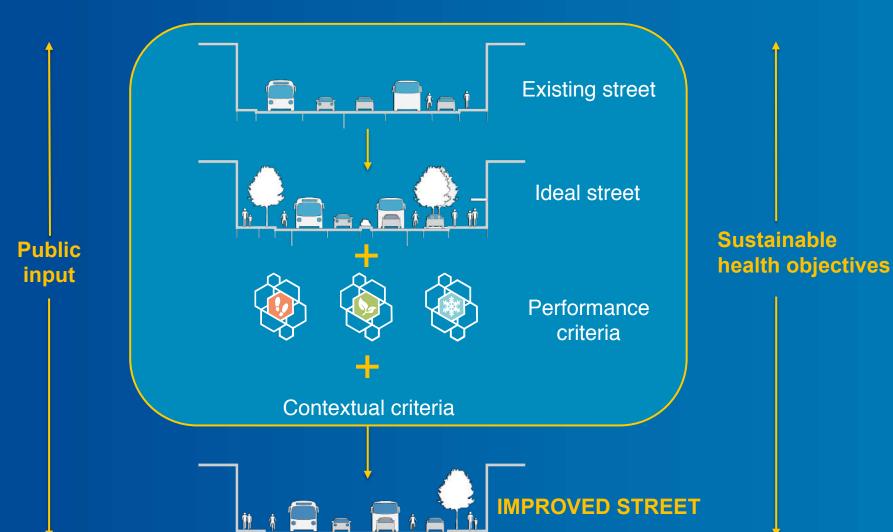
Charrette for the redesign of avenue du Chanoine-Morel, November 15, 2016

A unique approach

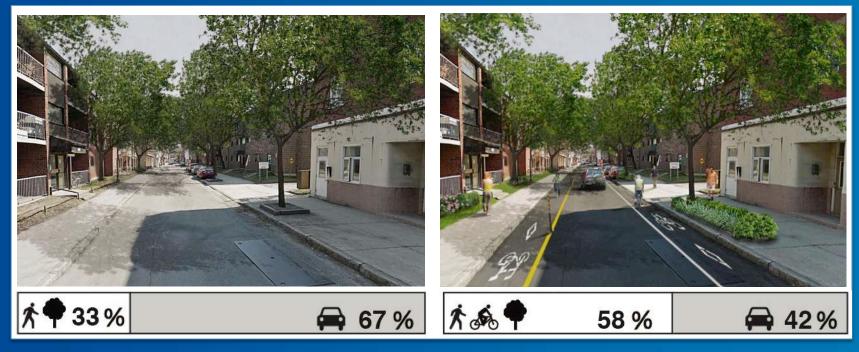


First city in North America to use this software to evaluate opportunities for street redesign in accordance with Complete Streets principles.

Complete Streets for improving citizens' quality of life

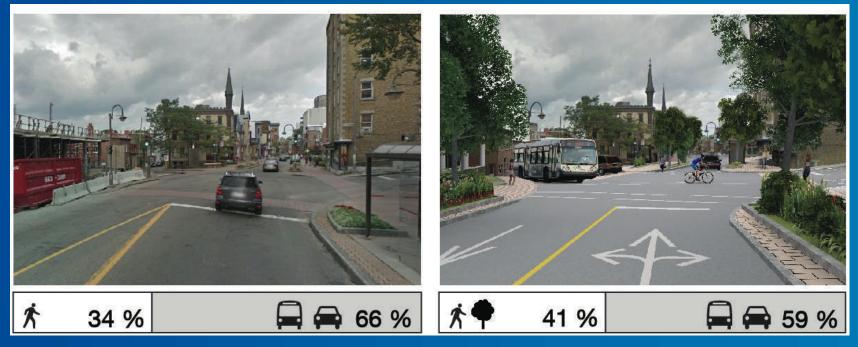


Rue du Pont, 2016-2017



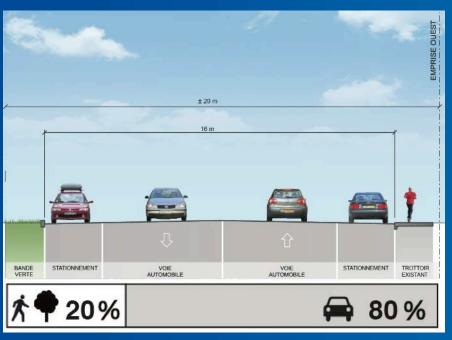


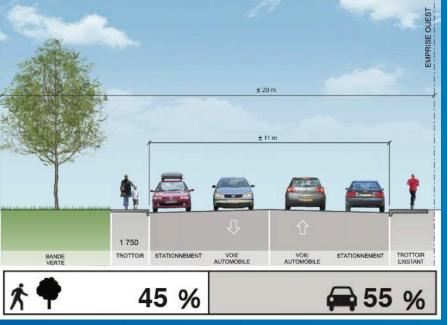
Rues Saint-Jean/Turnbull, 2017





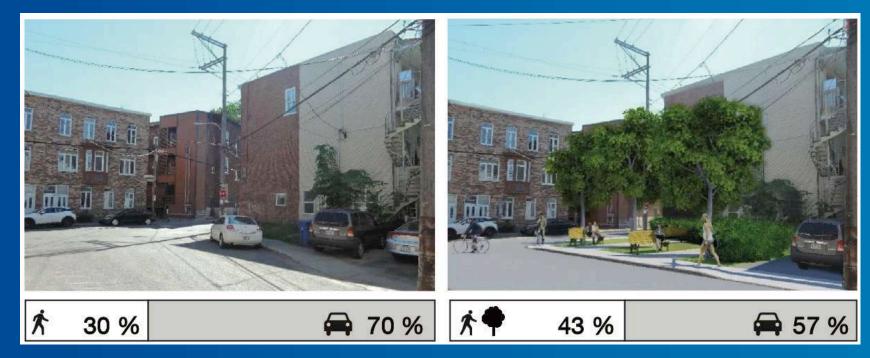
### Avenue Ducharme and rue Émile-Fontaine, 2017





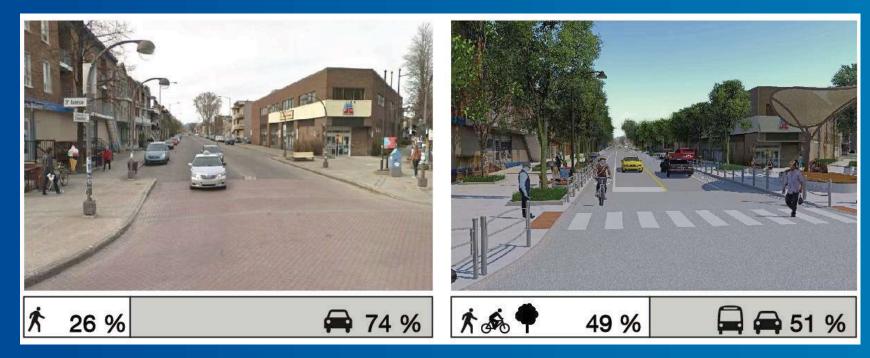


Rue Saint-Ambroise, 2017





### Chemin de la Canardière, 2017

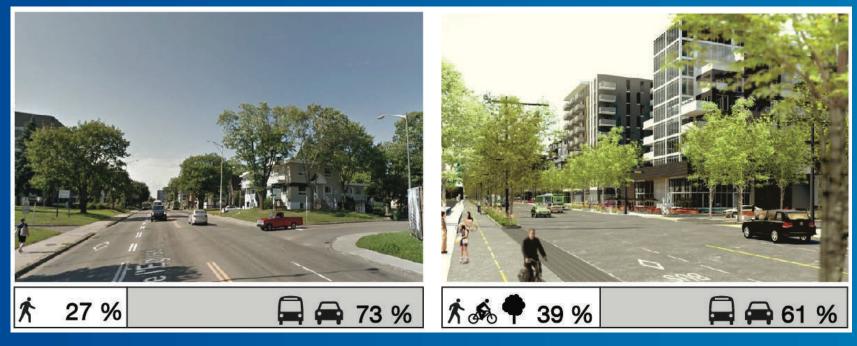








Route de l'Église, 2018-2019



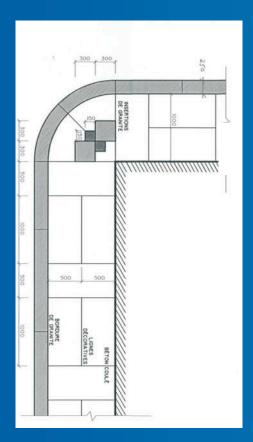


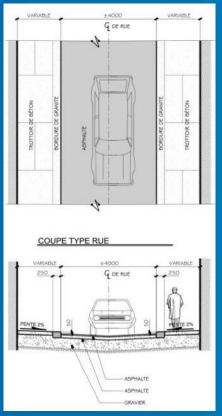
### Local streets in Old Quebec



















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The right investment, at the right spot, at the right time



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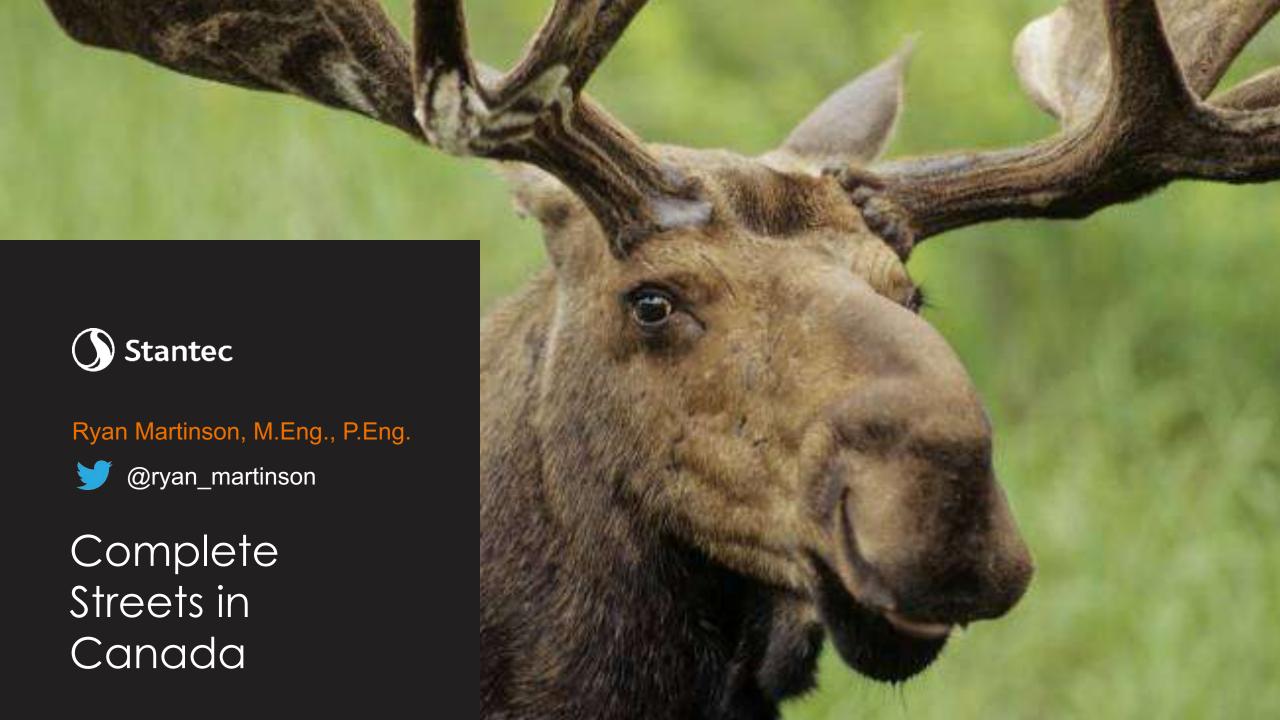
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For further information (in French only):

https://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/planification\_orientations/amenagement\_urbain/rues-conviviales/







### A very different built environment and street users

### NIMBI:

Not In My Back Igloo









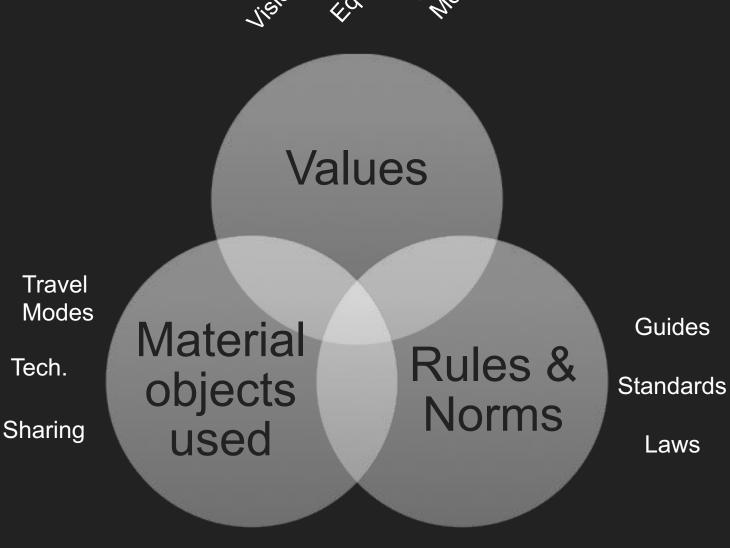


## Culture is something that we can influence

This may be broadly interpreted as 'ways of life'.

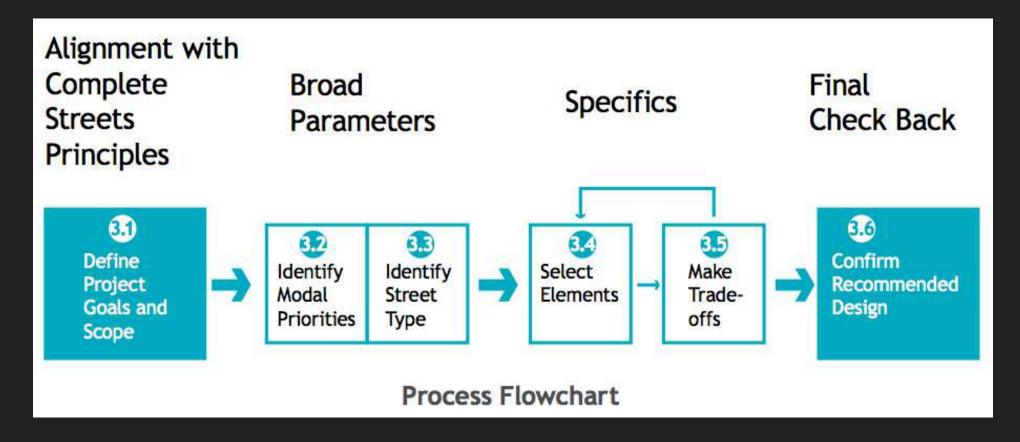
 It consists of the values that people hold, the rules and norms they obey, and the material objects they use.

 Also commonly regarded as systems of shared meanings.



From: Knox and Pinch, Urban Social Geography: An introduction, glossary

### Process vs Prescription



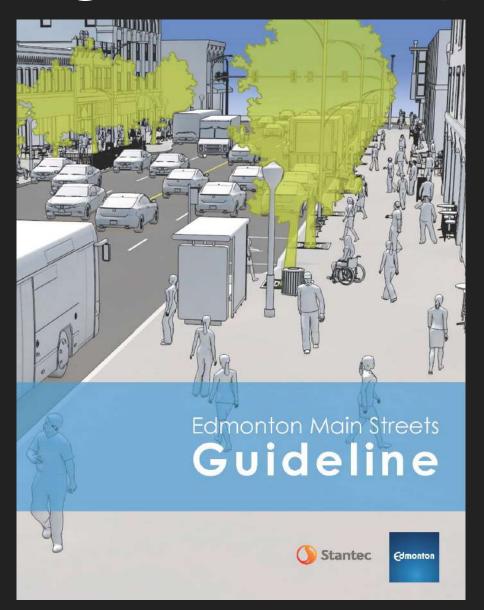


Edmonton Complete





### Design Flexibility





### Description

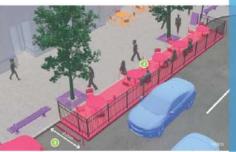
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### 2.2 MAIN STREET DESIGN

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Adapted to the building, this page issued as a support and/or ortension of the active land uses along Edmorators Main Streets, Uses can include ground floor retail displays, cafe outling.

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# Our national guidance has had a shift in focus

Bicycles as vehicles

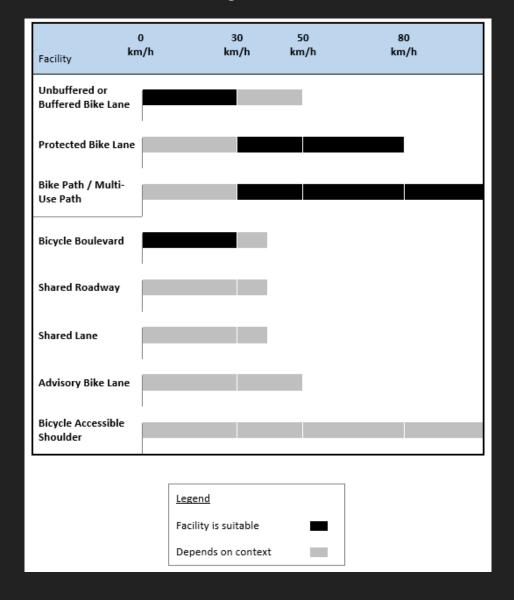




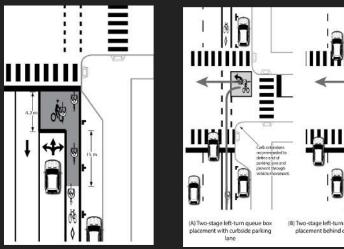


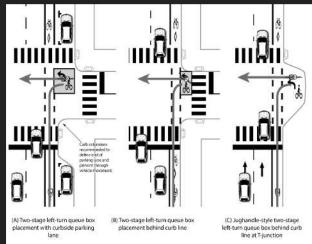


### A tendency towards separation, based on research and design user considerations

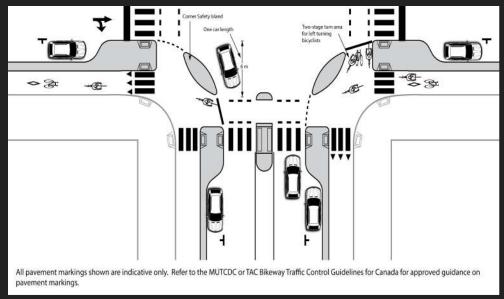


### Design treatments like two-stage turn boxes





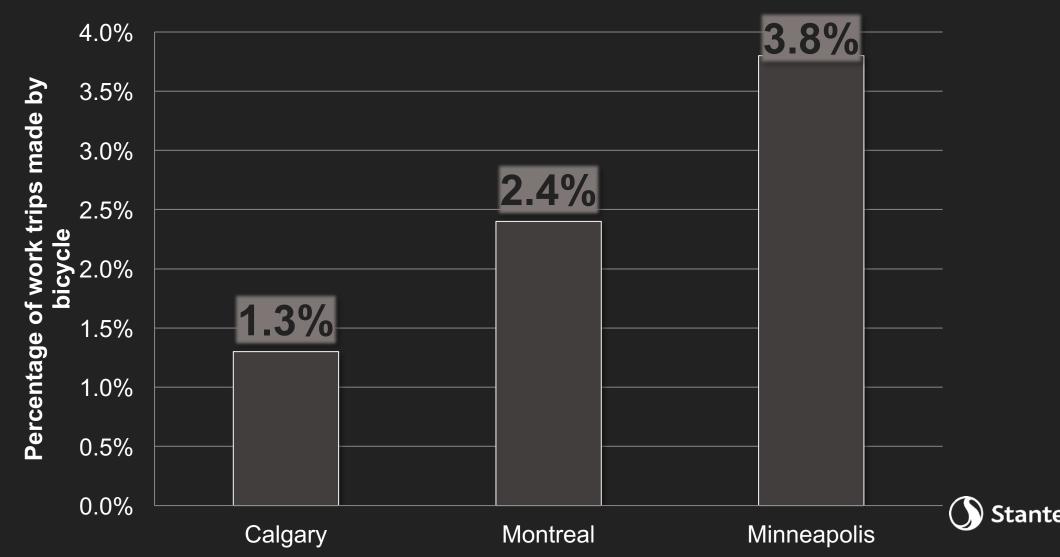
### And protected intersections





A <del>very Canadian</del> thing... weather

# These colder and snowier places have a higher percentage of work trips made by bike



# Winter Maintenance/ Operation

A 'blue' run is accessible to many people.

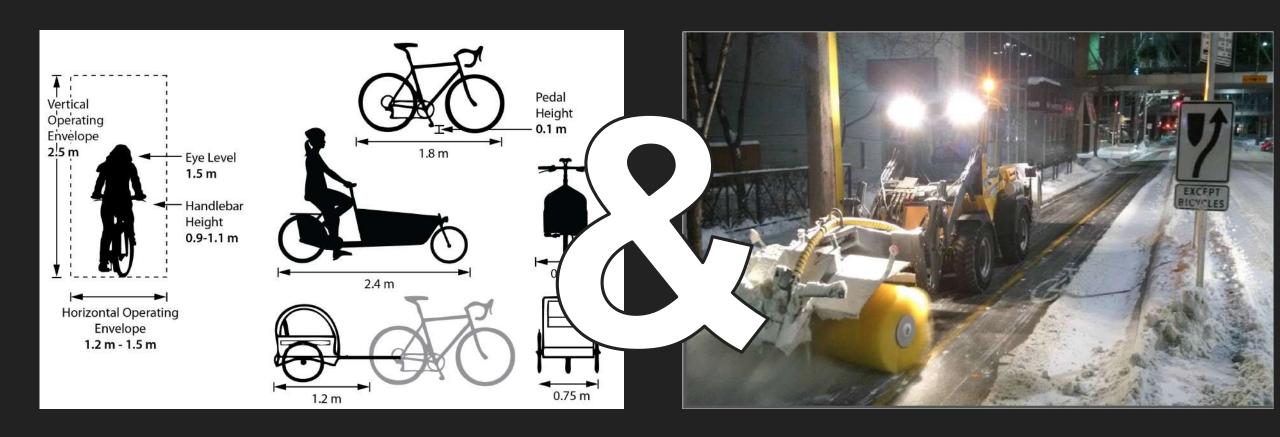
But, left unmaintained, moguls appear, and then this quickly is only available to a select few... and probably more risk takers.







### What you design for may be different





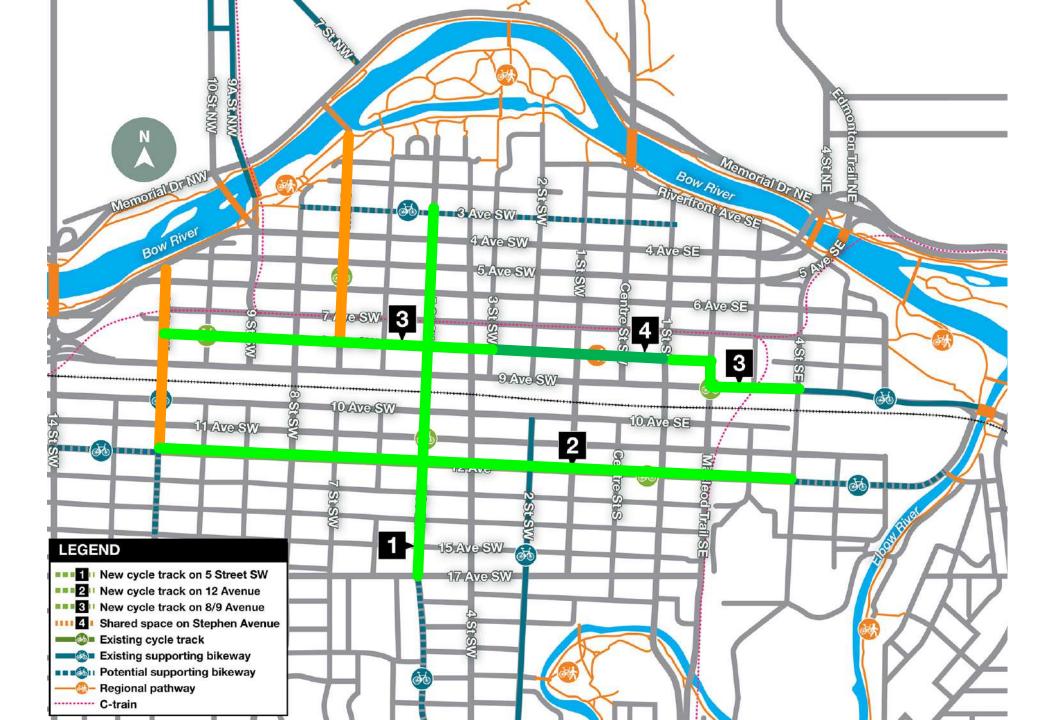
Rapid Implementation of Complete Streets





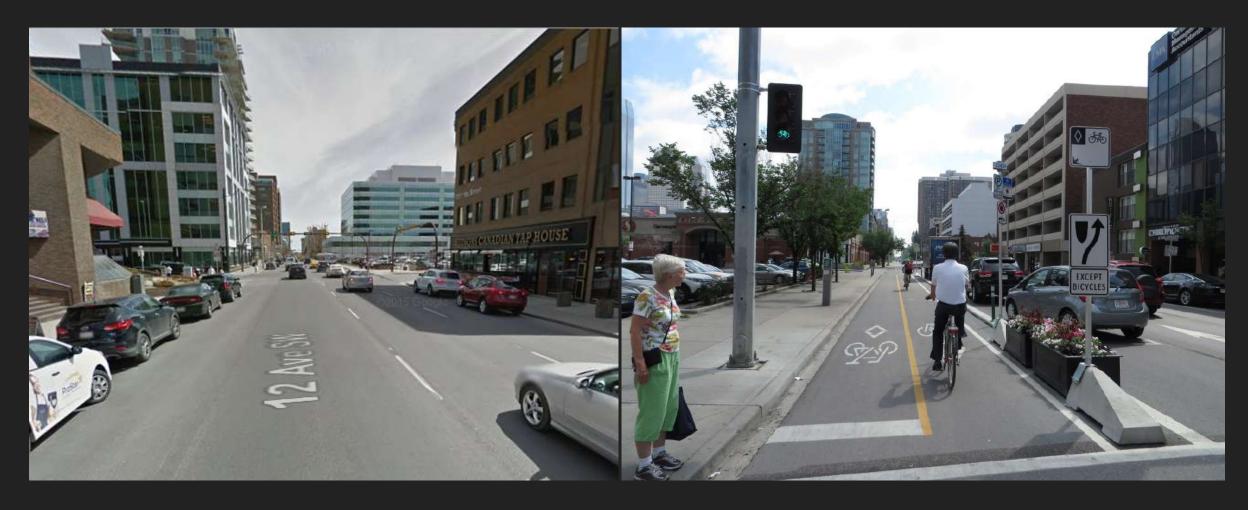






## Before

# After













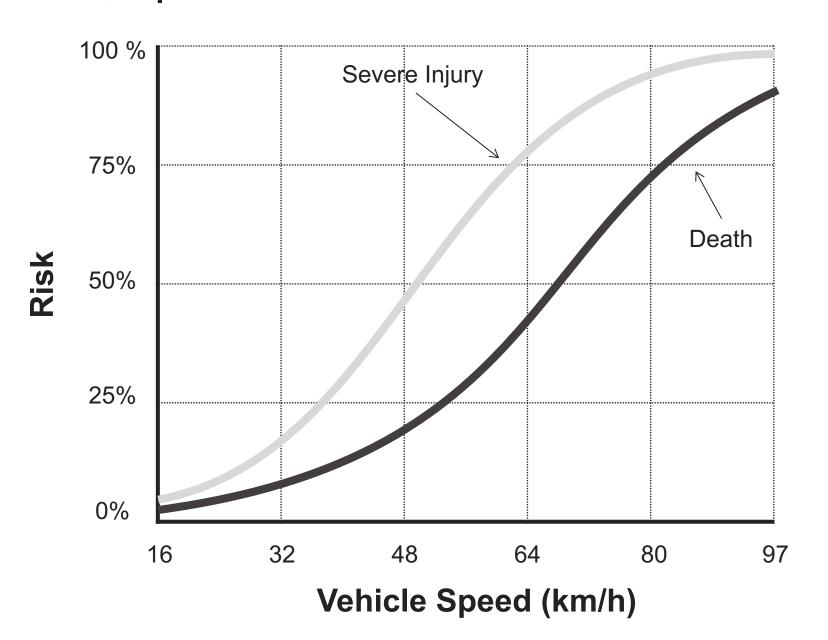
What's different in Canada?

In Canada, our physics looks like this:

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

... nope that's the same.

### In Canada, speed kills.



... nope that's the same, too.

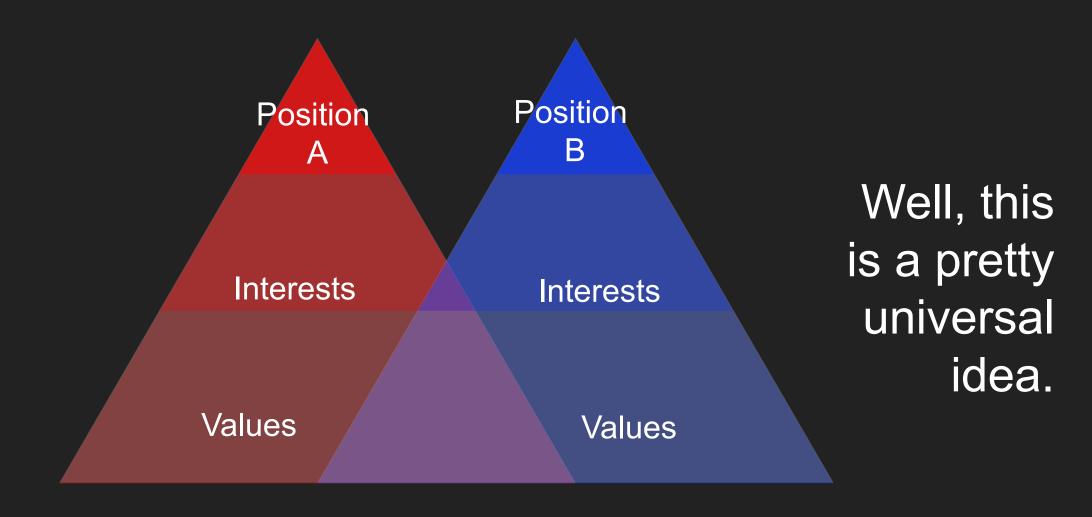
### In Canada, we create tools as extensions of ourselves.



Hmmm, that's still the same.



### In Canada, there are positions, interests, and values.







We still have human needs, wants, desires





### To Recap

- 1. Culture change is possible
- 2. Process vs Prescription
- 3. Weather is just a thing
- 4. Make changes fast to show value
- 5. Let's all focus on human centered design







### **Next webinar: February 21st**



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