



HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN WESTMOUNT

Determining an Appropriate Future for Each House of Worship in Westmount

STATUS

There are 13 houses of worship in Westmount, dating from 1880s to 1960s. All are of heritage value.

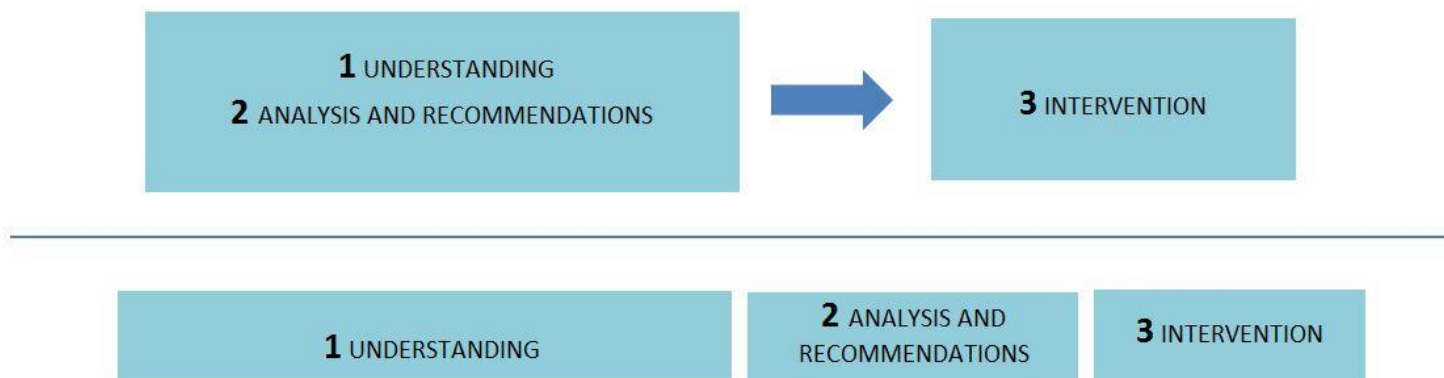
The majority find themselves in precarious financial situation, with dwindling attendance and rising maintenance costs. For the majority, the present situation is not tenable.

GOAL

Allow adaptation of the Houses of Worship within the context of an evolving reality.

To enable, through zoning and other planning measures, viable uses for each House of Worship. These means must be consistent with its heritage values and the religious values of its faith community, and acceptable to the broader Westmount community.

THE 3 PHASES



Phase 1. Understanding: Understanding the status of the Houses of Worship by obtaining data (inventories, Value Statements).

Phase 2. Analysis and recommendations: Analyzing the collected data, reflect, explore and propose recommendations.

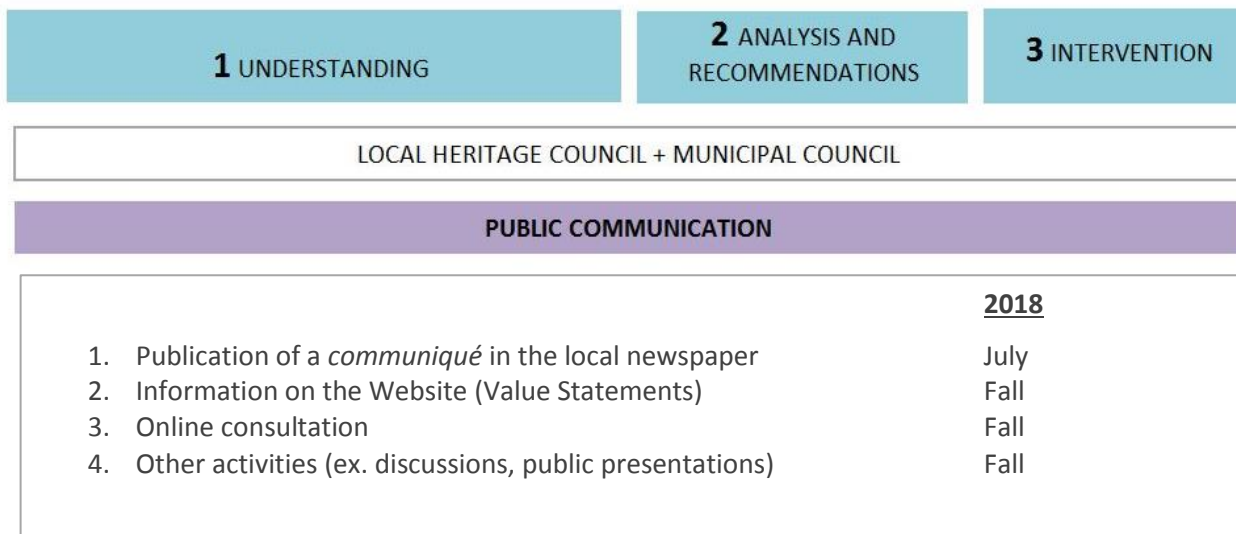
Phase 3. Intervention: Intervening by developing urban planning tools and other possible measures for each Houses of Worship.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

1 UNDERSTANDING	2 ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	3 INTERVENTION
<p>INVENTORIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study 1. Built Heritage - Study 2. Uses <p>VALUE STATEMENTS (13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crafting of the documents (13) - Discussion Groups (13) 	<p>EXPLORATORY EXERCICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Charrettes</i> (Preliminary reflections, fictional and exploratory scenarios for the Houses of Worship) 	<p>REGULATIONS AND/OR OTHER MEASURES</p> <p>To come</p>

NEXT ACTIONS

Since 2015, a dialogue has been initiated with the 13 religious congregations, by holding 2 general Round Tables and Discussion Groups for the crafting of the Value Statements (one group per House of Worship). The whole community will soon be informed through the following actions:



CALENDAR

The Houses of Worship Project is spread over a long-term period, and the last phase (Phase 3) is starting in 2019.

