

Public Space Design Workshop



Overview

OurSquamish hosted a public design workshop on Monday, October 20, 2024, bringing together **28 community members** for an evening focused on the fundamentals of human-scale public space design.

The session was led by **Martinson Golly Ltd**, a Canadian consulting practice specializing in active transportation, Complete Streets, mobility planning, and Vision Zero. The presentation introduced the essentials of great public space - what it is, why it matters, and how people-first design supports comfort, safety, identity, and everyday life.

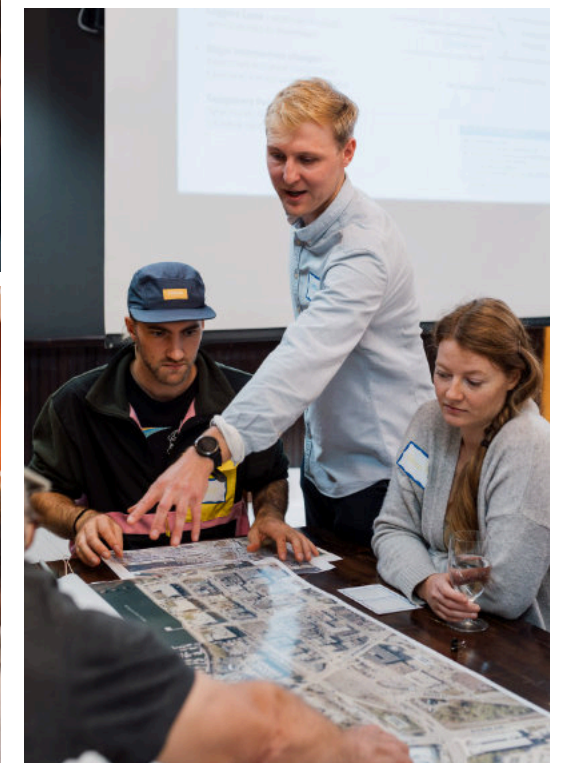
The core activity was a guided hands-on **design exercise** focused on Cleveland Avenue, and its surrounding public spaces. Framed by the Downtown Squamish Master Plan, the activity invited participants to explore mid-term opportunities for improving the street and its role as a key downtown corridor.

Participants worked through two structured components:

- **Contextual mapping** - Identifying Cleveland Avenue's key landmarks, nodes, edges, and arrival points to understand what makes the place distinctive and where arrival into downtown feels unclear or unresolved.
- **Movement & Place framework** - applying the Movement-Place lens to map opportunities for safer, accessible, connected, comfortable, engaging, context sensitive spaces.

Throughout the evening, attendees sketched ideas, annotated maps, and shared reflections, culminating in a set of community-generated themes to help guide **future conversations** about how **Cleveland Avenue** - and Squamish's public realm more broadly- could evolve. Key themes and ideas from the workshop are summarized on pages 2 and 3.

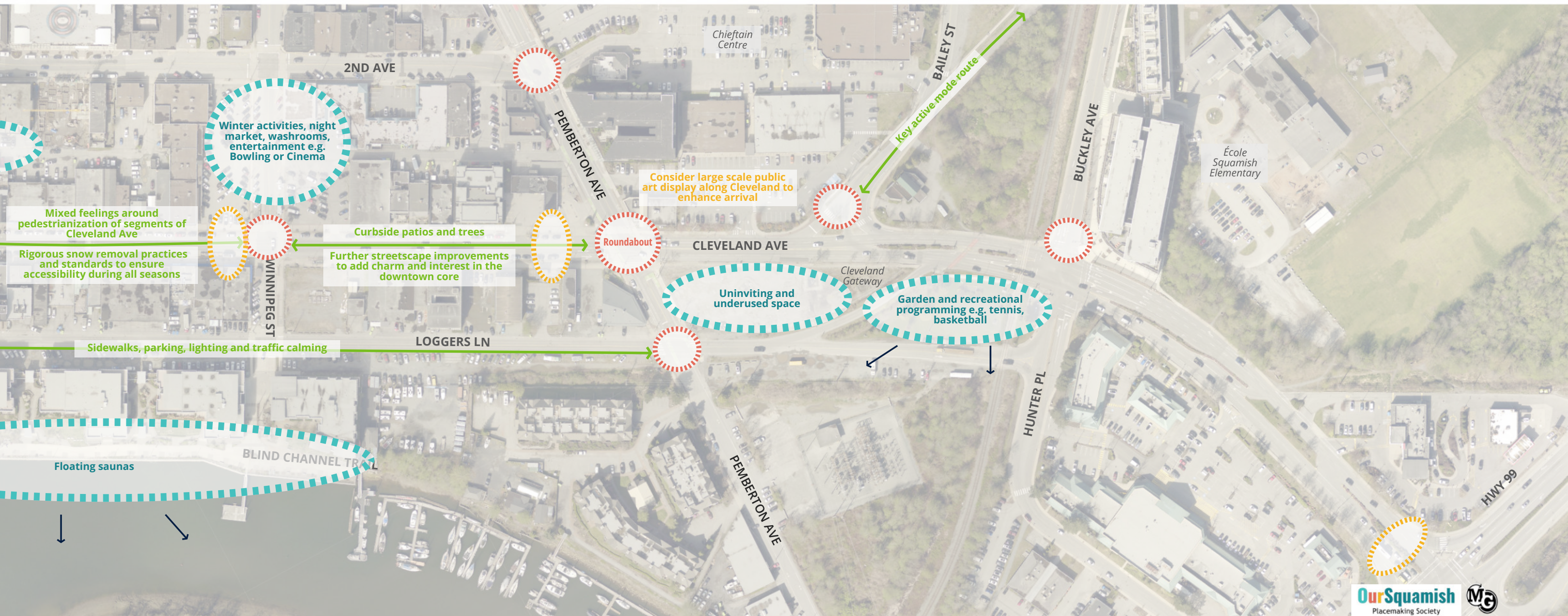
The final page (page 4) highlights potential **short- to medium-term opportunities** for further Movement & Place improvements, including options for quick-build treatments, activations, and broader streetscape changes.



Workshop Movement & Place Ideas

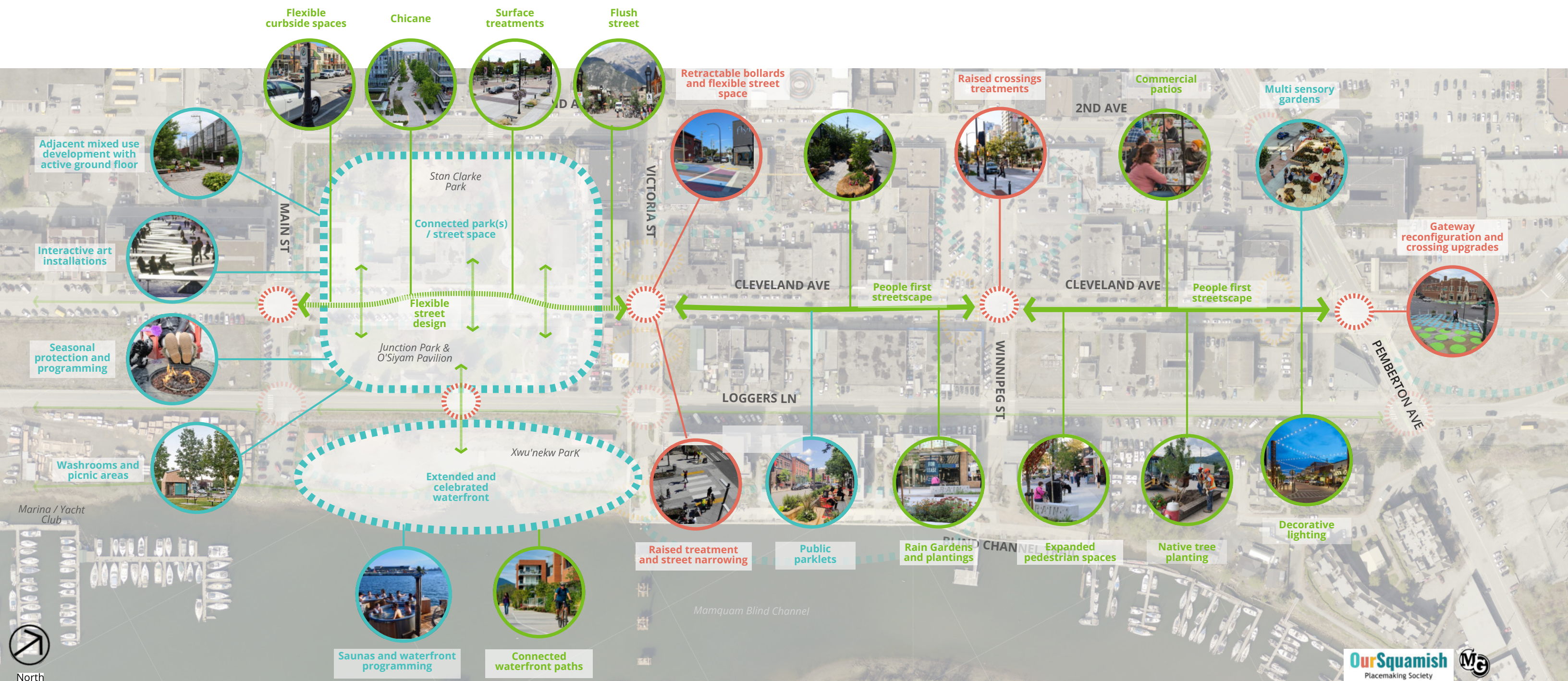


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Movement & Place Short and Medium-term Ideas



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- Gateway, intersection and crossing improvement
- Public space node improvement