HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTSENNEVILLE



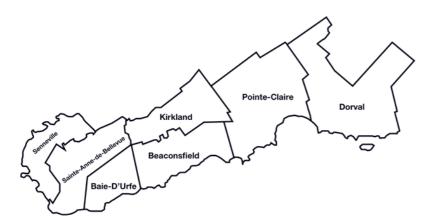
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About the TQSOI

The Table de quartier sud de l'Ouest-de-l'Île (TQSOI) is a non-profit organization that unites residents, community organizations and elected officials with the objective of promoting social development and improving the quality of life of residents in the southern West Island. The TQSOI serves the municipalities of Dorval, Kirkland, Pointe-Claire, Beaconsfield, Baie-d'Urfé, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and Senneville.

The TQSOI is located on the unceeded traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation. Tiohtià:ke/Montréal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. When reading this report it is important to consider how high costs of living or gentrification may make this region inaccessible to its initial inhabitants.





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What is a housing needs assessment?

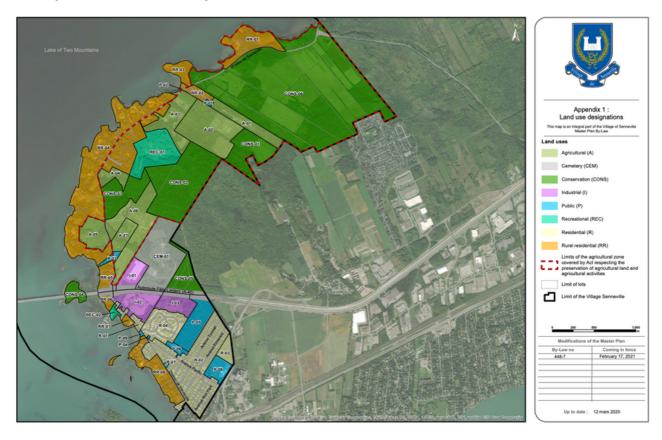
A housing needs assessment evaluates the need for housing in a region. This requires investigation of the composition of the city, the supply and demand of the housing market, and core housing need present in the municipality. This information brings to light housing gaps that might be present in the municipality. A housing needs assessment also includes an investigation into how the municipality might change in the 5-10 next years and how that might impact the gaps found.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) defines a household to be in in core housing need if it meets two criteria:

- 1. Their current housing is not:
 - Adequate
 - o Suitable
 - Or does not meet affordability standards
- 2. They would have to spend 30% or more of their before-tax income to access local housing that meets the above standards.

Information in this document is sourced from the 2011, 2016 and 2021 census, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and municipal documents. Other sources will be referenced explicitly.

Snapshot of the city



Senneville differs from most surrounding municipalities in that is designated agricultural zone and encompasses natural areas and areas of ecological interest. Sennville is a municipality of 921 residents with an urban density of 122.4 per km². The population has been increasing since 2015.

Statistics on Senneville's core housing need is difficult to asses given households with farms are not assessed using the same metrics as other properties. However, even when farmland is excluded, core housing need is quite low in the municipality. While some exceptions exist, the population is so small that trends might not be statistically significant.

Renters

- 11,6% of the private housing in the municipality
- Median rent is: \$850, compared to the Southern West Island average of \$976.

Owners

- 89,9 % of the private housing in the municipality is owned or co-owned
- Median value of a single detached house was \$982,011 in 2016 (CMHC)

Identifying Core Housing Need



01

ADEQUATE

Housing is considered adequate when it isn't in need of major repairs.

02

SUITABLE

Housing is considered suitable when there are enough bedrooms for the size and make-up of resident households. 03

AFFORDABLE

Housing is considered to be affordable when housing costs less than 30% of before-tax household income.

The 2016 census found that of 320 households...

Adequacy

15 (5%) dwellings required major repairs.

Suitability

O dwellings were not suitable for their residents.

Affordability

30 (9%) households were paying over 30% of their income on housing.

Southern West Island averages

Adequacy

5% of dwellings require major repairs.

Suitability

2% of dwellings were not suitable for their residents.

Affordability

15% of households were paying over 30% of their income on housing.

^{*}Households in core housing need: need to meet one of these conditions <u>and</u> be unable to find alternatives in the municipality that cost less than 30% of their before tax income

Of 320 households...

10 were found to be in core housing need.

This is equivalent to about 3% of the households in Senneville.



For comparison:

- On average, 11% of Canadian households are in core housing need.
- Southern West Island municipalities have an average core housing need of 5%.



Number of Canadians in core housing need out of 100



Number of Beaconsfiled households in core housing need out of 100

Who is in core housing need in Senneville?

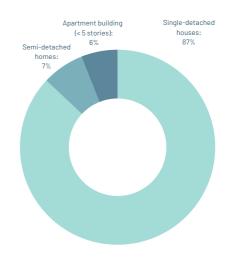
According to data from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), all those found to be in core housing need in the municipality were male one-person renters that have recently immigrated to the municipality. Further research would be required to explain this.

Housing Gaps

Given that the group in core housing need is small and well understood there are easy tangible solutions. Affordable rental solutions seem to be needed in the municipality and there is no social housing on the territory.

A long term solution that may be helpful to mitigate the core housing need is a social housing project. Accessory dwellings can also be a way to add low impact density and easy rental properties.

Housing Typology



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