



A transparent, wireframe structure representing a digital public square or meeting space. The structure is divided into two main levels. The upper level contains silhouettes of people seated at a long table, with various data visualizations and text overlaid. The lower level is an open space. The structure is supported by four vertical pillars.

Text and graphics visible on the structure include:

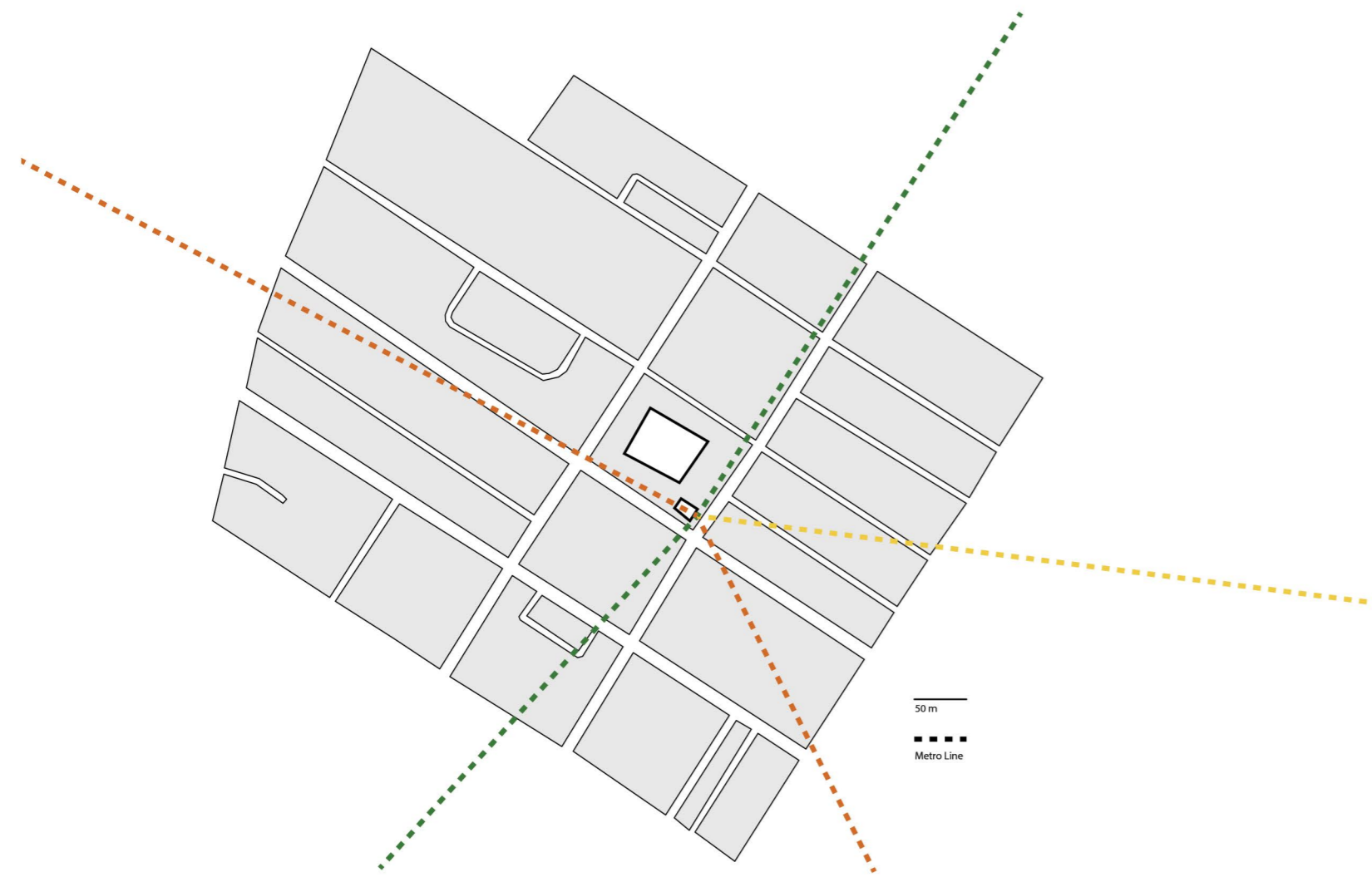
- Top Left:** "LIVE COMMENTS" with a list of text entries.
- Top Center:** "LIVE COMMENTS" repeated in a larger font.
- Top Right:** "STATS UTILITY MOO" with a pie chart and a bar chart.
- Center:** A flag with horizontal stripes of red, yellow, and blue.
- Bottom:** Silhouettes of people seated at a long table.

Windows 17

This is a new kind of civic building.

We propose for a raised glass structure where government officials and policy makers meet to discuss and enact change. The people will be able to listen, voice and text concerns to the council. The people will have an unobstructed space to gather, assemble, and appropriate, directly below the structure. Officials will need to enter and leave the structure through one exit, forcing our leaders to face the people they serve. Citizens engage with the building and policy makers by commenting on the sessions online (via App) or on location. Their messages are displayed prominently on the walls of the structure so that all may see. We ensure that no message will go unheard and every voice will be heard. The structure becomes an iconic place for challenging policy, enacting change, and engaging in dialogue.

Transparency, lightness, permeability, democracy, public access, technology and engagement. We imagine a new kind of civic space, a provocative architecture whereby politicians must face the people.



We will establish the new City Hall at Place Émilie-Gamelin in Montreal.

1500 Berri St. Montreal, QC H2L 2C4.

We reclaim this public square for our new City Hall. This plaza is located in an ideal central location. Three of Montreal's metro lines pass through this point. The square has a history for being the starting point for the student protests.

Our structure borrows some of the vernacular typical of parliamentary buildings. While we propose a drastic change to the environment of our policy makers, we would still like them to have a sense of familiarity. The resulting vaulted ceiling is our effort to put our elected council members under a roof that they are accustomed to.

Transparency of our government is vitally important. The glass curtain-wall popularized by our Modernist forefathers has the objective to render a building invisible and appear incognito in the metropolis. With our curtain-wall we transform the facade so that it may carry the messages of the people and make them visible to policy makers. Embedded within the windows is technology to display comments, information, statistics, satisfaction, dissatisfaction from the populous. Citizens may have their thoughts transmitted to the council, with concrete evidence that their messages are being seen. These messages wrap around the council displaying information and thoughts in real-time.

Council members can see the reaction to their policies on the window screens. Emoji's, colour coded feedback, and citizen comments light up the walls in real time.

Our structure is raised 12 feet from the ground. With this construction we will be providing an open space for protest and assembly. We force our policy makers to enter and descend the structure through two elevator shafts. This has been created so that they may be able to face the people and be accountable for the people they serve. The space underneath can be used to gather, protest, have a vigil, or appropriate how people may see fit. The proximity and visibility to policy makers will send a strong message. The structural poles can be used to attach flyers, banners, along with the structural siding for makeshift lodging during sit ins.

The public may have their messages displayed on the windows via an app accessible through the user's mobile device or computer. No words? Don't worry, just send an emoji to show how you feel! Also situated on the grounds are public access computer systems to facilitate messages.

Participate, engage, and stay up to date via mobile application.

