

#### **COMMUNITECH®**

# A Shared Future of Innovation

City of Kitchener May 26, 2026

### **Powered by partnership**

27 years of commitment and legacy in Downtown Kitchener

For May 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025:

- 370 new startups
- 32 founders through Fierce Founders
- MedTech programming
- 22 new peer groups
- New startup programming







### Who I am

Sheldon McCormick, Communitech CEO

- Founder, operator, investor
- Raising my family here Waterloo Region
- Deep belief in our community and what we can achieve together





# What I'm hearing

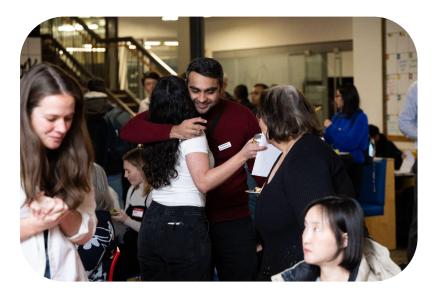
- Local tech is resilient, but facing pressure: funding, uncertainty, talent
- Founders are asking for clarity, support and connection
- We must meet this moment with humility and focused action





### What we've been doing

- Rebuilding trust and re-centering on local founders
- Listening and reconnecting with our local roots and our purpose
- Planning with intention & focus





#### Where we're headed

- Focusing first on our local community our roots, our edge
- Convening, mobilizing, and complementing - filling gaps, not duplicating
- Ensuring our team and culture reflects the people we serve







# **Upcoming opportunities**

- Your continued partnership and investment supports initiatives like Startup Bootcamp
  - Our next Startup Bootcamp Showcase Event is on June 18

#### • Open House

 Join us on June 18 to connect in our refreshed space at the Hub







# Looking ahead

- Communitech's legacy is strong and evolving
- Our path forward is built on trust, relevance and impact
- Thank you for being an important part of the journey





# **Questions?**

