



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



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# 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?*

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