Kamloops Innovation: Innovative Spaces

Office Space

Co-working

Community

1. Who needed what
2. Making it happen
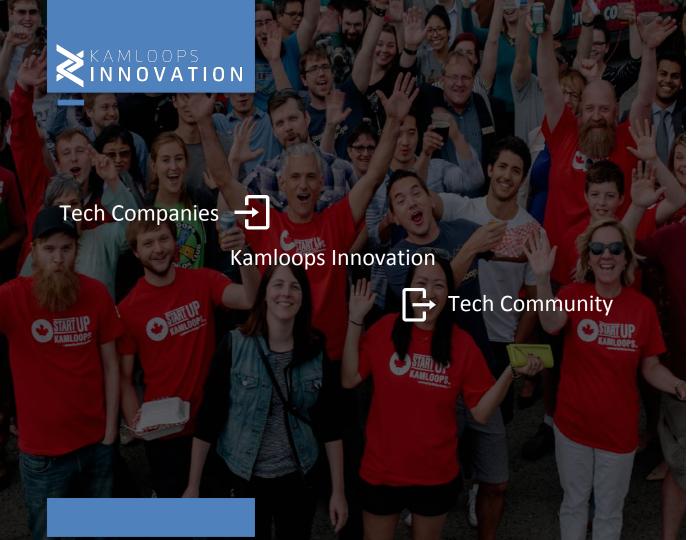3. Configuration
4. Challenges
5. Successes

Who

- **Tech Startups**
- **Traveling Workers**
- **Remote Workers**
- **Visitors, Family & Friends**
- **TRU Generator, students**
- **Industry**

Needed What

- **High Speed Internet, wifi**
- **Quiet(er) meeting/work space**
- **Connections, community, networking, support**

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Tech Companies →

Kamloops Innovation

→ Tech Community

Making it Happen

- Startup Communities
  - "Give before you get"
  - Inclusive
  - Culture & Collaboration
- Financial support: Building Ownership, City, Provincial & Federal Funders

Configuration

- Coworking at core
- Small on purpose, density
- Open areas, no doors
- Social + balance
  - bikes, dogs, babies, chili cook offs

Challenges

- Finding a model
- Long term investment
- Getting the word out, and people in to the space

Successes

- Startup Canada Community of the Year 2017
- New hires
- Visitors have turned into residents
- Tech hub solidifying, recognition
- Growth of Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Partnerships

Thanks!