



## Year in Review Industrial / Office

Waterloo Region Q4 | 2022



# We are loving what's

requirements look like.

good time for asset sales.

Lack of supply of industrial space continues to drive the rental rates. Office activity is finally waking up and companies are figuring out what their midterm office

There remains strong interest from investors to purchase, although CAP rates have to accommodate for rising interest rates. Many of the large companies are looking at this as a

Rate increases have effected the residential market with buyers and sellers just a little unsure of what the future holds.

Our tech and financial service sectors continue to grow and expand and that is driving companies' space needs. As we enter 2023, we feel that stability will return to the market as the frenzy of the past 3 years comes to a close. We are extremely lucky to live and work in such a dynamic region.

Thank you, Waterloo Region, for a strong ending to 2022 and hello 2023. We love the direction we are going.

## We are loving what's going on in the Waterloo Region real estate market! Strong demand is trumping the rate hikes we have seen through 2022. Lack of supply of industrial space continues to drive the rental rates.

## This Quarter 12 Month Absorption (Q4) **441K SF** -89K SF

Year End Overall Vacancy Rate

0.3%

## Asking Net Rent

# \$12.62 / SF

**Under Construction** 2.7M SF



## LACK OF SUPPLY AND RISING RATES

The end of 2022 saw activity in the industrial market that has largely defied overall sentiments in the investment and real estate market - stable and even rising pricing. It is important to note, it is not the industrial market as a whole that is experiencing continued strength and growth. Lets speak to a few of the sectors themselves:

Large Scale Land Purchases - Over the past several years this sector has been dominated by groups with "institutional" buying power. Competition was intense, and the underlying business plan always seems to be Spec warehouse space. This is one sector we see wavering with groups that had large mortgages on land, facing increasing construction costs and rising rates. While it will take time to see if there is real fallout, we hear of these groups daily, that are looking to divest positions taken only 12-18 months ago.

Investment Sales - Interest from investors remains strong, however rising rates have put more pressure on CAP rates. It is important to note this effect is combated by rental rates continuing to climb. We believe it will be Q3 2023 until we know if inflation has slowed and there is a new normal for the investment market

**Owner/Occupier Sales** - This is one sector of the market that has defied the interest rate increases. With the manufacturing, warehousing and servicing sectors of the economy still going strong, the pressure on supply is as intense as ever. Waterloo Region and Toronto are tied for the third lowest vacancy rate in the country, following Victoria and Vancouver.

## 50 NORTHLAND RD, WATERLOO

50 Northland Road, Waterloo is a 220,979 SF building situated on 11.48 Acres in North Waterloo. The property benefits from the most flexible and desirable industrial zoning in Waterloo, E3-27. E3-27 zoning is the only zoning in Waterloo to allow for outdoor storage.

50 Northland is the largest multi-tenant, E3-27 zoned property in Waterloo, offering larger scale unit sizes ranging from 30,000 - 83,400 SF, as well as heavy power supply of 2,700 Amps and a clear height of 17'11".

All units are in a modern and updated condition, with a strong history of leasing success. The building's location benefits from proximity to amenities and transit such as the Conestoga & Northfield LRT stations, Conestoga Mall and abundant convenience retail.

Email Laurie Thomson for access to the CIM and data room, at laurie.thomson@whitneyre.com





Drive-in and Dock-level loading



220.979 SF 11.48 Acres



1.8 KM from HWY 85



Desirable/flexible E3-27 Zoning



Secure outdoor storage





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65 Northfield Dr, Waterloo



### 300 Bridge St E, Kitchener



41 Drayton Industrial Dr, Drayton



1254 Union St, Kitchener

**CONDITIONALLY SOLD** 



319 Bridge St E, Waterloo



235 Frobisher Dr, Waterloo

# **Notable** Industrial Transactions

## 300 Bridge St E, Kitchener

18.772 Acres \$23M

**100 Hollinger Cres, Kitchener** 7.17 Acres \$23M

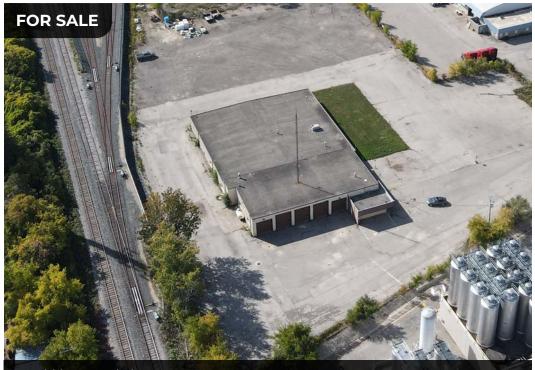
**65 Northfield Dr, Waterloo** 26.5 Acres | 783,477 SF

**41 Drayton Industrial Dr, Drayton** 10.076 Acres \$7.5M

**1254 Union St, Kitchener** 5.66 Acres | 23,883 SF \$6M

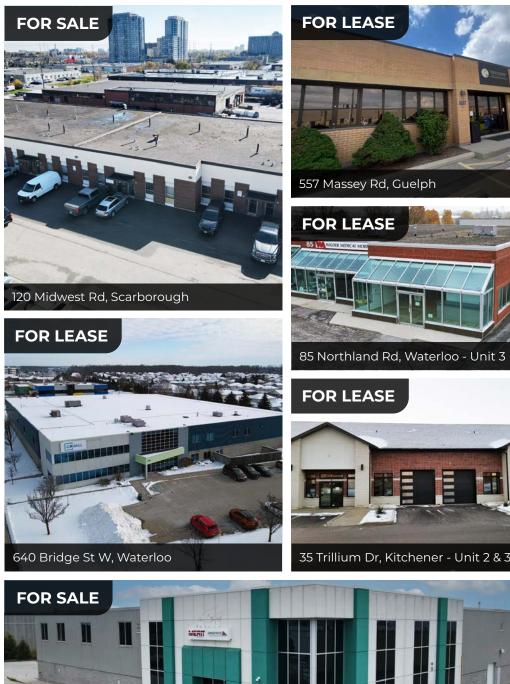
**319 Bridge St E, Waterloo** 1.13 Acres | 14,722 SF

**235 Frobisher Dr, Waterloo** 1.91 Acres | 10,125 SF \$2.9M



360 Shirley Ave, Kitchener





35 Trillium Dr, Kitchener - Unit 2 & 3



## Industrial **Availabilities**

360 Shirley Ave, Kitchener 4.202 Acres | 16,201 SF

600 Boxwood Dr, Cambridge 2.44 Acres | 17,318 SF

525 Conestogo Rd, Waterloo - Unit 1 67,950 SF

525 Conestogo Rd, Waterloo - Unit 4 51,744 SF

640 Bridge St W, Waterloo 53,605 SF

120 Midwest Rd, Scarborough 10.002 SF

557 Massey Rd, Guelph 5.500 SF

35 Trillium Dr, Kitchener - Unit 2 & 3 4,630 SF

85 Northland Rd, Waterloo - Unit 3 3,850 SF

This Quarter 12 Month Absorption (Q4)589,291 SF 253K SF

> Year End Overall Vacancy Rate

13.7%

Asking Net Rent

\$16.38 / SF

Sublease Space Available

369,785 SF

## **OFFICES STILL RELEVANT**

Strong absorption in the second half of 2022 shows offices are still relevant



## ASKING RENTS INCREASING

Average net rental rates are around \$16.00 / SF and landlords are holding firm



### MORE RENOVATIONS

We are seeing less "hot desking" and more meeting rooms and amenity spaces in offices that are being re-purposed and renovated



## CONSTRUCTION SLOWS

New office construction will not happen given building costs have increased by 20% and the high vacancy rates

## **OFFICE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Employees are slowly returning to the office in Waterloo Region, but things are far from robust. Companies are right sizing their office spaces and many are renovating to entice their employees to spend more time in the office.

Two local office buildings are being converted to residential: Allen Square and 22 Frederick Street, a sign of the times.

Activity is brisk for medical and fitness groups to move to more traditional office space. MKS Medical is now occupying 35,000 SF at 435 King St N and Depth Training is renovating 408 Albert St, Waterloo.

Better times are ahead for the local office market!



VACANCY RATE DOWN

Good news! Overall, Region of Waterloo office vacancy fell to 14%, a steady decrease from 19% in Q1 2022

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## NOTABLE LEASE ACTIVITY - OFFICE 2022

ADDRESS	TENANT	SF
137 Glasgow St, Kitchener (Catalyst137)	D2L	93,059 SF
120 Victoria St S, Kitchener (GloveBox)	Richardson Wealth	6,562 SF
345 King St W, Kitchener	Insight Global	7,000 SF
410 Albert St, Waterloo	Mappedin (Sublease)	14,969 SF
115 King St S, Waterloo	Miller Thomson	24,325 SF
57 Erb St W, Waterloo	RideCo / Tangam	38,603 SF
435 King St N, Waterloo	MSK Centre	30,810 SF

## NOTABLE SALE ACTIVITY - OFFICE 2022

ADDRESS	SF
440, 441, 451 Phillip St, Waterloo (Factory Square)	526,235 SF
450 & 460 Phillip St, Waterloo	68,905 SF
140 Columbia St W, Waterloo	54,525 SF
156 Columbia St W, Waterloo	44,707 SF
180 Columbia St W, Waterloo	53,285 SF
180 King St S, Waterloo	110,300 SF
7 Duke St W, Kitchener	45,785 SF
1 Blue Springs Dr, Waterloo	33,855 SF
14 Erb St W, Waterloo	27,728 SF
539 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener	23,638 SF
100 Rankin St, Waterloo	15,156 SF
675 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener	10,000 SF

## **OFFICE NOTES**

Catalyst Commons co-working space located at 137 Glasgow St, Kitchener is now fully operational.

Gowling WLG is now operating out of their new space at 345 King St W, Kitchener.

Europro is converting 22 Frederick St, Kitchener to residential (95,855 SF).

Allen Square at 180 King St S, Waterloo has been sold and will be converted to residential.



435 King St N, Waterloo



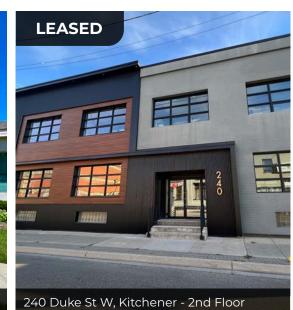
57 Erb St W, Waterloo





180 Columbia St, Waterloo









408, 410, 412 Albert St, Waterloo





## **Notable** Office Transactions

**57 Erb St W, Waterloo** 38,603 SF

**435 King St N, Waterloo** 30,810 SF

**412 Albert St, Waterloo** 15,928 SF

**410 Albert St, Waterloo** 14,969 SF

**440 Philip St, Waterloo** 14,499 SF

**408 Albert St, Waterloo** 14,458 SF

**675 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener** 10,000 SF

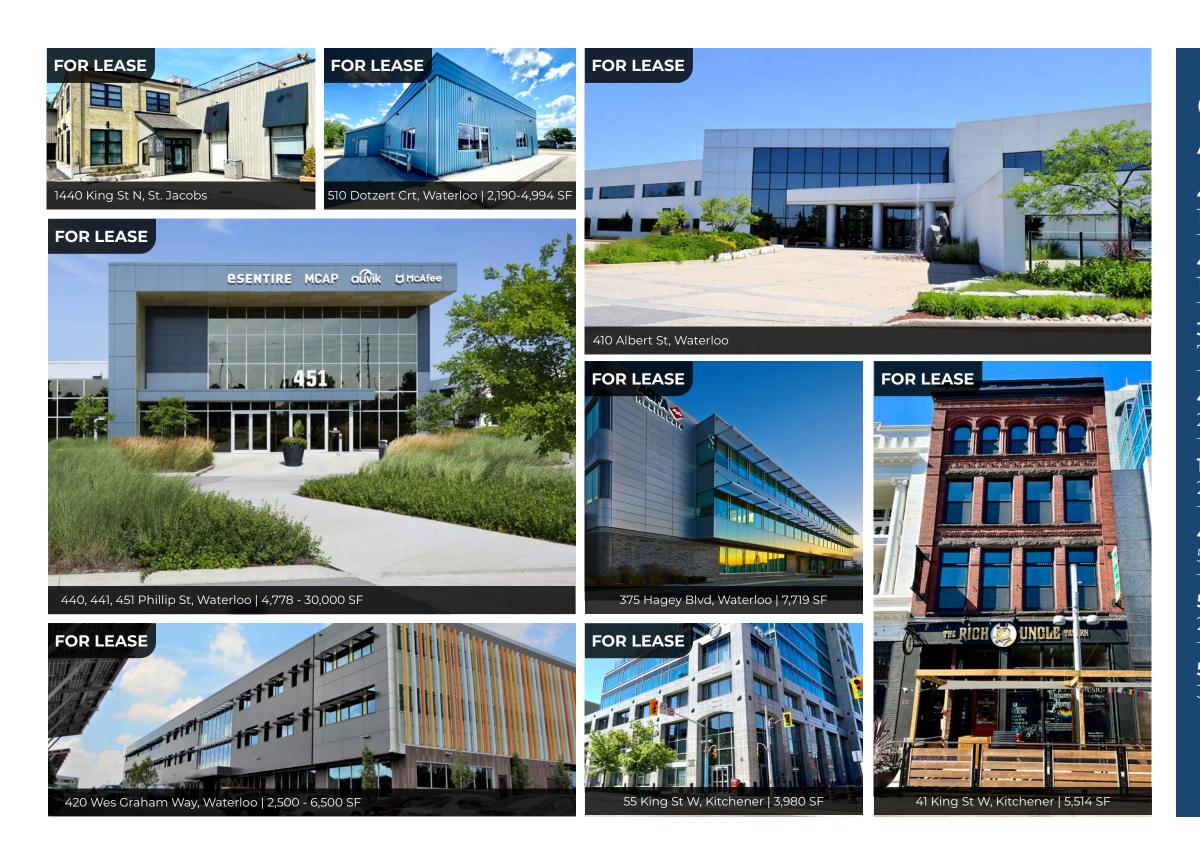
**240 Duke St W, Kitchener, 2nd Floor** 5,650 SF

**619 Kumpf Dr, Waterloo** 5,568 SF

**1440 King St N, St. Jacobs** 4,137 SF

**41 King St W, Kitchener, 2nd Floor** 3,737 SF

**180 Columbia St, Waterloo** 2,050 SF



## **Office** Availabilities

**440, 441, 451 Philip St, Waterloo** 1,700 - 30,000 SF

**410 Albert St, Waterloo** 13,037 SF

**375 Hagey Blvd, Waterloo** 7,719 SF

**420 Wes Graham Way, Waterloo** 2,500 - 6,500 SF

**1440 King St N, St. Jacobs** 2,000 - 6,000 SF

**41 King St W, Kitchener** 5,514 SF

**510 Dotzert Crt, Waterloo** 2,190 - 4,994 SF

**55 King St W, Kitchener** 3,980 SF

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