

OFFICE MID YEAR REVIEW 2025



OFFICE MARKET OVERVIEW

OFFICE BUILDING SALES:

Office building sales remain driven by owner-occupiers, with another significant sale at 590 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener. The 104,750 SF building was purchased by a local group who will occupy approximately 50% of the space. This is the most common scene we see on the sales front. Investors of all kinds are still cautious when it comes to office-focused assets.

LEASING MARKET:

The Leasing market continues to show more strength and promise. We see strong activity in square footage below 10,000 SF, with that still being the most active Tenant pool. Overall, there are fewer companies deciding not to work from home. The messaging and general sentiment from CEO's is that they desire in-person work, which is translating into action. In 2025, there have been new announcements from larger employers such as Scotiabank, increasing their work in the office from 2 to 3 days per week, Manulife Financial increasing from 2 to 3 days per week, and Amazon requiring 4 days per week. It's important to see the shift from the larger groups as it sends a message others will likely follow.

VACANCY RATES:

Downtown Kitcheners' office vacancy rate is at an all-time high, with some data pointing to 28%. It is important to separate this from the rest of the market as it has been driven by several older buildings that are not meeting the needs of Tenants today. As time passes, it is likely we will see some conversions of these buildings, such as the completed project at 30 Duke St W, Kitchener, which saw 161 new residential units brought online. If they are not suitable for conversions, there are serious questions around the future of these buildings or if their demolition will allow new life to be brought into the core.



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NET ABSORPTION	VACANCY RATE	TOTAL VACANT SF	ASKING NET RENT
Q2 - 276K SF	16.1%	2.82M SF	\$16.35 / SF
<u>Q1</u> -173K SF			



OUR TRANSACTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



#2, 319 Bridgeport Rd E, WaterlooOffice Unit
8.155 SF



#100, 420 Wes Graham Way, Waterloo Class "A" Office Space 4,066 SF



#135, 4275 King St E, Kitchener Office Unit 2.227 SF



#101, 100 Garment St, Kitchener Office / Retail Unit 2,508 SF



211, 410 Conestogo Rd, Waterloo Class "A" Office Unit 4,044 SF



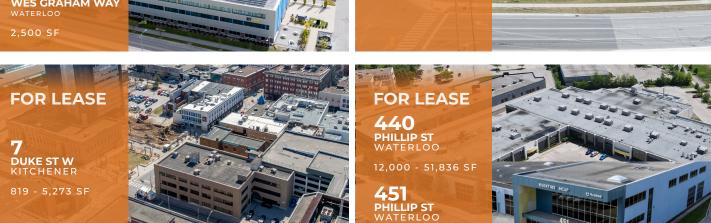
304B, 375 Hagey Blvd, Waterloo Industrial Building + Land 1,160 SF

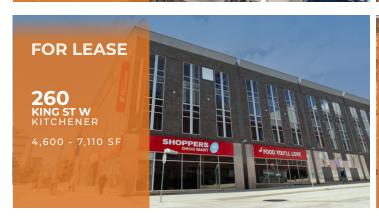






1,768 - 19,815 SF









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