

Communitech — Waterloo Region's Tech Innovation Hub

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Canada's longest-running major innovation hub (est. 1997), operating a 120,000 sq ft campus in Waterloo with deep University of Waterloo ties — 1,400+ tech companies supported, C\$38M federal ElevateIP programme, and Waterloo Region ranked the world's 2nd-highest startup density.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

[Communitech](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

[Communitech official site](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

[CBC: C\\$38M federal ElevateIP funding](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

[Region of Waterloo: Innovation Culture](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

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