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### **New Coworking Space Opens in Downtown Belleville**

Belleville, Ontario, November 4, 2021 - Located in the heart of Downtown Belleville, **Fokus** is a new coworking space for individuals and teams who seek a place to learn, innovate, collaborate and work. The space offers fast and free WiFi, a telephone booth, meeting space with projector, lounges and collaboration areas. Clean bathrooms, a well stocked mini fridge with water, cold beverages and a Keurig coffee machine are also included in the space. This new hub just opened officially at **233 Front Street** in the Downtown District.

On Thursday, November 4, Owners Curtis and Mark Vreugdenhil and Manager Alexandra Bell were joined by Mayor Mitch Panciuk, Councillor Garnet Thompson, Councillor Carol Feeney from The City of Belleville, Jill Raycroft from the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and Luisa Sorrentino from the Downtown District BIA for an official ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony.

In 2020, Curtis and Mark moved their company, Three Hills Engineering Ltd., to the Downtown District and are located above Fokus at 233 Front. The majority of their team all live near the Downtown core and often spend their free time enjoying the wide range of businesses and entertainment options in the District.

Knowing it is a vibrant and growing part of the city, and it felt like the perfect location to expand with Fokus, their coworking space.

“We're young professionals and we hear all the time from friends, family, and peers that they would love a place to be able to do some work when needed,” says Curtis. “With the side hustle industry booming, COVID changing the face of workforces everywhere, and more people moving to freelance and alternative work arrangements, we know that there are people who need a space to get some work done or meet a client. That's what we hope Fokus is - a place to do business without the traditional pressures of a brick and mortar operation.”

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The hope is that the space will bring more innovation, business, and community to the Downtown District. The goal is that Fokus becomes a community hub where professionals can gather to work, collaborate, dream, and grow their businesses while enjoying being part of the Downtown District too.

Fokus doesn't just provide spaces to help you build your business, host your events and meetings or give you a great place to study but they are also building a community of like minded individuals who enjoy working together.

Starting at just \$25 per day or \$250 per month, the team wants you to be able to work the way you want and offer a variety of plans to suit individual needs.

"We know that Downtown is a vibrant place to visit and work," says Luisa Sorrentino, Downtown Belleville BIA Executive Director. "Now there are even more opportunities for community members to work and experience Downtown through this innovative coworking space. We are thrilled to have this addition in the Downtown District"

Visit them online at [fokus233.ca](http://fokus233.ca).

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