



The Tenant Lounge

fostering community and collaboration within the Rideau Hub

Envision this... you enter a space, once the Rideau High School cafeteria, now a vibrant space full of people sharing stories and connecting with one another. Looking around you see couches, tables, kitchen amenities, water coolers, and coffee machines—encouraging members of the Rideau Community Hub to gather and utilize the space. This space fosters community and creates relationships, leading to mutually beneficial partnerships amongst the tenants of the Hub. As you wander through the space, you overhear the following conversation between members of different organizations.

“We’ve been trying to run more food banks lately but have been struggling to find enough staff and volunteers to keep up with demand”

“Oh really? Well we have actually been looking for initiatives for our youth programs to take on, do you think they could help?”

“Yeah that could be great, why don’t we meet back here at the work tables with our teams to figure out the details”

Discussions like these are a common occurrence in the tenant lounge. Creating connections is a priority.

Features within the space further facilitate connection and collaboration. You can see an area for posters describing each of the organizations and groups within the hub. Beside it, a community bulletin board for posting suggestions, requests, and upcoming events—a platform to create new partnerships.

The overall operations and coordination of the hub is overseen by a committee comprised of one member from each organization, ensuring all members feel represented in the space. Tenants can take turns hosting events within the space, including potlucks, board game nights, showings, and celebrations. All initiatives work to create a unified and rich community within the hub, where members and organizations can feel supported and reach their full potential, making a difference in the broader community through the work of each organization.

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