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The Halifax branch of COWI, a global consulting engineering company, was moving into a new building, necessitating the furnishing of their office space. As a global company, COWI has an international office design and furniture standard by which their branches must abide. This kind of relocation typically involves shipping furniture from international providers overseas.

However, in a proactive move, we at Office Interiors and COWI Halifax forged a partnership to provide furniture that aligned with their existing standards. With both companies sharing similar values in protecting the environment, this partnership proved to be an environmentally friendly alternative to shipping furniture from overseas.

It was an all-around local collaboration involving local designers, local providers and local installation. Here's a glimpse at the office we created through this partnership.

Upon stepping into the office, you are welcomed into a cozy **waiting area**. The space is furnished with two **Poppy Lounge chairs** and a round **Jive table** by Haworth, creating an inviting ambiance for visitors.

The Poppy Lounge, chosen for its cushioned comfort, allows people to relax and be comfortable while waiting. Opting for an orange colour not only infuses a pop of colour into the area but also a nod to COWI's brand colour.



Going past the waiting room into the main office, approximately 30 **compose height-adjustable workstations** by Haworth stand as versatile hubs of productivity. Outfitted with **dual monitor arms** and **Novo Task chairs** by SitOnIt, each workstation is designed to emphasize ergonomics, promote optimal sitting positions, and enhance productivity.

The panel height on these workstations offers a touch of privacy and allows natural light to come in, contributing to an open and airy atmosphere. The office boasts three distinct workstation styles tailored to accommodate varied work preferences and roles.



Strategically placed as the initial point of contact, the **reception workstation** is open but still private. What stands out is this workstation's storage component, as it is furnished with abundant storage. This role requires handling high-volume paperwork, and providing a workstation that meets that need was highly crucial on the list.



The **dedicated workstations** are very similar to the reception workstation except that they only feature a single under-desk storage unit. Assigned to specific individuals, these workstations provide a personalized touch by ensuring their daily essentials, both personal and work-related, are always within reach.



The **touch-down workstations** are the third style, and they have no storage. These unassigned spaces allow individuals to come in and work as needed. They are perfect for remote or hybrid employees who enjoy occasionally visiting the office.





In an open-concept office, carving out a dedicated, quiet space for people to have confidential conversations and virtual meetings is crucial. This **phone booth** serves as a perfect addition to the office. It is furnished with a stool for sitting and a tabletop for laptops. With this booth, privacy is confirmed.



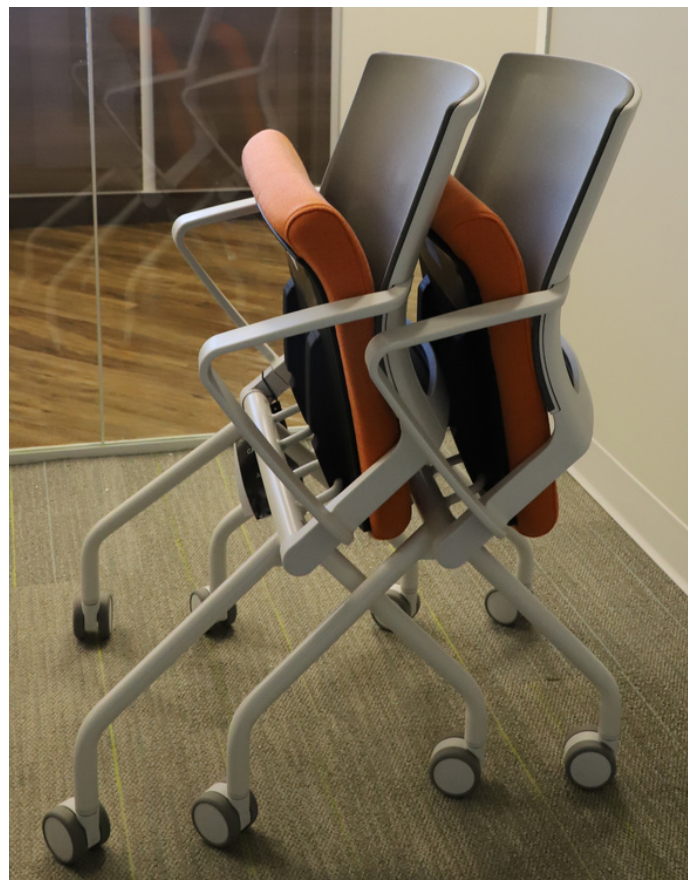
This room is designed for dual purposes and adapts to the team's diverse needs.

As a **lunch room**, it is furnished with **Rio chairs** by SitOnIt, and they are easy to clean and stackable. Three **Jive rectangular tables** are pushed together to create a communal setting for team members to have lunch.

Doubling as a **collaborative area**, the **soft seating sofa** introduces an element of flexibility, providing a comfortable space for team members to work away from their workstations. The sofa is designed for both ease of cleaning and maximum comfort. The small **Pip tables** by Haworth complement the setup, offering designated laptop surfaces.



The Jive tables, when separated, accommodate various collaboration styles—be it brainstorming sessions or breakout discussions.



The two **small meeting rooms** are furnished with SitOnIt **Movi Nester chairs**, designed to nest for easy movement. Each room features two different chair colours, serving as intuitive wayfinders.



The centrepiece of these spaces is the **Jive table**, equipped with power outlets. This addition ensures seamless connectivity, allowing attendees to plug in their computers and other tech essentials for a successful and efficient meeting.



The setup around the table offers ample room for people to gather comfortably, fostering a collaborative and engaging atmosphere.

Storage is vital in this office, especially with remote and hybrid work flexibility. The choice of Haworth's **X Series**, featuring a half locker and half bookcase, seamlessly blends functionality with style.

The locker provides a secure spot for belongings, perfect for those popping into work. Conversely, the bookcase offers a chance to add decorative flair and proudly showcase the office's awards. For added security, the lockers come with a lock.





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