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Situated in the heart of downtown Halifax, the recently completed Nova Scotia Health Innovation Hub's new futuristic space brings together some of Canada's most innovative healthcare minds to work under one roof.

Occupying close to 11,500 sq. ft. on the 13th floor of the Nova Center, the NSH Innovation Hub is newly constructed and built to transform healthcare in the province by accelerating clinical trials, testing and trying new technology, and launching market-ready solutions.

The NSH Innovation Hub acts as the central meeting ground for partners from all facets of healthcare – clinical staff, researchers, industry, and government – having the capacity to occupy 80-90 working associates. The space includes intuitive furniture that showcases state-of-the-art medical technology equipment and promotes cross-collaboration through strategically placed modular pieces.



The planning began a year ago when NSH Innovation Hub recognized the need to accommodate an expanding research and innovation enterprise as the province's Action for Health plan. With the new Health Innovation Hub, the goal was to develop an innovative, world-class technology-driven facility that would drive internal and external collaboration. Rather than simply needing more space, NSH sought an intelligently planned space to develop and cross-pollinate new ideas. It would also serve as a space to hold workshops and seminars for up to 300 attendees.

Office Interiors worked with Halifax-based property management firm [Page Property Management](#) and interior designing firm [SGH Design Partners](#) to plan a solution that favoured open-plan, shared spaces paired with various soft and hard seating suited for multiple types of work.

AT FIRST GLANCE

WAITING ROOM

& COFFEE BAR

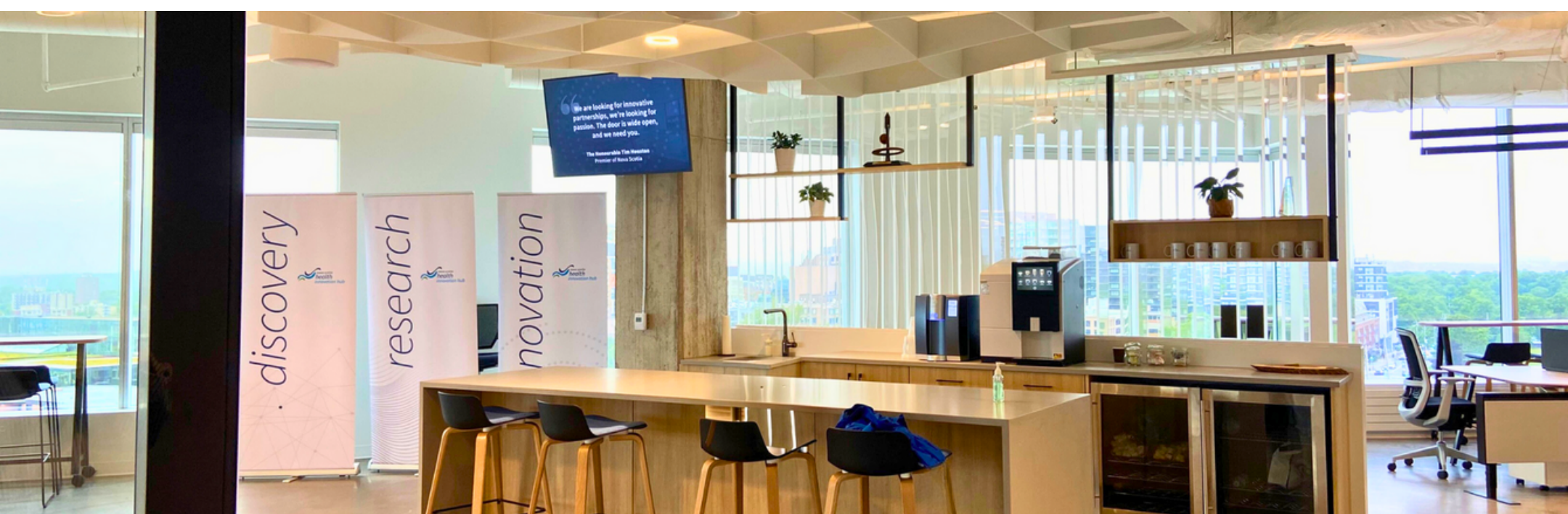


As you enter the waiting area, you're greeted by the breathtaking panoramic view of the Halifax harbourfront. The design of the space was carefully planned to preserve this remarkable view, prioritizing the incorporation of abundant natural light. The seating in the area features a combination of Haworth's **Riverbend** couch, **Jive** tables and **Setle** lounge chairs by Keilhauer, keeping sight lines low while creating an atmosphere filled with ample light and a sense of openness.

Versatile Spaces for a Wide Range of Purposes

With Haworth's **Enclose** movable glass walls, the 'showcase room' and the waiting area are divided, allowing abundant natural light to filter throughout the space while seamlessly integrating the two areas. This flexible design enables the accommodation of larger groups, which can seat up to 160 individuals when the walls are opened, creating a harmonious and expansive environment.

The Showcase Room serves a dual purpose as a collaborative shared workspace and a presentation area. To maximize the functionality of this room, the Office Interiors team equipped it with rectangular **Jive** tables with casters to form the base for a vast conference setting and **Maari** sled base chairs. These tables, paired with the lightweight Maari Chairs, offer easy mobility on casters and seamless reconfiguration options.



A series of Haworth furniture, such as **Poppy** guest and lounge chairs and **PopUp** tables, provides the comfort and performance needed during long presentations and allows the room to transform in minutes. For NSH Innovation Hub, this made it easy to optimize the square footage of the room by using this variation of furniture to define the room into three distinct sections: a workshop space, a presentation area, and a flexible space. The carefully chosen furniture selection played a pivotal role in the operation and versatility of this multifunctional area.

Haworth's **BuzziSpace** lighting in light grey brings warmth to the high industrial ceilings. At the same time, sound masking systems and an angulated wood wall absorb excess noise, improving the acoustics in the vast open space. This combination creates a comfortable and welcoming environment, balancing industrial aesthetics with a warm ambiance.

VERSATILE

SHOWCASE ROOM

/ WORKSHOP SPACE / PRESENTATION ROOM



The VR Room, conveniently located adjacent to the Showcase Room, is thoughtfully furnished with Haworth's **STAD** Pouf and **Poppy** Guest Chairs with laminate tablets in green and blue, aligning with the brand's colour scheme. This intentional furniture selection enhances the team's experience by providing comfortable seating options and work surfaces for different purposes. Recognizing the need for further versatility, NSH opted to repurpose this room as a green room, adding another dimension to its functionality.



Dedicated Spaces Designed for Uninterrupted Work

Pieces such as **Cabana** lounge seating, **Poppy** lounge and bar seating, and **Very** conference stools complement the five colourful focus rooms to give the team members a quiet area to take calls, conduct one-on-ones or concentrate on focus tasks with minimal distraction. Add-up **Enclose** glass options offer privacy while prioritizing natural light and a feeling of community between colleagues.

To further enhance the convenience of the frequent calls made by associates throughout the day, Haworth's **HushPhone** booths are strategically incorporated into the floor plan. These booths help provide another dedicated space where associates can make private phone calls.



Adaptability through Workstations

The SGH and Office Interiors team spread out all enclosed spaces – meeting rooms and private offices – to the left perimeter of the floor plan, opening the rest of the right-facing space for approximately 35 flexible hotelling workstations and various breakout and refuge spaces. In addition, NSH specified fewer overall private offices, allotting more square footage to workstation areas.

To further promote collaboration, NSH specified workstations with low panels. This detail offers users enough privacy for heads-down work while allowing natural light to enter one's space. The team installed Haworth's **Belong** privacy panels to **Compose Echo** and **Intuity** height-adjustable workstations to maximize employee well-being. Ergonomic seating options include **Maari** chairs and **Soji** task chairs, which feature a frameless flex back net that responds to users' movements throughout the workday.

ADAPTABLE

WORKSTATIONS

HOTELLING DESKS & BREAKOUT AREAS



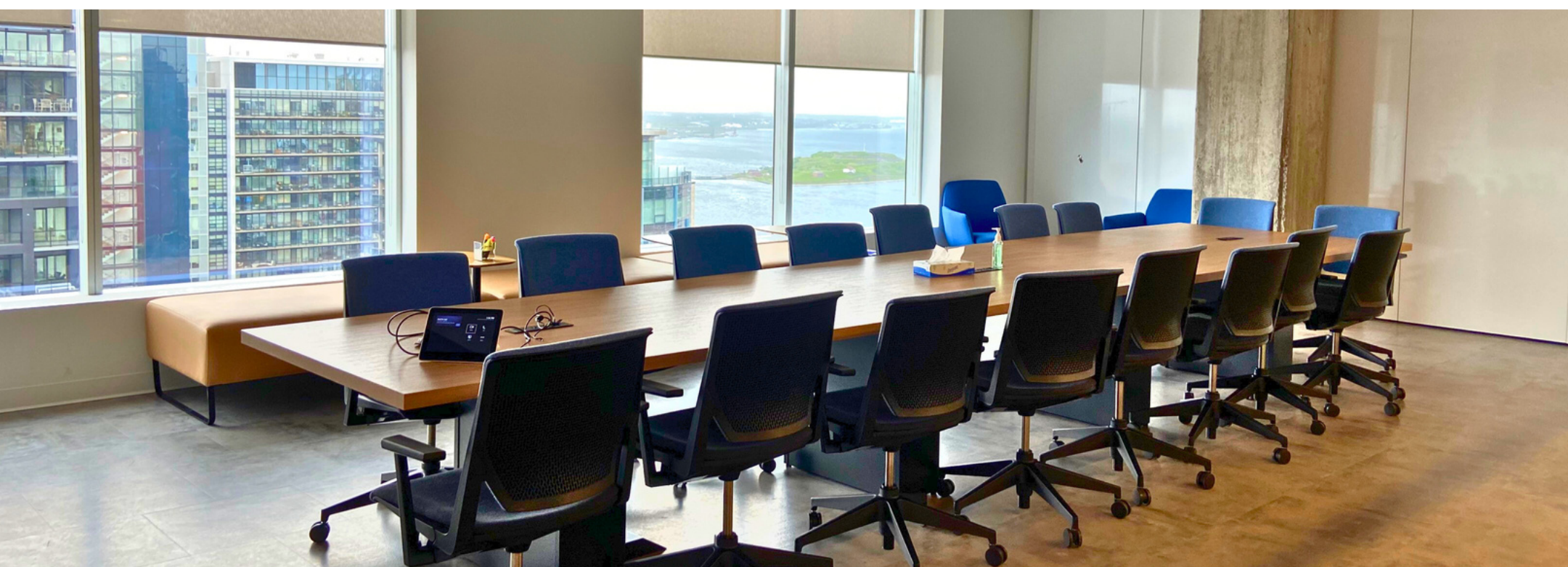
To delineate the perimeter space and provide more power throughout the office, NSH recommended **Bezel** Utility Module by Haworth. Bezel adapts easily to group work and provides easy access to power for those constantly on the go. With nearly a hundred employees, these hotspots of collaboration and power make for a more efficient work environment. In addition, the NSH team opted for **Compose Echo** Wire Management. The versatility of these added accessories allowed for easy cable and power management.

Given the high volume of material, storage needs were also a top priority. To optimize efficiency, Office Interiors proposed the utilization of Haworth **X Series** office storage, featuring mobile pedestals at each workstation to accommodate individual storage needs. A tailored X-Series Cubby locker with digital locks was recommended for locker options. This customization allows for the assignment of unique user codes and facilitates a hotelling approach, ensuring convenient and secure usage.



Meeting Rooms for Groups of Every Size

A Haworth **Planes** table in the 20-people meeting room easily manages technology while providing a distinguished look for when NSH Innovation Hub meets with clients and board members. Across the meeting room, the dark wood and earth tones come together to create a refined welcoming environment. At the product level, **Very** conference chairs, alongside **Riverbend** lounging solutions, marry the residential with the workplace aesthetic.





A similar idea was carried out in the slightly smaller meeting rooms with a capacity of approximately 8-10 people. Haworth's **Immerse** tables are featured that pay attention to the purity of line and juxtaposition of materials and finishes.

FLEXIBLE

MEETING ROOMS

FOR GROUPS OF EVERY SIZE



Offices Where Productivity Meets Privacy

NSH incorporated eight private offices within the floor plan. All offices convey an elevated look and feel with customized Haworth **Master Series** tables in some and **Upside** height-adjustable in others. The pairing of **Soji** task chairs and **Poppy** guest chairs create ample space for everyone visiting. The entire scheme can be seen as a grouping of flex spaces that, when not occupied, can double as meeting rooms.

Why Office Interiors?

For NSH Innovation Hub, Office Interiors not only matched the overall innovative vision of NSH but also provided an ideal platform to spur new ideas and allow some of our brightest minds to work towards transforming the province's health care.



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