

# 2020 Civic Partner Annual Report

Platform Calgary (Calgary Technologies Inc.)

# Platform Calgary Overview

### Our Vision:

Building shared prosperity by making Calgary a global hub for startups and innovation.

### **Our Mission:**

Empowering people building the next economy.

### Our Guiding Principles: Collaborate First

Love Founders Build Community Think Global Embrace Risk

## Our 10 Year Goal:

10x the rate of startup creation and scaling to triple the size of the tech sector to over 1,000 scaling companies and over 2,000 startups.

### Our Community Keystone Roles:

- We work to make all parts of Calgary's tech startup ecosystem better resourced, connected, efficient, effective and prominent.
- 2. We directly serve the community through early stage pre-acceleration programs that increase the number and readiness of founders, enterprises and investors.
- 3. We form and facilitate partnerships to accelerate later stage startups or collaborative initiatives.
- 4. We operate public facilities dedicated to supporting innovators.

# 2020 Highlights and Results.

## **High Demand**

1,300 1:1 advisor hours

592 individuals and companies served *(up from 445 in 2019)* 

4 new programs

## **High Impact**

New Hires per client averages 4.3 (up from 1.7 in 2019)

217 new jobs created in 2020 by Platform founders

## **High Collaboration**

Merged with Startup Calgary

12 program delivery partnerships

Secured 50+ program partners for the Platform Innovation Centre

## **High Aspirations**

Accelerate the ecosystem through place, programs and partners

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# Calgary's Home for Innovators.

# 50+ Partners Under One Roof.

# Accelerators, Investors & Venture Builders

- Acceleprise
- Alberta Enterprise Corporation
- BDC
- EDL/Tecconnect
- Fuse 42 SDG Accelerator
- Harvest Builders
- Intergen
- LIFT Accelerator
- NACO
- The Accelerator
- Thin Air Labs
- Valhalla Private Capital
- Volition
- Zone Startups

#### **Sector Specific**

- Alberta Ecotrust Foundation
- Alberta IoT
- Bioenterprise
- Decentralised Energy Canada
- Energy Futures Lab
- Foresight Cleantech
  Accelerator

**Community & Capacity Builders** 

- A100
- Alberta Women Entrepreneurs
- Beakerhead
- BusinessLink
- Calgary UX
- Civictech YYC
- ComIT
- Data for Good
- Digital Alberta
- Fuse 33
- LiveWire
- Momentum
- Product Calgary
- National Music Centre
- TedXCalgary
- Venture Mentoring Services Alberta
- YYC Data Society

Post-Secondary Institutions, Skill Building Academies & Related Support Orgs

- 321 Growth Academy
- Canada Learning Code
- Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking
- InceptionU
- Lighthouse Labs
- Mitacs
- Mount Royal University Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- SAIT School for Advanced Digital Technology
- W21C

### Enterprise

- KPMG
- Long View Systems

#### Youth Focused

- MindFuel
- League of Innovators
- Robogarden
- YELL

These partners reach over 17,000 individuals.



# **Current State and COVID Impacts.**

### Operations

- → Platform is expecting a \$324,000 Net Loss in fiscal year 2020, much lower than initially projected
- → ARTC building vacancy is 41%, down from a peak of 49%.
   Compared to precovid vacancy of 34%
- → Platform cut variable expenses by \$800,000 or 25%

### Programs

- → Demand for tech startup programming is strong. Pivots to virtual increased accessibility province-wide.
- → Significant opportunity to be a core part of the economic recovery.

## Long Term Sustainability

- → Platform Innovation Centre: delays & safe, inclusive design changes drove up fit out costs.
- → Corporate structure limitations required reworking of capital financing plans.

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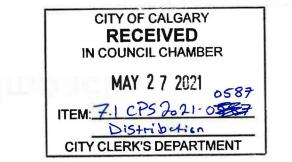
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# Looking forward in 2021.

Working together to build a future for our city rooted in the growth of a vibrant tech and innovation sector.

We are opening the Platform Innovation Centre to our program partners, curious Calgarians, investors, and founders.

We are ramping up our work with partners province-wide on an exciting expansion and harmonization of entrepreneur support and training.



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