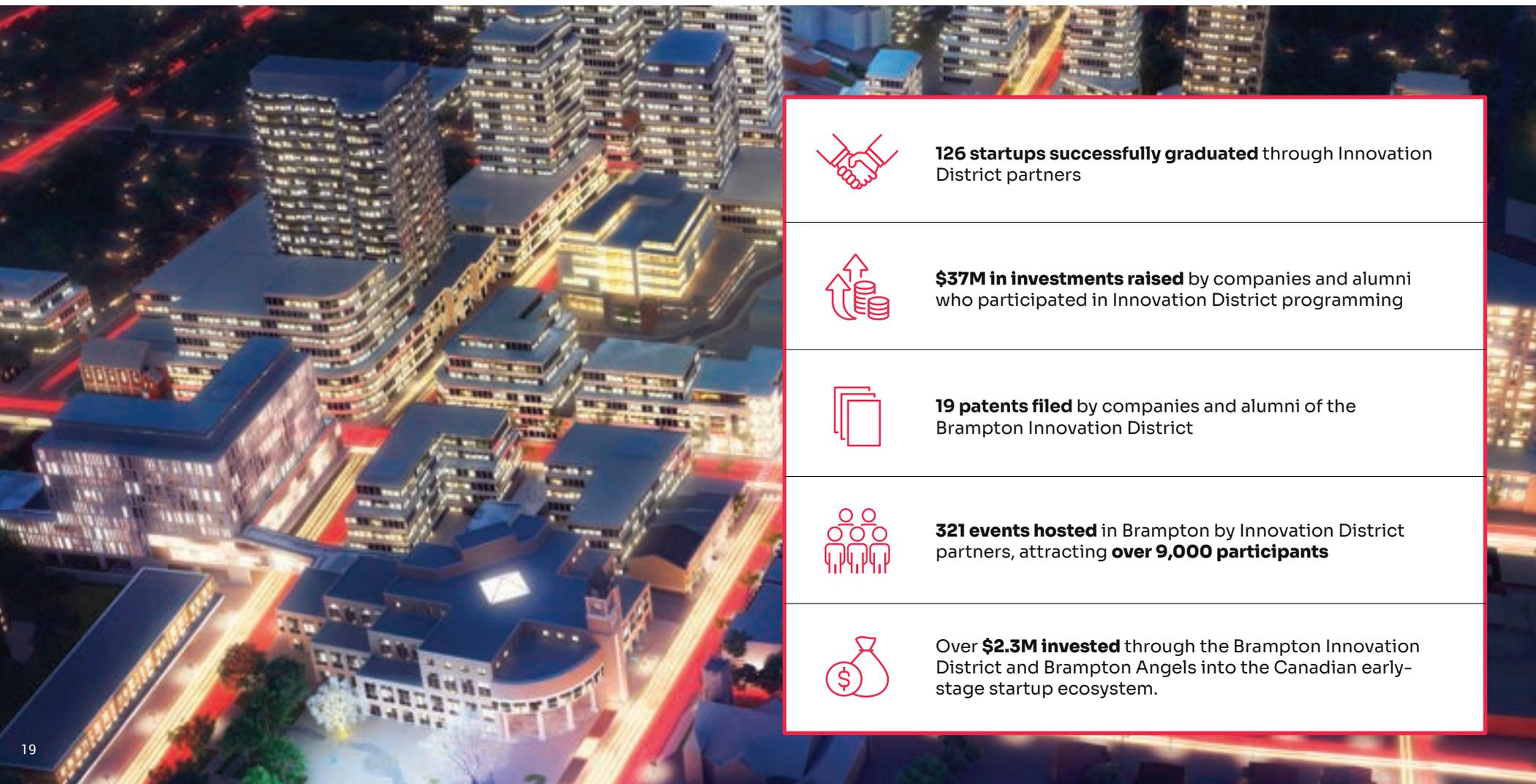




► Highlights from Brampton's Innovation District



126 startups successfully graduated through Innovation District partners



\$37M in investments raised by companies and alumni who participated in Innovation District programming



19 patents filed by companies and alumni of the Brampton Innovation District



321 events hosted in Brampton by Innovation District partners, attracting **over 9,000 participants**



Over **\$2.3M invested** through the Brampton Innovation District and Brampton Angels into the Canadian early-stage startup ecosystem.

Our strong partnerships are the foundation of the Innovation District:



▶ Innovation District Year in Review



Cyber Range: An immersive platform for real-world cybersecurity training and threat simulation.

Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst:

Headquartered in Brampton, Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst drives cybersecurity training, innovation and public education. Its industry-leading programs and Cyber Range equips businesses and individuals to tackle cyber threats.

In 2024, the Annual Catalyst Summit: Democracy Edition, brought together hundreds of cyber leaders and experts to discuss the critical intersection of cybersecurity and democracy.

With a commitment to excellence, the Catalyst positions Brampton as a global leader in cyber innovation and talent development.



Brampton Next:

In October 2024, B Hive introduced Brampton Next, a free 14-week bootcamp equipping 100 entrepreneurs with training, coaching and resources to grow their businesses and thrive in Brampton.



Brampton Venture Expo 2024:

Brampton Venture Expo, hosted by the Brampton Venture Zone, welcomed 1,700+ registrations, featuring 51 exhibitors, 12 speakers and key networking opportunities, reinforcing Brampton's role as a growing tech hub.



Brampton Angels:

Brampton Angels is a members-only not-for-profit organization of accredited investors. In 2024, over 30 companies pitched to angel investors, securing over \$2.3M in funding, while membership expanded to 55 investors, demonstrating Brampton's commitment to supporting early stage technology and innovation.

Louis Sapi, Chair of Brampton Angels



Brampton Hosts First City-led Hackathon

In November 2024, the City of Brampton hosted BramHacks, a city-led hackathon that welcomed approximately 150 post-secondary students from the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. Over three days, participants collaborated to develop innovative solutions addressing local challenges surrounding transportation and sustainability. With Amazon as the title sponsor and support from key partners such as Algoma University, Sheridan College and Toronto Metropolitan University, the event provided a dynamic platform for participants to showcase their skills. The event featured workshops on transportation, sustainability, open data and data visualization, providing participants with valuable insights and skills.

First Place:

Nocturnal Nappers developed BramWays, a user-friendly app designed to empower caregivers by providing real-time updates on transit journeys for dependents, focusing on accessibility and ease of use.

The success of BramHacks 2024 underscores Brampton's commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration within the community.



Moonshot 2024: Driving Forward Community Collaboration

In December 2024, the City of Brampton and its partners put together Moonshot, an event introducing youth to different pathways within the space economy. Hosted by Canon Canada in collaboration with InspireTech Canada, the Moonshot 2024 Career & Exploration Event connected 150 Grade 12 students from the Peel District School Board with industry leaders and organizations like MDA Space.

These future STEM stars had a blast diving into the world of space and rocketry, testing rovers, launching rockets and networking with experts in the field. The event was an inspiring experience, sparking curiosity and excitement about the limitless possibilities of aeronautics and space exploration, demonstrating that the Brampton Innovation District is leading the charge to position Canada for a \$40B space economy by 2040.

Innovation District Highlights

SPS Commerce Empowers Brampton's Next Generation

Based in Brampton, SPS Commerce is a tech company that creates software solutions which help businesses streamline their supply chain processes and improve collaboration with trading partners.

This year, SPS Commerce deepened their commitment to Brampton by supporting future tech leaders through local hackathons, providing a platform for innovation and collaboration.

Mentorship is key to their efforts: SPS Commerce employees dedicate time to guiding young tech talent through one-on-one sessions and initiatives like the University of Waterloo co-op program.

By sharing industry expertise and career insights, they empower the next generation to excel.

With a strong presence in Brampton, SPS Commerce is proud to invest in the city's growing tech ecosystem, fostering a more innovative future.



Innovation District Highlights

Brampton's Innovation District Showcased at The Gathering & Collision

In 2024, Brampton made history by hosting “The Gathering,” a pre-conference event for the Collision Conference at The Rose Theatre in downtown Brampton. This inaugural North American event attracted 200 international startups with a panel discussion and breakout sessions. A highlight of the event was “Future-Proofing Your Startup: Harnessing Cybersecurity for Success,” moderated by Charles Finlay, Executive Director of Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, with insights from industry experts. The presence of Collision founder Paddy Cosgrave, underscored Brampton's growing influence in the global tech industry.

Following The Gathering, Brampton's Economic Development Office, in partnership with Innovation District collaborators, showcased the dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem at the Collision Conference.

The City of Brampton's booth, known as “The Games Room,” served as a vibrant networking hub, featuring pitch sessions and various panel discussions. These activities highlighted Brampton's commitment to fostering innovation and supporting startups.

The success of the booth was bolstered by the continuous support from partners such as Altitude Accelerator, Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, BHive, Brampton Venture Zone by TMU, Algoma University, the Unity Centre for Excellence and Sheridan College.





Empowering Brampton's Entrepreneurs



The Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC) is the hub for supporting entrepreneurs in Brampton. Whether you're starting a new business or looking to grow, BEC offers a range of services, programs and resources tailored to your needs. From free consultations to business plan reviews and access to funding opportunities, BEC is dedicated to helping businesses thrive.



2024 Highlights: Brampton Entrepreneur Centre



1,635
Consultations



100 Events hosted with over
8,500 participants



Summer Company Program:
**Total Awarded:
\$45,000**
in \$3K grants to 15 students



13,000
Inquiries



118 Businesses received
digital transformation support



Starter Company Plus Program:
**Total Awarded:
\$200,000**
in \$5K grants to 40 entrepreneurs