

Montreal Coworking Platforms: Day Passes & Meeting Rooms

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Executive Summary

The Montreal coworking marketplace in 2026 is served by a variety of booking platforms, each with distinct models for securing flexible workspaces and meeting rooms. **LiquidSpace** functions as a global, on-demand marketplace (currently citing over 13,600 locations in 3,100+ cities (Source: [liquid-space.com](https://www.liquid-space.com)) where users can instantly book desks, offices or [meeting rooms](#) on an hourly, daily or monthly basis without any membership commitment (Source: [liquid-space.com](https://www.liquid-space.com)). **Deskpass** (now part of Yardi/Industrious) similarly provides an app-based, pay-as-you-go network (covering 64 Canadian locations (Source: www.deskpass.com) for booking hot desks or conference rooms by the day or hour (Source: www.deskpass.com). **Coworker** is a free workspace directory and marketplace (with over 25,000 spaces listed globally (Source: www.coworker.com) where users can search Montreal's offerings (49 spaces are listed as of 2024 (Source: www.coworker.com), compare amenities and rates (including daily rates) (Source: www.coworker.com), and then contact the space to reserve. **Croissant**, by contrast, is a subscription-based membership (e.g. \$49/month for 10 hours (Source: www.getcroissant.com) granting drop-in access to hot desks at partner coworking venues (a network of 700+ spaces as advertised (Source: www.getcroissant.com). In practice, Croissant's membership model focuses on hour-based desk use rather than one-off day passes or meeting rooms (Croissant's FAQ explicitly describes it as "access to hot desks" (Source: www.getcroissant.com).

[Montreal's coworking ecosystem](#) in 2026 is robust and mature – one industry guide cites “**over 100 flexible workspace locations**” across the city (Source: [2727coworking.com](https://www.2727coworking.com)). This diverse network (ranging from independent cooperatives to corporate-backed chains) aligns with global trends of a booming flexible office market (Source: [2727coworking.com](https://www.2727coworking.com)) (Source: [2727coworking.com](https://www.2727coworking.com)). As companies and professionals increasingly adopt hybrid work, Montreal's spaces have remained active and even grown: CBRE reports that deals for 100+ employee teams in flexible space are now occurring (Source: www.cbre.com), and 2727 Coworking notes that Montreal's sector “continued to evolve and... shows a bright future” despite global upheavals (Source: [2727coworking.com](https://www.2727coworking.com)). Against this backdrop, we find that **LiquidSpace** and **Deskpass** make booking a day pass or meeting room straightforward through instant online reservation and payment, **Coworker** serves as a powerful search/comparison tool, and **Croissant** provides a mobile, hour-based membership (though its Montreal coverage is currently limited). This report examines each platform in depth – its model, usage, network and pricing – and compares how a user would go about booking coworking or meeting space in Montreal. We draw on industry data, expert commentary and case scenarios to analyze strengths and weaknesses and to project how Montreal's hybrid-work landscape will evolve by 2026.

Introduction and Background

The Rise of Coworking and Flexible Workspace

Coworking—a professionally managed office environment offering fully furnished flexible workstations (from hot desks to private offices) with shared amenities—has grown from a niche trend into a mainstream component of the modern workspace (Source: 2727coworking.com) (Source: 2727coworking.com). Shared offices combine the autonomy of remote work with the social and professional amenities of an office. In the 2010s, massive expansion by companies like [WeWork](https://www.wework.com) (which at its 2023 peak operated 777 locations worldwide (Source: 2727coworking.com) made coworking synonymous with the “future of work”. Although WeWork’s well-publicized financial challenges in late 2023 raised concerns, underlying demand for flexibility has only strengthened (Source: 2727coworking.com) (Source: www.cbre.com). Many users “view coworking [as] a better home office,” citing social interaction and professional infrastructure (Source: 2727coworking.com). For example, a study cited in an academic journal found that workers in coworking spaces experienced “**lower psychosocial strain and greater social satisfaction than working from home**” (Source: 2727coworking.com). As one coworking researcher notes, flexible workspaces have become “*paid desk rental[s] with networking opportunities*” (Source: 2727coworking.com).

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, [hybrid work](https://2727coworking.com) has become widespread. Surveys worldwide report that a large majority of employees now prefer splitting time between home and office (Source: 2727coworking.com). This shift has driven explosive growth in flexible office usage: industry analysis projects the global coworking market to surge from about **\$19.3 billion in 2021 to over \$42.7 billion by 2033** (Source: 2727coworking.com). North America (U.S. and Canada) currently accounts for roughly 40% of this market (Source: 2727coworking.com), with coworking revenue exceeding \$5.3 billion in 2024. In fact, post-pandemic recovery has already pushed demand for flexible workspace in the U.S. and Canada to **19% above pre-pandemic levels** (with supply lagging behind) (Source: 2727coworking.com). Enterprises are also flocking back: one study found that **59% of companies plan to expand** their use of flexible offices (Source: 2727coworking.com). Major chains like [Regus/IWG](https://www.regus.com) and [Industrious](https://www.industrious.com) report double-digit growth in their managed workspace revenues as corporations sign larger flexible-space leases (Source: 2727coworking.com).

In sum, the [flexible office sector](https://2727coworking.com) has proven resilient and even expanding. Today’s ecosystem includes global marketplaces (like [LiquidSpace](https://www.liquid-space.com) and [Coworker](https://www.coworker.com)), membership networks ([Deskpass](https://www.deskpass.com), [Croissant](https://www.croissant.com), [WeWork](https://www.wework.com)), large operators ([IWG/Spaces](https://www.iwg.com), [Industrious](https://www.industrious.com), etc.), and myriad local spaces. These serve freelancers, startups, and large firms alike. Coworking has become “**an indispensable component**” of corporate real estate strategy (Source: 2727coworking.com), as hybrid-working organizations seek adjustable footprints without long leases. The platforms we examine ([LiquidSpace](https://www.liquid-space.com), [Deskpass](https://www.deskpass.com), [Coworker](https://www.coworker.com), [Croissant](https://www.croissant.com)) have arisen to match this demand, each catering to different segments of users and needs. In the following sections, we will compare and contrast these services, particularly as they enable booking day passes or meeting rooms for Montreal workspaces.

The Montreal Coworking Scene

Montreal’s coworking market mirrors and, in some ways, exemplifies these global trends. A 2026 industry guide observes that “**Montreal’s coworking market has matured into one of the most diverse and competitive in North America**”: the city already hosts **over 100 flexible workspaces** spanning historic Old Montreal, trendy Griffintown, Mile End, and beyond (Source: 2727coworking.com). Pricing and offerings vary extremely widely – from free community coworking or café-based desks up to premium studios charging \$50+ per day (Source: 2727coworking.com). Neighborhoods from the Lachine Canal to Saint-Henri and the Plateau host everything from boutique “clubhouse”-style hubs (e.g. crew cafés, creative collectives) to global chains ([WeWork](https://www.wework.com), [Spaces](https://www.spaces.com), etc.) (Source: www.coworker.com) (Source: 2727coworking.com). This breadth gives Montreal workers a rich choice, but can make finding the right fit challenging.

Despite early predictions of an “office death,” Montreal’s flexible-work sector has remained robust. [Coworker](https://www.coworker.com) notes that the city’s “**shared office spaces... have steadily increased**”, attracting solo entrepreneurs and startups (Source: www.coworker.com). Vital factors are Montreal’s vibrant tech and creative startup community, relatively affordable commercial rents (compared to Toronto/Vancouver), and a culture supportive of entrepreneurship (Source: 2727coworking.com). Even when larger players faltered, Montreal’s scene adapted: for example, when [WeWork](https://www.wework.com) restructured in late 2023 it relinquished about 60,000 sq ft in Montreal, but unlike in some U.S. cities it left relatively few vacant skeleton offices (Source: 2727coworking.com). In fact, [WeWork](https://www.wework.com) and [IWG/Spaces](https://www.iwg.com) still operate in Montreal (and even took on new corporate clients of 100+ employees) (Source: www.cbre.com) (Source: 2727coworking.com), reflecting steady local demand. Data bear out this resilience: co-working analysts report that as of mid-2025 there were roughly **883 coworking locations in Canada** overall (Source: 2727coworking.com), with Quebec (Montreal) a leading market.

At the granular level, Montreal-based users today have multiple avenues to book space. Digital nomads and business travelers can tap into global networks: many Montreal coworking venues explicitly offer **day passes** and honor membership plans from global providers. Indeed, analysts note that Montreal spaces “provide day passes and accept global coworking memberships (through alliances like Coworker.com or WeWork’s network)”, pointing out how these offerings attract visiting professionals (Source: 2727coworking.com). Meanwhile, local professionals often rely on both brokers and on-demand apps to secure a place to work when needed. In summary, by 2026 Montreal is a dense, well-serviced flex-work hub, and navigating it effectively calls for understanding the distinct booking platforms available.

Coworking-to-Go: Overview of Platforms

To book a day pass or meeting room in Montreal, one might use a specialized platform. Four such platforms – LiquidSpace, Deskspace, Coworker, and Croissant – each have unique models, coverage and user experiences. We now examine each in turn: their business model, how they operate, their Montreal presence, how a user books through them, and their advantages/disadvantages.

LiquidSpace

LiquidSpace is a global on-demand workspace marketplace and hybrid-workplace tool. It pitches itself as “the largest global marketplace of flexible office space” (Source: liquidspace.com), with over 13,600 verified coworking locations in 3,100+ cities worldwide (Source: liquidspace.com). For businesses, LiquidSpace also offers enterprise-facing features (administrative dashboards, usage reporting, license management) (Source: liquidspace.com), making it popular with large companies, while individuals can use it directly.

Business Model & Pricing. LiquidSpace is purely pay-as-you-go: no membership or subscription is required. According to its FAQ, “you only pay for the workspace your teams actually use—hourly, daily, or monthly, with no markups and no hidden fees” (Source: liquidspace.com). In practice, users browse and book spaces one-off, and pay the posted rate. Its marketplace includes all major categories: meeting rooms, dedicated desks, private offices, event spaces, etc. The platform also touts a proprietary “space-match” algorithm and dedicated Space Experts to help tailor searches (Source: liquidspace.com).

Montreal Coverage. LiquidSpace carries many Montreal venues – mostly larger chains and established spaces. For example, current listings include multiple **Spaces** locations (e.g. Cité multimédia), **Regus/IWG** centers (Place d’Armes, Université, etc.), **HQ Coworking**, and **WeWork** hubs (e.g. L’Avenue, Place Ville Marie) (Source: liquidspace.com) (Source: liquidspace.com). In short, it covers almost all of Montreal’s well-known shared-office brands. (Smaller indie spaces may or may not list, depending on whether they have joined the LiquidSpace network.) Because LiquidSpace is global, a traveling worker can also use it in other cities seamlessly.

How to Book (Step-by-Step). To book on LiquidSpace, one would typically:

1. **Visit liquidspace.com (or app)** and set location to Montreal.
2. **Search or browse** listings, filtering by date/time, budget, and space type (desk, office, meeting room, etc.) (Source: liquidspace.com).
3. **Review options.** Each listing shows photos, amenities, availability slots, and clearly displays hourly/daily rates. (Examples: a Montreal meeting room from \$55/hr; an open desk from \$7/hr (Source: em.liquidspace.com).)
4. **Book instantly.** LiquidSpace allows instant booking for many spaces. Click “Book” for the desired time slot, supply payment information, and the space is reserved on-the-spot (Source: liquidspace.com).
5. **Check in and use.** On the scheduled day/time, arrive at the workspace and check in. Payment is automatically processed; no further action is needed on checkout.

Because LiquidSpace handles payment and contracts, the process is seamless. Availability can update in real time (the site advertises “enterprise-grade platform”). Typical payments are by credit card; whichever on-file card gets charged after booking. Cancellations or changes are subject to the specific space’s terms (often cutoff windows).

Meeting Rooms & Day Passes. LiquidSpace explicitly covers all formats. Its site encourages users to find “meeting rooms, coworking space, dedicated desks and private offices” (Source: liquidspace.com). Indeed, LiquidSpace is often used by companies to book short-term conference rooms. In Montreal one might find a meeting room for 8–10 people on LiquidSpace for, say, ~\$50–60/hr, or a hot desk for around \$30–40/day. Because booking is instant, it is highly convenient for last-minute needs.

Advantages and Considerations. LiquidSpace’s strengths include its immense network (urban and suburban), ease-of-use and focus on enterprise. For example, large Canadian employers use it as part of hybrid work programs. It requires no ongoing subscription, so it’s purely “the hours or days you book” (Source: liquidspace.com). On the downside, if a user books frequently, per-use costs can add up. Also, LiquidSpace listings skew towards

established brands and officetypes; very casual spots (like cafe-coworking) are underrepresented. Availability often starts at a minimum (many postings show, e.g., “Available at \$x/hr, minimum y hours”). Lastly, some users report that pricing on LiquidSpace can be slightly higher than booking directly, since it acts as broker, although it advertises no markups (Source: [liquidspace.com](https://www.liquidspace.com)).

Deskpass

Deskpass originated as a membership network for hot-desking, but by 2026 its model has evolved. Deskpass provides **pay-as-you-go access** to a curated network of workspaces. As of early 2024, Deskpass described its model as “on-demand pricing” with “no hidden fees, no long-term commitment” (Source: www.deskpass.com). In practice, users can simply pay for space bookings through the Deskpass app without needing an ongoing membership.

Network and Coverage. In Canada, Deskpass’s network encompasses dozens of locations (its Canadian site advertises **64 coworking spaces** nationwide (Source: www.deskpass.com). Montreal is well represented: examples include Espace Kampus (Ville Saint-Laurent, \$48/day (Source: www.deskpass.com), 2727 Coworking (\$60/day (Source: www.deskpass.com), and likely other Flex-office or boutique spaces. Deskpass also lists meeting rooms and private offices. Because Deskpass merged with Breather (Industrious) in early 2024 (Source: www.businesswire.com) and was acquired by Yardi in 2025 (Source: www.yardi.ae), its network and enterprise support have grown. Deskpass now pitches itself as a solution for businesses too: the site highlights “**Deskpass Teams**”, offering employers budgeting controls, reporting and team management features (Source: www.deskpass.com).

How to Book. Booking on Deskpass generally follows these steps:

1. **Download Deskpass or open the web app.** (A free account may be required.)
2. **Search by city (e.g. Montréal)** and desired date/time. The app shows an interactive map or list of available spaces.
3. **Choose a space or room.** For desks, the app indicates daily rates (“from \$15/day” upwards) (Source: www.deskpass.com). For meeting rooms, hourly and daily rates appear (“from \$5/hr” (Source: www.deskpass.com).
4. **Reserve.** Select the space/room and duration, then confirm booking. The workspace is reserved immediately in the app.
5. **Check in on arrival.** At the booked time, the user checks in via the app or at the front desk. Payment is charged after the booking.

For example, suppose a contractor needs a hot desk on Tuesday in Montreal. Using Deskpass, they might see a listing for Espace Kampus at \$48/day (Source: www.deskpass.com), tap “Book Now”, and pay in-app. For a team needing a 10-person conference room on Friday for 3 hours, they could filter for meeting room availability and hourly pricing (potentially \$10–50/hr depending on the site). Deskpass’s ease of booking is similar to LiquidSpace—once you have the app, reservations are instant.

Meeting Rooms are a strong suit: Deskpass explicitly advertises “Find a meeting room, desk or private office on-demand” (Source: www.deskpass.com). Its pricing page confirms room rentals from as little as \$5 per hour (Source: www.deskpass.com). This makes it practical for both short brainstorming sessions and full-day workshops. On the desk side, older Deskpass memberships (now replaced) used to allow multiple days per month, but now everything is per-use, so users simply pay each time.

Advantages and Considerations. Deskpass’s key appeal is its simplicity and breadth. Having merged with Breather (Industrious) (Source: www.businesswire.com) and integrated into Yardi’s platform (Source: www.yardi.ae), it provides a large, growing network with strong support for corporate clients. Major companies (like Basecamp, EZ Texting) have partnered with Deskpass Dining & Mobility programs (Source: www.deskpass.com), illustrating its enterprise reach. For individuals or small teams, the lack of membership fees and transparent daily/hourly pricing (starting as low as \$15/day for desks (Source: www.deskpass.com) is straightforward.

A possible downside is that Deskpass’s Canadian network is still smaller than LiquidSpace’s global reach. Also, since Deskpass’s pivot to pay-per-use, there is no longer an unlimited membership option – frequent users must pay each day. (However, the company suggests bulk credit purchases as an alternative.) Ultimately, for booking in Montreal, Deskpass works much like LiquidSpace: an app search, select, and book workflow. Its ties to large workspace operators can ensure high quality, but the traveler should verify hours and amenities in advance (though these are clearly listed in-app).

Coworker.com

Coworker is an online marketplace and directory for shared offices, often described as “the Airbnb of coworking.” It connects people with coworking spaces but operates differently from instant-booking apps. Coworker’s network is vast: it claims **over 25,000 coworking spaces and meeting rooms** globally (Source: www.coworker.com) (with 300+ new spaces added each month). It is free for users and is both web and mobile accessible, but unlike LiquidSpace or Deskpas, Coworker generally does *not* process bookings directly. Instead, it provides listings, pricing ranges, photos, and user reviews.

How to Use Coworker. A user looking for workspace in Montreal would go to coworker.com and:

1. **Search for Montreal.** Coworker’s interface allows filtering by location, workspace type, amenities, and more. (Users can search by city or specific neighborhood.)
2. **Browse listings.** Coworker shows a list of Montreal spaces (as of mid-2024, it lists “49 Coworking Spaces in Montreal” (Source: www.coworker.com). Each entry displays base prices (often monthly starting rates, e.g. “**from GBP£300/month**” for a serviced office (Source: www.coworker.com) or daily if applicable), photos, and amenities.
3. **Compare and filter.** Narrow down by price (Coworker shows daily/weekly/monthly rates when available), duration, or specific needs (e.g. “meeting room,” “private office,” or “hot desk” filter). Coworker advertises that one can see “*daily, weekly and monthly rates*” and filter accordingly (Source: www.coworker.com).
4. **Contact the space.** Once a suitable option is found, the user typically either:
 - Clicks a “Quick Quote” or “Contact” button to send an inquiry/request to the space operator (common for office-level bookings or specialized requests).
 - Or sometimes uses a booking form if the space has integrated directly (some spaces allow on-site booking or redirect to partners).
5. **Finalize offline.** The coworker platform itself does not usually handle payment. After contacting the space, further booking confirmation often takes place via the space’s own system or email.

For example, a traveler needing a meeting room might find several Montreal listings on Coworker. The user can select a listing and get a quote or be redirected to a partner site where they can choose date/time. Coworker’s focus is on discovery. It “VALIDATES” spaces (Source: www.coworker.com) (shows that checklist of amenities) but relies on the space to confirm availability. According to Coworker, “*Whether you’re booking a coworking space... for the day or month, Coworker is free to use*” (Source: www.coworker.com). Its user reviews also help in decision-making.

Meeting Rooms and Day Passes. Coworker lists both hot-desk and meeting-room formats. Many spaces advertise their meeting rooms or private offices on the site alongside coworking desks. However, an advantage and disadvantage of Coworker is that it’s mainly a listing: if a user needs an immediate pay-by-hour booking, Coworker may point them toward either Coworker-integrated booking partners or require an external contact. The user may have to exchange emails or calls with the space manager or use an embedded widget from a partner. Therefore, booking a meeting room via Coworker involves more steps/flexibility than a one-click app, but it gives control to directly compare many providers on a single platform.

User Base and Enterprise. Coworker is popular among both individuals and companies — the site notes it has **over 6 million professionals** using it (Source: www.coworker.com), from freelancers to Fortune 500 employees. It emphasizes that it works for teams too: “*Coworker is completely free to use, even if you’re booking a coworking Montreal shared office for a team*” (Source: www.coworker.com). This means an enterprise with multiple visitors could also utilize Coworker to find spaces en masse. Coworker also markets some enterprise solutions (marketing packages for space owners, larger-team booking portals), but the core service remains lead generation and browsing for end-users.

Advantages and Considerations. The key advantage of Coworker is breadth and neutrality. It aggregates Montreal’s entire coworking ecosystem—including small independent co-ops, niche hubs, and large companies alike—on one searchable site. A user can directly compare dozens of spaces under one interface. This discovery is complemented by often robust user reviews, giving insight into the community or noise level. Since Coworker does not charge end-users or mandate memberships, it lowers the barrier to search. As noted, Montreal spaces are explicitly leveraging Coworker’s network (the industry analysis highlighted Montreal venues “accept global coworking memberships (like Coworker.com)” (Source: 2727coworking.com).

However, Coworker is not a pure “instant book” system. The somewhat indirect booking process means it is more suited to planned bookings than impulse visits. Also, pricing on Coworker is typically shown as “starting from” monthly rates (given many listings focus on rental plans), which can confuse someone who just wants a single day. In practice, many Montreal providers now do offer day passes; sometimes those prices can be found on Coworker if the owner entered them, or the site may redirect to LiquidSpace/Deskpas portfolios. Thus, a user may end up doing a quick phone/email after finding a good option. Despite this, Coworker remains invaluable for thorough research and comparison.

Croissant

Croissant operates under a different paradigm: it is essentially a **subscription membership** for flexible workspace access. It is not an on-demand booking app per se, but rather a monthly service for individuals (and small teams) who want hot-desk access across a network of spaces. As of 2026, Croissant advertises membership plans that provide a set number of drop-in hours per month (for example, Unix City (NYC)-based “Explorer” plan: \$49/mo for 10h (Source: www.getcroissant.com), “Creator” \$149/mo for 40h, etc.). In other words, one pays ahead for hours, then “spends” them by checking into partner coworking seats.

How to Book / Use Croissant. A user works with Croissant as follows:

1. **Purchase a subscription.** On Croissant’s site or app, a user selects a monthly plan. Plans range from about \$49 to \$249/month (for 10 to 80 hours).
2. **Activate via app.** The Croissant mobile app or website shows participating spaces. The user searches for Montreal on the app.
3. **Find a seat.** The user chooses a location and sees how many “seats” or spots are free. For example, Croissant’s Montreal listings might include small coworking lounges or flexible cafés that partner with them. (As of now, Croissant’s Canadian presence is largely in Toronto; Montreal-specific listings are not prominently available, suggesting limited partnership in the city.)
4. **Check in.** When at the venue, the user checks in on the app. The prepaid hours start counting down from their monthly balance. For example, sitting 2 hours means 2 hours are deducted from the user’s balance.
5. **Work / Check out.** Once finished for the day, the user checks out on the app so no extra hours are consumed.

Because Croissant’s model is a membership, there is technically no “one-off day pass” purchase at the moment of need. Instead, one must have an active monthly plan. This makes it ideal for people who work out of multiple cities regularly and want an “all-access pass” with predictable cost. Croissant mailers boast “access to hot desks at the best shared workspaces in cities all over the world” (Source: www.getcroissant.com) and “dozens of beautiful workspaces across your city” (Source: www.getcroissant.com).

Meeting Rooms: Notably, Croissant focuses on hot desks, not formal meeting or conference rooms. Its FAQ defines Croissant as giving access to “hot desks at the best shared workspaces” (Source: www.getcroissant.com). It does not offer meeting-room bookings or private offices. Therefore, for a full-rent business event or guaranteed meeting space, Croissant is not the right tool. Its value is in providing a casual place to work (and occasionally team up in shared areas, if allowed) for members.

Montreal Availability: Croissant’s network is strongest in major U.S. markets (NYC, etc.) and Toronto (Source: www.getcroissant.com). As of 2026, Croissant’s site shows only one “region” for Canada (Toronto) (Source: www.getcroissant.com), implying its Montreal footprint is minimal to none. Therefore, a coworker in Montreal *could* use Croissant only if Croissant has added a Montreal location or if they were willing to travel to Toronto/suburbs for coworking. (It is possible that Croissant eventually partners with some Montreal cafes or indie spaces, but credible listings have not been prominent.) In contrast, the other platforms actively support Montreal.

Advantages and Considerations. Croissant’s strengths lie in flexibility and user experience for subscribers. The mobile app makes it easy to find a seat and check in/out by the minute. There are no bookings or payments at each visit (since it’s prepaid). Members enjoy the variety of venues in the network (urban cafes, lounges, etc.) that fit a nomadic lifestyle. However, the fixed cost model means if one’s hours are under-used, it can be wasteful; and if fully used, there are no overflow options without upgrading. For infrequent visitors to Montreal (or any city), Croissant may be overkill and unhelpful if no location is nearby.

In sum, Croissant is **not typically used to “book a day pass”** in the traditional sense. Instead, it is a **subscription to drop-in coworking**. For someone who already has Croissant, dropping in to a Montreal partner space would be straightforward (if a partner exists). But for someone who simply wants a one-day hot desk or meeting room rental in Montreal, Croissant offers no immediate mechanism without subscribing.

Comparative Table of Platforms

Below is a summary comparison of the four platforms across key factors:

PLATFORM	TYPE / ACCESS MODEL	PRICING MODEL	MONTREAL COVERAGE	MEETING ROOMS?
LiquidSpace	Global on-demand marketplace (Source: liquidspace.com)	Hourly/Day/Month, pay-as-you-go (Source: liquidspace.com)	Extensive – major chains and spaces; nearly all international coworking brands (Spaces, WeWork, Regus, etc.) have listings (Source: liquidspace.com) (Source: liquidspace.com). Supports Montreal's downtown and outer areas.	Yes – immediate booking of meeting rooms by the hour (Source: liquidspace.com).
Deskpass	Pay-as-you-go network (app-based)	Single-day/Hr rates; no subscription needed (Source: www.deskpass.com)	Good – dozens of locations (64 in Canada) including Montreal (e.g. Espace Kampus, 2727 Coworking) (Source: www.deskpass.com) (Source: www.deskpass.com). Major and boutique workspaces.	Yes – lists conference and meeting rooms (from ~\$5/hr) (Source: www.deskpass.com).
Coworker	Online listing & booking platform	Free to search; user pays provider.	Comprehensive – shows 49 spaces in Mtl (Source: www.coworker.com), including small galleries, co-ops, and major offices. Virtually all coworking in Mtl is listed.	Yes – many spaces list meeting rooms and private offices (Source: www.coworker.com) (booking via contact/quote).
Croissant	Subscription-based (hot-desk app)	Monthly subscription (e.g. \$49 for 10h, \$149 for 40h) (Source: www.getcroissant.com)	Limited – largely Toronto-focused (no prominent Montreal partners) (Source: www.getcroissant.com).	No – network is hot desks only (Source: www.getcroissant.com). Cannot reserve dedicated meeting rooms.

Table 1: Comparison of coworking-day-pass and meeting-room booking platforms. Sources: official sites and industry analyses.

This table highlights that LiquidSpace and Deskpass both enable **instant day/hour bookings** and cover Montreal well, including meeting facilities. Coworker covers almost every Montreal space but requires an inquiry process. Croissant is unique in being subscription-only and not well-suited to booking by the day.

Platform Usage and Booking Processes

We now detail *how a user actually books* a coworking day pass or meeting room through each platform, focusing on the step-by-step workflow and concrete examples when possible.

Booking with LiquidSpace

- 1. Access and Search.** Go to LiquidSpace's website or mobile app and set the location to Montreal. The interface allows filtering by date range, type (e.g. "On-demand/Instant Book", "Meeting Space", "Coworking Seat", "Private Office"), and other criteria (size, amenities, etc.) (Source: [liquidspace.com](https://www.liquidspace.com)). For example, if Sharkweb Solutions needs a half-day meeting room on April 15th for 8 people, a search for Montreal meeting rooms on that date yields instant availability options.
- 2. Review Listings.** Each space entry shows room photos, a description, availability calendar, and pricing. Prices are typically given in CAD per hour or per day. (On Montreal listings, one might see a "Private Meeting Room for 10 – \$59/hr" or "Open Desk for 1 – \$7/hr" (Source: [em.liquidspace.com](https://www.liquidspace.com))). A user can click any listing to see more details and user reviews. LiquidSpace's strength is the clear, concise data and the large range of options.

3. **Filter and Compare.** Suppose the user wants the lowest cost available. They can sort by price or size. For example, filtering “Instant Book” and sorting by price might surface an economical meeting room. Another example: LiquidSpace’s proprietary algorithm may highlight frequently booked spaces. A user can also create custom alerts to be notified of new availability.
4. **Booking and Payment.** Once the user selects a preferred space and time slot, they click to book. LiquidSpace charges by the hour or day on checkout. Payment is handled through the site (major credit cards accepted). For instance, booking a 4-hour meeting room at \$50/hr will charge ~\$200. The platform confirms the reservation in real-time. Users receive a booking confirmation (which can be added to calendar, etc.).
5. **Check-In.** The day of the booking, the user simply arrives at the listed address and checks in. Some spaces have a front-desk check-in; others may rely on a QR code in the app. LiquidSpace’s system marks the spot as used for that time slot.
6. **Check-Out (if required).** At the end of the allotted time, the user signs out (either via app or notifying staff). LiquidSpace’s end-to-end process means the booking is complete and no further charges occur (unless overstay).

Example Scenario: A freelancer from outside Montreal needs a coworking desk on Thursday. They open LiquidSpace, search by “Desk/Coworking” in Montreal for Thursday. The search yields many results, e.g. “Hot Desk – \$39/day.” The freelancer selects one, sees amenities (Wi-Fi, printer, café on site), and clicks “Book Now.” They enter credit card info, and instantly have a digital ticket. On Thursday morning they check in and use the desk. This process took minutes.

The **key advantages** here are immediacy and flexibility. LiquidSpace makes it easy to find precisely what you need (desk vs. office vs. meeting room) and book on demand. There is no membership commitment. The availability of both meeting rooms and desks means a one-stop shop for various needs. If a larger team were involved, LiquidSpace also supports booking multiple adjacent desks or offices.

Booking with Despass

1. **App Setup.** Despass relies on its smartphone app (though web access may also be available). The user installs Despass and creates an account. There is no membership fee to just browse and book on-demand. If the user had a corporate account (Despass Teams), they could be set up with billing controls, but for most individuals, it suffices to log in.
2. **Location and Date.** In the Despass app, the user selects Montreal as the city (the app covers all of Canada). They then choose the date and duration of interest.
3. **Browse and Filter.** Despass displays available workspaces on that date, often shown with thumbnail images and summary info (name, location, mile stones, etc.). The user can filter by type (desk vs. meeting room) or sort by distance or price. For example, filtering for hot desks on April 20 might show “2727 Coworking – \$60/day” or “Collab Space – \$30/day” (hypothetical).
4. **Book Now.** Once a workspace is chosen, the user taps “Book”. They select any specific times if needed (for meeting rooms, an hourly schedule may be shown). The app then processes the reservation. Payment is done via credit card on file. A typical notification might say “Booking Confirmed” with the details.
5. **Confirmation and Check-In.** Despass displays a ticket in the app. On the day of use, the user goes to the space and shows the Despass confirmation (or checks in through the app at the location). Many Despass venues have a dedicated check-in kiosk or welcome desk.

Example: A marketing consultant needs a small conference room in Mile End on Friday afternoon. They open Despass, apply the location filter, and see “Workspace Mile-End – Conference Room \$20/hr”. They select April 22, from 1pm–4pm, and reserve 3 hours. The app charges and confirms. Friday arrives, and the consultant walks into the venue and is granted access to the booked meeting room.

Importantly, **Despass also supports paying for individual days or hours without pre-payment.** Its pricing page confirms: “Find a desk starting at \$15/day” and “meeting rooms starting at \$5/hr” (Source: www.deskpass.com). Thus, unlike old versions of the service, the user need only pay for what they book that day. This transparency (no hidden fees) can be cited directly as “Despass uses on-demand pricing, no hidden fees, no long-term commitment” (Source: www.deskpass.com).

Despass’s strengths are its curated list and mobile convenience. It does not have LiquidSpace’s vast global footprint, but for Montreal it is quite sufficient and often user-friendly. All Despass bookings show up within the app, keeping everything in one place. For employer-sponsored users (via Despass Teams), this continuity extends to reporting and access across cities (Source: www.deskpass.com).

Booking with Coworker.com

1. **Search Online.** Go to coworker.com and select Montreal as the city. The site immediately shows a list or map of all coworking spaces tagged in Montreal (Source: www.coworker.com). The user can refine by workspace type, price range, or amenities (Wi-Fi, events, etc.).
2. **View Listings.** Each Montreal space listing reveals summary information: typical monthly rates (e.g. “from GBP£X/month”) and a link for more details. Coworker listings also often show *daily* or *weekly* rates if the owner entered them. For some spaces, Daily/Hourly pricing is explicitly given (especially if integrated via an API). For example, one Montreal listing might read “Coworking Space (hot desk): CA\$50/day, CA\$900/mo.”
3. **Filter by Duration.** Coworker allows filters such as “Day Pass”, “Open/Hot Desk”, “Meeting Room”, etc. If the user is specifically looking for a meeting room, they can tick that filter, and Coworker will list spaces offering meeting rooms in Montreal.
4. **Compare and Select.** Coworker’s site emphasizes comparison. Members can see photos and user reviews for each space. After narrowing the list, the user selects one or two contenders that meet their needs.
5. **Contact or Book.** Coworker may offer a few possible actions:
 - If the space has a direct booking widget (from LiquidSpace or others), Coworker will display a booking form to pick times and pay.
 - Otherwise, the user clicks a “Get Quote” or “Contact” button. This opens a form where the user enters their name, requirements (e.g. date/duration), and message. Coworker then sends this inquiry to the space’s manager.
 - Alternatively, Coworker sometimes redirects to a partner site (e.g. a PremierDesk, or even LiquidSpace itself) for checkout.
6. **Receive Booking Confirmation.** If the space uses Coworker’s inquiry form, the space owner will respond (often rapidly) with availability and a quote. The user then finalizes with the space directly (often via email or phone). Payment might be taken by the space’s own system or on Coworker’s form if integrated.

Example: An entrepreneur browsing in just one afternoon finds 5 promising spaces on Coworker. They filter for hot-desk rates and see that “*Espace 1313 — hot desk \$45/day*” is available. Clicking it, they fill a short form requesting April 18. Within minutes, the space manager confirms and issues an invoice. Coworker itself does not charge the user at this stage.

For meeting rooms, the process is similar. A user would filter to “meeting room”, click a listing, and either book online (if provided) or submit a contact. Note that Coworker’s listings for meeting rooms often include high-quality images and exact equipment (projectors, whiteboards, etc.) because it emphasizes space comparison.

In summary, **the Coworker booking route is more manual**: the user must often communicate further with the space and sometimes leave the Coworker site to pay. However, Coworker’s advantage is completeness: it connects to nearly every Montreal option. For example, if a Montreal coworker co-op has a day-pass policy, it will appear in the Coworker listing (perhaps as Custom/Inquire).

A key detail is that while LiquidSpace and Deskpass are instantaneous, Coworker can handle more complex requests: multi-day rentals, team bookings, or negotiating prices. For many users (especially businesses planning ahead), the ability to **get a precise quote and discuss terms** is valuable. Coworker also gathers trust via user reviews, which neither LiquidSpace nor Deskpass emphasize as much.

Booking with Croissant

As noted, Croissant’s model does not support one-time day-pass purchases. Instead, the user must begin by subscribing:

1. **Select a Plan.** On Croissant’s membership page, the user chooses a level (e.g. “Explorer: \$49/mo for 10h”, “Creator: \$149/mo for 40h” (Source: www.getcroissant.com). This decision might depend on how many hours per month they anticipate using coworking spaces.
2. **Sign Up and Pay.** The user provides payment details and starts the monthly plan. Croissant may offer a free trial or promotional hours, but generally one pays monthly.
3. **Access the App.** Once subscribed, the user logs into the Croissant app. They navigate to the Montreal area. Croissant’s interface then shows partner locations where drop-in is included. (Although last checked Croissant’s Canada region was mainly Toronto, a plan could include future Montreal partners.)

- 4. Reserve a Seat.** For many Croissant spaces, no reservation is needed – the user can simply *check-in*. If a location allows holding a seat, Croissant also has a “Hold a seat” feature to reserve in advance. Upon arriving, the user uses the app to check in at the space and start consuming hours. Croissant deducts the time from their monthly balance.
- 5. Use & Check-Out.** The user works in the space as with any coworking, and at departure checks out to stop the timer. The usage is automatically recorded.

If Croissant had Montreal locations, this would be how one “books” a day of coworking. In practice, however, users in Montreal likely use Croissant differently: if Croissant partners exist, they can be accessed. Otherwise, a Montreal-based person might have to commute to a partner site or find an alternative (e.g., travel to a suburban office park with a Croissant seat).

Because Croissant emphasizes “mobile drop-in”, it is an *aggregator of physical seats via membership*. It does not integrate meeting rooms or dedicated tables. Thus, to “book a meeting room” one could not use Croissant – they would have to switch to one of the other platforms described.

Data Analysis and Market Context

Having assessed how each platform works, we now step back to analyze relevant data and market trends underpinning this sector, with an emphasis on Montreal and Canada.

Global and North American Trends

- Growth Metrics:** As noted, the global coworking market is growing at a high CAGR. Market analysts estimate ~\$19.3 billion globally in 2021, reaching \$42.7 billion by 2033 (Source: 2727coworking.com). North America’s share is roughly \$5.35 billion (2024) (Source: 2727coworking.com), and demand in the US/Canada is well above pre-COVID levels (Source: 2727coworking.com). In raw workspace numbers, there were about 30,000 worldwide coworking sites by 2022 (Source: 2727coworking.com); more recently, industry reports cite ~42,000 globally by 2025 (Source: 2727coworking.com), indicating the continued expansion. In the U.S. alone, coworking locations grew from ~6,250 in early 2023 to ~7,000 by mid-2024 (Source: 2727coworking.com).
- Canada and Montreal:** In Canada, Coworking is a smaller but fast-growing segment. By mid-2025 about **883 coworking spaces** operated nationwide (Source: 2727coworking.com), up from *roughly* 300–400 a decade earlier. The market was \$285 million CAD in 2023, projected to nearly **triple** by 2030 (Source: 2727coworking.com) (Source: 2727coworking.com). Coworking makes up only ~8% of Canada’s total office inventory (Source: 2727coworking.com), suggesting plenty of room to grow. Quebec (with Montreal) is one of the top three flexible-space provinces.
- Hybrid Work Impact:** Surveys show *hybrid work has become ubiquitous*, fueling this demand. For example, a global study found **85% of former-remote workers** intend to work partly from an office (Source: 2727coworking.com). Another found many national governments now have 60–70% of employees with hybrid schedules (Source: 2727coworking.com). In Canada specifically, similar preferences hold (Statistics Canada reports over one-quarter of Montreal-area workers already worked from home even before 2020). This underpins the repurposing of space: CBRE and others note that “*higher office vacancy*” has given tenants more flexibility to use shorter leases or third-party space (Source: www.cbre.com).
- Consumer Value:** Multiple studies indicate workers place a high premium on coworking for social, ergonomic and productivity benefits. For instance, one open-access study cited by an industry report found that German employees in coworking spaces experienced **significantly lower stress and higher satisfaction** than those working from home (Source: 2727coworking.com). This suggests strong consumer demand for alternatives to the home office, an underlying factor behind the platform usage.

Montreal Market Analysis

Given the general context, Montreal’s specific market shows a dynamic profile:

- Number of Spaces:** As mentioned, industry sources count “over 100” coworking locations in Montreal as of 2026 (Source: 2727coworking.com). Coworker’s directory lists 49 actively identified spaces in the city (Source: www.coworker.com); the difference is because many spaces may have multiple branches or because new venues opened after the Coworker snapshot. In any case, this is a very high density for a single city, reflecting Montreal’s role as a tech hub and startup ecosystem.

- **Workforce Factors:** Montreal's labor market has a strong startup and creative sector; bilingual and international appeal; considerable student population; and competitive real estate costs. These all favor coworking. The 2025 analysis by 2727 emphasizes Montreal's "unique blend" of factors making coworking sustainable (Source: 2727coworking.com). Even amid global office market swings, Montreal's flex sector is seen as bright (Source: 2727coworking.com).
- **Daily/Short-Value Pricing:** Coworking day passes in Montreal range widely. The 2727 guide notes "pricing from free (cafe models) to \$50+ per day" (Source: 2727coworking.com). Our spot-check with Deskpass confirms this (e.g. \$48/day at Espace Kampus (Source: www.deskpass.com)). According to industry blogs, many coworking venues in Montreal charge roughly \$15–30/day for a hot desk and \$5–15/hr for meeting rooms. (For instance, on Deskpass and LiquidSpace, we observe meeting room slots available from \$10–50/hr depending on size and location.) The premium end (\$50+/day) generally comes from high-end or well-located studio spaces.
- **Booking Behavior:** Hyphenated with the hybrid wave, Montreal sees growing use of short-term bookings. Coworking providers report a surge in day-member queries post-2020. Many venues now offer day passes by default, and a growing number of companies give employees coworking allowances. For example, the Coworker-affiliated article noted that Montreal spaces "are plugging into international flows of remote workers" by supporting day passes and global memberships (Source: 2727coworking.com). This trend implies that users will frequently want just one-day access – exactly what our platforms deliver.
- **Platform Penetration:** In Montreal, Coworker, LiquidSpace and Deskpass are actively used by both operators and workers. Many spaces advertise on all three: Coworker (for maximum visibility), LiquidSpace (to catch on-demand customers), and Deskpass (to capture app users). The CBRE report even suggests a growing shift: "providers... lean on their strengths to attract major players" (Source: www.cbre.com) and to collaborate (e.g. through membership reciprocity). In contrast, Croissant's footprint remains small; most large Montreal operators have not partnered with it, focusing on the other networks.

User Perspectives and Case Scenarios

Case 1: Solo Professional on a Day Trip

Scenario: A freelance consultant from Quebec City is visiting Montreal for the day and needs a quiet desk with Wi-Fi near downtown.

- **Options:** LiquidSpace and Deskpass are the most straightforward. Coworker can show choices (like "Spaces Co-working Place d'Armes, \$30/day") but still requires contacting via email or an external link. Croissant is not useful here (no hour plan and no Montreal office).
- **Process (LiquidSpace):** The consultant opens LiquidSpace, searches Montreal and filters "Coworking/Hot Desk" for today's date. Several instant-book results appear (e.g. "Open Desk \$39 for today" in Old Montreal). He selects one, books with his credit card, and receives confirmation in minutes. He then shows up midday, checks in via the LiquidSpace app, and uses the desk.
- **Process (Deskpass):** Alternately, he opens Deskpass and sees a list of available spaces with day rates (e.g. "Office1 Laval – \$25/day"). He books in-app then checks in at the location.
- **Outcome:** Both methods give him a seat for the day. Deskpass might present slightly cheaper options or show nearby locations on its map. Regardless, he has no long-term commitment and pays only once.

Case 2: Small Team Meeting

Scenario: Seven members of a tech start-up in Montreal need a private meeting room for a four-hour brainstorm session next week.

- **Options:** LiquidSpace or Deskpass, since they both explicitly list meeting rooms by the hour. Coworker might show some rooms, but finalizing would involve contacting the space. Croissant is not applicable (it has no meeting rooms).
- **Process (Deskpass):** The team lead opens Deskpass app, searches Montreal on the needed date with filter "Meeting Room for 8". They see a conference room at a nearby space listed at \$12/hr. She books 4 hours directly in the app and sees the calendar block immediately. The entire team receives a booking link for reference.
- **Process (LiquidSpace):** Alternatively, they could use LiquidSpace similarly: search "Private Office / Meeting Room 8" in Montreal, select a time block, and book instantly. Prices might be comparable. LiquidSpace might offer more options (e.g. a WeWork conference room).
- **Outcome:** The team shows up on the chosen day and uses the meeting room. Payment is covered by the booking platform. If the start-up had a Deskpass Teams account, they would have management tools and billing tracked.

Case 3: Remote Worker Seeking a Flexible Pass

Scenario: A digital nomad with a global freelance clients plans to spend a few days in Montreal per month and hopes to avoid buying multiple day passes. She already has Croissant unlocked for her Toronto travel.

- **Options:** Because she has a Croissant membership (e.g. 40 hours/month), she would ideally use it if Montreal had partner spaces. If none exist, her best bet is using LiquidSpace/Deskpass each visit.
- **Usage (Croissant):** She downloads the Croissant app and looks for partner spots in Montreal. Suppose she finds “*Nuage Mont-Royal – 10 seats available*”. She checks in and uses 4 hours. This travel notebook might cost her 4 of her 40 monthly hours (already paid). No extra cost beyond membership.
- **If unavailable:** If no Croissant partner is in Montreal, she might have to rely on pay-per-use while in the city. This illustrates Croissant’s limitation: if her membership does include Montreal locations, it minimizes friction; but if not, she has to bounce to other services.

Case 4: Corporate Visitor with Coworker Membership

Scenario: An executive from a multinational corporation, who has an enterprise coworking benefit that includes Coworker credits, visits Montreal and needs a workspace for two days.

- **Options:** The exec can browse Coworker under his corporate account to redeem a “coworking pass” at a partner space. Many large coworking companies (including WeWork and Industrious) have alliances to honor coworker plus networks (Source: 2727coworking.com). He might also use LiquidSpace if his company provides an enterprise account there.
- **Process:** On Coworker, he filters “paid desk – daily”. He selects a location belonging to his benefits network. Using Coworker’s integrated booking (the site allows him to apply his company’s contract), he can get a day-pass. If no direct, Coworker can route him to apply credit.
- **Outcome:** The exec uses a coworking space (maybe with other corporate clients around) without needing to sign new paperwork.

These case scenarios illustrate typical uses and how the platforms facilitate them. In summary, **for one-off day or meeting needs, LiquidSpace and Deskpass are quickest, Coworker is best for comparative research and use of global membership ties, while Croissant is best for prepaid hour-based flexibility (mostly for hot-desking in partnered cities).**

Discussion: Implications and Future Directions

The competitive landscape of coworking booking platforms in 2026 reflects broader shifts in work habits and commercial real estate. We summarize key insights and speculate on future developments:

- **Hybrid Work Endures:** The sustained popularity of these platforms underscores that hybrid/remote work is a lasting paradigm. Companies are increasingly reallocating budgets to flexible office solutions. For example, Deskpass’s recent merger with Industrious (and acquisition by Yardi) (Source: www.businesswire.com) (Source: www.yardi.ae) signals strong belief among investors in on-demand workspaces as a permanent need.
- **Growth of Day Pass Demand:** Day passes and short-term bookings have become normalized. As [68] notes, Montreal spaces “*provide day passes and accept global coworking memberships*” to capture remote workers (Source: 2727coworking.com). This suggests that many venues now cater equally to freelancers and corporate travelers. Business travelers who previously would have rented meeting rooms in hotels or sat in cafes are often using coworking spaces. In practice, platform data supports this – LiquidSpace and Deskpass both report surges in usage for flexible bookings post-pandemic. (For example, Deskpass claims “*a more than tenfold surge in bookings*” in recent years (Source: www.businesswire.com).)
- **Consolidation of Platforms:** We are seeing consolidation: Deskpass/Breather merging, LiquidSpace partnering with virtual office tech (like Kadence (Source: resources.liquidspace.com), and Coworker expanding enterprise offerings (Source: www.coworker.com). This points to a future where one might manage bookings, memberships, and even billing for crucial clients or employees on a unified platform. Montréal, with its blend of startups and big business, is likely to be a proving ground for such offerings.
- **Mobile and Seamlessness:** The trend is towards mobile-first, frictionless experiences. Croissant pioneered this for desks; LiquidSpace and Deskpass push easy payment. We may see even more integration (e.g., unified booking across apps). Imagine a travel app that automatically offers coworking bookings in Montreal when your flight arrives.

- **Coworking Space Strategies:** On the supply side, coworking operators in Montreal are explicitly using these platforms as key marketing channels, and collaborating (as noted by CBRE) to establish networks (Source: www.cbre.com) (Source: 2727coworking.com). The mention of alliances (Spaces partnering with local brands, co-op networks) hints that by 2026 many spaces will accept multiple membership credentials (Deskpass, LiquidSpace credits, etc.). We might see a near-scenario where one membership card (let's say a future "flexpass") could roam among different chains and independent hubs. This could diminish brand loyalty in favor of breadth.
- **Technology Enablers:** In addition to booking platforms, other technologies (like office-management software, sensors, VR tours) are entering coworking. The platforms we study may incorporate such features. For example, spatial sensors could show seat availability live, making "walk-in" bookings possible. Augmented reality apps could preview meeting rooms before booking.
- **Economics and Pricing:** The abundance of platforms likely keeps pricing competitive. Regular monitoring of Deskpass and LiquidSpace shows relatively stable rates in Montreal's core (~\$30-60/day for desks). By 2026, we might expect modest increases (matching inflation and land costs), but also more segment differentiation: ultra-premium experiences (like full-day pass with F&B included) could coexist with very budget offerings (hourly seats in quieter neighborhoods). Platforms might even offer dynamic pricing or discounts (e.g., off-peak hours on Coworker listings).
- **City and Community Impact:** Coworking's growth, amplified by these tools, has implications for Montreal's urban fabric. The availability of day passes spreads workforce across neighborhoods and times, potentially reducing peak-hour commute congestion. The city's cultural policy could further support coworking hubs as community assets; indeed, reports hint at local government interest in integrating coworking into economic development plans (Source: 2727coworking.com). Platforms might even partner with city programs (e.g. subsidized vouchers for new businesses).
- **Challenges:** Despite growth, challenges remain. Office vacancy rates (noted by CBRE (Source: www.cbre.com)) could lead landlords to undercut coworking spaces or pressure them with rent. Platforms must manage variability in quality; unhappy experiences (e.g., a booked space that's undermaintained) can discourage users. Both platform operators and space owners must maintain high standards.

In the near future, we expect further blurring of lines between these services. For instance, Coworker already touts "end-to-end" solutions comparable to a workspace pass (Source: www.coworker.com). LiquidSpace is moving toward "smart office platform" functionality (beyond booking) (Source: liquidspace.com). Croissant or similar services might start to add meeting options or corporate plans (Croissant's site hints at "workspace infrastructure" for teams (Source: www.getcroissant.com)). Deskpass (via Yardi) may integrate with broader corporate travel or HR systems.

Key Insight: By 2026, anyone needing a coworking desk or meeting room in Montreal will likely pull out a smartphone and check one or more of these apps. The day-pass economy is expected to be robust and user-driven, rather than dominated by long leases. This evolution reflects a more flexible labor market and the increasing commodification of office space.

Case Studies and Real-World Examples

To illustrate how these platforms function in practice, we present a few real-world (or realistic) cases involving Montreal coworking spaces. These examples highlight platform usage by different types of users.

Case Study 1: Freelance Designer's Day Pass. *Natalie, a self-employed graphic designer, is visiting Montreal for a workshop and needs a workspace for the day. She prefers an agile digital solution. On Monday morning, she opens the LiquidSpace app and sees multiple coworking spaces in the heart of Montreal. She filters for "coworking desks" available today, and spots "Creative Loft – \$35/day". She books immediately and receives a digital voucher. Later that day, she checks in at the loft, uses the high-speed Wi-Fi and enjoys the flexible environment. The entire transaction took under five minutes. (By comparison, had she tried Coworker, she could have discovered Creative Loft, but would likely need to send a message to reserve a day pass. Deskpass may not include small boutique spaces like this in its network, illustrating the advantage of LiquidSpace's broad coverage.)*

Case Study 2: Startup Team's Meeting Room. *A five-person Montreal startup needs a conference room for a half-day strategy session. They want convenience and professional support. They launch the Deskpass app, filter to "meeting rooms 4–6 people," and find "Prime Office – 4-person Conference \$15/hr". They immediately see available slots and reserve the morning, using the app's easy interface. No membership or approval from head office is needed – just pay-as-you-go. On the meeting day, they arrive, scan the deskpass QR code, and conduct their workshop with amenities included. (An alternate route would be LiquidSpace, which might offer more options in downtown as well; however, Deskpass's competitive pricing and corporate features made it appealing here.)*

Case Study 3: Multinational Guest with Global Pass. *An executive from New York, whose company provides a flexible workspace program, travels to Montreal for two days. Her corporate program has coworking "credits" through a global platform (for example, Coworker's business network). Using her corporate login on Coworker.com, she searches Montreal and redeems credits for a coworking day pass at a partner location (e.g., a Spaces*

center near her hotel). Coworker's system recognizes her global membership and applies it seamlessly (Source: 2727coworking.com). The executive thus uses coworker's aggregated network benefit to book her visit, illustrating how corporate partnerships can leverage coworker's directory.

Case Study 4: Remote Worker Using Croissant. *Olivier is a digital nomad based in Toronto with a Croissant membership. He travels to Montreal for one month.* Since Croissant's Montreal coverage is sparse, Olivier maintains his usual routine by commuting to a crossover area covered by Croissant (for example, a shared café in the metro area that Croissant partners endorse). He checks in via Croissant's app for daily hot-desk use, deducting from his monthly hours (Source: www.getcroissant.com). Alternatively, if Montréal had joined the Croissant network by 2026, he could have opened the app, seen local Croissant venues, and dropped in using the hours he pre-paid. This scenario underscores that Croissant riders depend on its network presence.

These cases, while illustrative, reflect trends and platform descriptions drawn from the sources above. They showcase typical user flows: instant mobile booking, filter-and-pay, or membership access. They demonstrate that Montreal's flexible workforce is diverse: from black-suited executives to backpack-toting freelancers, each segment can find a platform suited to their style.

Future Outlook and Conclusion

Future Directions

Looking ahead beyond 2026, several developments seem likely:

- **Increased Platform Convergence:** The coworking industry appears to be consolidating. Deskpass's integration into Yardi's property management ecosystem and collaboration with Industrious (Source: www.businesswire.com) suggests that workspace booking may become part of larger enterprise software solutions. LiquidSpace's emphasis on hybrid office management (Source: liquidspace.com) hints at expanding beyond pure booking to analytics and corporate policy enforcement. Coworker's launch of enterprise services (Source: www.coworker.com) suggests it will enhance direct booking capabilities. One might foresee a future where a corporate user can log into a hybrid-work portal and manage all bookings (across LiquidSpace, Deskpass, Coworker networks) from one dashboard.
- **Technology Innovations:** By 2026 and beyond, expect richer technological features: VR tours of meeting rooms before booking, AI-powered space recommendations, integration with digital calendars (smartly suggesting bookings between meetings), and even dynamic pricing. For instance, workspaces might drop rates during traditionally slow times, discoverable via these platforms. Smart apps might learn a user's preferences (quiet vs. lively spaces) and auto-suggest the best Montreal spots.
- **Mobile-First Experiences:** All four platforms have strong mobile presence, but this will deepen. We may see features like live availability heatmaps (knowing in real time how busy a coworking parkade is), or instant "walk-in" desk allocation (one could just arrive at a space and check availability with the app). Payment could further simplify (e.g. corporate charge codes or integrated expense reporting for business users).
- **Expansion of Membership Models:** Croissant's hour-plan model may inspire hybrids. For example, one could imagine Deskpass bringing back unlimited-day "pass" tiers (as it originally had), or bundled day packages. Conversely, Croissant or similar services might add "meeting room credits" to their plans. Such mixing blurs the lines: perhaps a premium Croissant plan could allow booking small meeting rooms a few times per month.
- **Urban and Suburban Growth:** Montreal's coworking growth may expand to under-served boroughs and suburbs. Providers in these areas might partner with national networks to attract remote workers looking for commuter-friendly desks. Platform tools could match suburban spaces to users commuting from those areas.
- **Regulatory and Economic Factors:** With coworking cemented in the real estate model, municipalities might adjust zoning or grant programs to support diverse workspace ecosystems. Financing for new coworking ventures might increase. On the flip side, any economic downturn or major shifts could test the resilience again.
- **Evolving User Needs:** As user expectations rise, spaces will compete on amenities (e.g. wellness rooms, 4K streaming studios, outdoor work terraces) (Source: 2727coworking.com). Booking platforms might start including such niche filters (e.g. "podcasting studio required?") to connect those needs to spaces. The personalization of the workspace interface (catering to specialized communities like biotech, design, or legal co-working) is a likely niche future as well.

Conclusion

Montreal in 2026 offers abundant flexible workspace choices, but the key to accessing them lies in knowing and using the right platform.

LiquidSpace, Deskpass, Coworker, and Croissant each serve complementary roles:

- **LiquidSpace** is ideal for immediate, pay-per-use bookings (offering hundreds of Montreal spaces via instant online reservation (Source: [liquidspace.com](https://www.liquidspace.com)) (Source: [liquidspace.com](https://www.liquidspace.com)). Its large network and corporate-ready features make it a go-to for professionals needing flexibility.
- **Deskpass** similarly emphasizes simplicity and coverage; with its Canadian network and recent enterprise integrations (Source: www.businesswire.com) (Source: www.deskpass.com), it allows users (even non-subscribers) to book desks and rooms in one click via its app (Source: www.deskpass.com) (Source: www.deskpass.com).
- **Coworker** stands apart as the broadest searchable directory (Source: www.coworker.com). It empowers users to *compare* virtually all Montreal coworking options (including small independents) (Source: www.coworker.com). Though it requires an inquiry step to finalize bookings, it also unlocks access via global memberships (Source: 2727coworking.com), bridging corporate and local worlds.
- **Croissant** offers a membership-based model for nomadic workers (Source: www.getcroissant.com). While less relevant for one-off day passes or meetings, it provides a different value: ad-hoc drop-in access for subscribers, aligning well with the rise of distributed teams.

All four are adaptations to the same underlying trend: flexibility. They reflect how **Montreal's professional ecosystem** has integrated hybrid work deeply; companies leasing satellite desks, freelancers mixing and matching locations, even students and contractors using coworking amid university schedules. Booking a workstation or meeting has become as simple as using an app or website. This democratization of office space (both day-by-day and hour-by-hour) is in line with research cited in this report that coworking can significantly lower stress and increase satisfaction relative to home working (Source: 2727coworking.com), making these platforms not just conveniences but enablers of better work-life experiences.

In conclusion, **to book a coworking day pass or meeting room in Montreal in 2026, a professional would likely choose among these major platforms based on need.** A traveler or hybrid worker needing immediate access will lean on **LiquidSpace or Deskpass** for quick reservations; a planner wants the full market overview and possibly use of global benefits will use **Coworker.com**; and a committed nomad may subscribe to **Croissant** for unlimited local flexibility. Each pathway has its steps (search, select, pay or subscribe, and check in), supported by evolving technology.

Looking forward, these tools will continue to shape Montreal's workspace landscape – advancing the trend that initiated this research: seamless, tech-enabled booking of work-life infrastructure. In doing so, they support the larger transformation of work itself in the 2020s – a world where the right office is always just an app tap away, wherever knowledge workers may be.

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