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Sensory-Friendly Coworking in Montreal: A Worker Checklist

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Executive Summary

Sensory-friendly coworking in Montreal is best assessed through an individual's control over the environment and the predictability of an ordinary workday. A quiet label, abundant daylight, or a private door cannot establish suitability. The National Autistic Society explicitly notes that an adjustment helpful to one autistic person can be unnecessary or unhelpful to another. (www.autism.org.uk) Autistic-led **Reframing Autism** recommends asking the person about sensory and communication preferences. (reframingautism.org.au) (reframingautism.org.au) The practical decision is whether essential needs can be met at the actual desk, during the intended schedule, with a usable alternative when conditions change.

This report proposes a **tour, trial, and follow-up method**, rather than a certification or clinical assessment. Inspect speech and background sound separately; test screen glare and lighting controls; ask about scent, cleaning, ventilation, temperature, movement, and crowding. Federal project guidance supports separating quiet, collaborative, and high-traffic areas. (www.canada.ca) The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's accessibility plan documents dimmable lighting and low-light areas, illustrating operational choices rather than a universal aesthetic. (www.canada.ca) A personal worksheet should record importance, observed conditions, control, predictability, recovery, and who owns the follow-up.

Commercial options can make testing possible, but do not establish sensory access. **ECTO** advertises a free trial day. (ecto.coop) **Halte 24-7** lists a day price of **CAD $32.50 plus tax**. (www.halte24-7.com) **2727 Coworking** lists a one-person private office at **CAD $700 per month plus taxes**. (2727coworking.com) These are different purchase models, not comparable sensory ratings. Research also requires restraint: a university survey collected **159 responses**, (www.frontiersin.org) while an employment synthesis included **34 articles**. (pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) Neither establishes how a Montreal coworking room will feel to a particular worker. No numerical score should replace testing an essential requirement.

For employees, workspace preferences and formal accommodation requests should follow distinct conversations. Quebec's human-rights commission describes an active accommodation duty for employers and service providers, subject to undue hardship. (cdpdj.qc.ca) (cdpdj.qc.ca) Federal employment guidance and voluntary standards are useful references, but their jurisdiction and status must remain explicit.

(www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca) (accessible.canada.ca) The recommended outcome is a written agreement about the seat, controls, room access, schedule, and review trigger. Choose a space only when the necessary conditions are observable and dependable; record unresolved conditions before making a longer commitment.

Introduction and Background

Searching for **neurodivergent-friendly coworking Montreal**, **autism-friendly coworking Montreal**, or **ADHD-friendly coworking Montreal** often starts with a category label. A better starting point is the work that must happen: concentrated reading, writing, calls, collaboration, or a mixture. The same person may want different environments for different tasks. The National Autistic Society describes both heightened and reduced sensory sensitivity and notes that sensitivity can vary with time and environment. (www.autism.org.uk) (www.autism.org.uk) Consequently, this guide does not equate sensory access with silence, darkness, or isolation.

Sensory-friendly here means an environment whose relevant conditions can be understood, anticipated, and adjusted to the user's needs. This is a working definition for the checklist, not a regulated designation. BSI's **PAS 6463** guidance addresses built environments for people with sensory or neurological processing differences. (knowledge.bsigroup.com) Accessibility Standards Canada's employment reference combines systemic and person-centred approaches. (accessible.canada.ca) Those perspectives support examining shared policies alongside the actual workstation and the individual's experience.

The audience includes freelancers choosing a membership, employees assessing an employer-approved location, and managers booking space for small teams. A solo worker needs practical answers about availability and control. A team also needs a way to accommodate conflicting preferences without treating the majority's preference as everyone's requirement. CHADD, the organization providing attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (**ADHD**) guidance, emphasizes that individuals have different workplace challenges. (chadd.org)

The report uses current first-party provider pages, official guidance, disability-led perspectives, and research. Provider statements are treated as descriptions to verify during a visit. Research findings are separated from proposed testing procedures. The proposed audit is a **personal observation tool**, not a diagnosis, certification, legal assessment, or promise of productivity. Its central question is practical: can the worker carry out the intended tasks, with acceptable conditions and usable options when a condition changes?

Key Changes: From Labels to Testable Conditions

The changes proposed here concern the selection process. They do not imply that every operator has adopted new designs or that a particular standard mandates each checklist item.

Replace universal preferences with individual requirements

Ask what the person needs before asking which workspace looks most welcoming. Reframing Autism recommends asking what can be adjusted in the environment and how the person prefers to communicate. (reframingautism.org.au) (reframingautism.org.au) A worker may welcome background activity while needing

predictable lighting. Another may need little visual movement while tolerating steady mechanical sound. These are possible combinations to investigate, not diagnostic categories.

Use **essential, helpful, or irrelevant** for each variable. Essential means a condition necessary for this person's proposed use. Helpful means a meaningful preference with acceptable alternatives. Irrelevant means the variable currently does not affect the choice. These are editorial worksheet labels, not validated classifications. Do not require someone to adopt every checklist item simply because they identify as neurodivergent.

Replace feature inventories with control tests

A lamp, blind, or booth becomes useful only when access and permission are clear. Ask whether the worker can change the setting, must request staff assistance, or has no control. Test the procedure. A room listed among amenities might be reserved for calls, meetings, or paid bookings; availability for decompression should be confirmed separately.

The National Autistic Society suggests a fixed workstation as one possible adjustment and a meeting room as a possible quiet-space option. (www.autism.org.uk) (www.autism.org.uk) The tour should translate those possibilities into specific questions: which seat is reserved, what happens when it is unavailable, and whether the alternative can actually be used during the intended hours.

Replace a pleasant tour with a representative trial

Advance information can reduce uncertainty. Reframing Autism suggests providing photographs of the space and a map, and avoiding surprise routine changes. (reframingautism.org.au) (reframingautism.org.au) Request an arrival description, the expected crowd pattern, and notice of events. Choose a trial period resembling the planned work schedule. A calm tour outside that period provides limited information about a busy workday.

A trial should examine arrival, sustained work, a call if relevant, a break, and departure. Record what changed between tasks. The proposed method is explained below; its duration should match the individual's tolerances and intended use. It has not been evaluated as a clinical instrument.

Separate shared design from individual arrangements

Federal funding guidance recommends flexible furniture layouts and zoned temperature controls. (www.canada.ca) (www.canada.ca) These are shared design choices. An individual might instead need a particular seat, a different schedule, or permission to use their own equipment. The question is which arrangement is both suitable and dependable.

A team should record disagreements explicitly. It should consider distinct zones or schedules rather than averaging different needs into a common score. The resulting agreement should name the person authorized to change settings and the process for reviewing the arrangement.

A Sensory Tour of the Actual Workstation

Sound: background, speech, peaks, and escape

Listen at the proposed desk while ordinary activities occur. Separate continuous sound from intermittent events, and speech from non-speech sound. Federal guidance identifies insulation around heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (**HVAC**) equipment and between spaces as a sensory-accessibility measure. (www.canada.ca) Laboratory office-speech research also treats the number of nearby talkers as a variable, reinforcing why a single description such as "quiet" is incomplete. (arxiv.org)

The tour checklist should include:

- **Baseline:** Observe mechanical hum, music, street sound, and room-to-room transmission.
- **Speech:** Test whether nearby conversations attract attention during the intended task.
- **Peaks:** Note doors, kitchen activity, deliveries, and changes during arrival periods.
- **Calls:** Ask where calls are expected and how the policy is communicated.
- **Recovery:** Try the route to an alternative space and confirm access conditions.

A curriculum hosted by the **Autistic Self Advocacy Network** recommends accessible sensory retreat rooms free of outside stimulation. (autisticadvocacy.org) A phone booth should therefore be evaluated as its own environment: lighting, ventilation, seating, booking, and permitted use. It should not automatically be treated as a decompression room. Test headphones if the worker normally uses them, while recording what the workspace is like without that mitigation. Do not treat personal equipment as evidence that an essential environmental request has been resolved.

Light and the visual field

Observe the desk from the working position, with the actual screen if possible. The **Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)** recommends positioning monitors and workstations to reduce glare and checking for steady illumination. (www.ccohs.ca) (www.ccohs.ca) Federal guidance also identifies dimmable, flicker-free lighting and daylight controls. (www.canada.ca)

- **Daylight:** Check the direction of light, reflections, and who can operate blinds.
- **Task lighting:** Test local controls and whether they affect neighbouring desks.
- **Flicker:** Record the observed concern and ask who can investigate the fixture.
- **Movement:** Check sightlines to corridors, doors, shared tables, and screens.
- **Transitions:** Walk between the desk, meeting room, kitchen, and exit.

CCOHS advises discussing flicker issues with a lighting manufacturer or supplier. (www.ccohs.ca) A tour photograph, a lamp's marketing label, or a casual phone-camera test should not be used in this audit as proof of a flicker-free installation. When a technical claim matters, request the supporting documentation and an appropriate assessment. CHADD identifies both noise and surrounding movement as potential external distractions. (chadd.org) The worker should therefore test screen orientation and seat location, not just light brightness.

Scent, air, temperature, and seating

Ask about cleaning products, scented amenities, food preparation, and advance notice of maintenance. CCOHS recommends that scent-free policies extend beyond perfume and cologne; it also cautions that an unscented label may include ingredients used to mask other smells. (www.ccohs.ca) (www.ccohs.ca) The practical questions are who receives a concern, which products or activities can change, and what alternative is available while the issue is addressed.

- **Scent:** Ask for the policy, its scope, and the contact responsible for applying it.
- **Air:** Observe vents and ask how ventilation concerns reach building management.
- **Temperature:** Test the seat near windows or vents, with usual clothing.
- **Seating:** Try chair adjustment, desk position, and room to move or stand.
- **Escalation:** Confirm who can authorize a change and when a response is expected.

CCOHS notes that no single temperature satisfies everyone and that air movement affects comfort. (www.ccohs.ca) (www.ccohs.ca) Record the individual's experience at the specific seat rather than assuming a thermostat reading establishes suitability. Ask whether moving desks is possible without losing an assigned workstation. A useful arrangement should also allow the worker to change posture or take a break when needed, an option included in CHADD's practical workplace strategies. (chadd.org)

Routes, crowding, and transition spaces

Walk the arrival route through the building, including the desk, washroom, call location, break area, and departure route. Federal guidance recommends predictable layouts, clear exits, and navigation cues. (www.canada.ca) CCOHS's lighting checklist also addresses frequent transitions between extremes of light and dark. (www.ccohs.ca) Record obstacles to understanding the route separately from sensory discomfort along it.

Ask whether furniture moves for events, which areas become crowded, and whether notices are available in the worker's preferred communication format. Try the route without continuous staff prompting. The aim is a repeatable sequence that the worker understands, with an alternative when the usual route or zone changes.

Implementation Considerations and Process Changes

Prepare and run a user-controlled trial

Before booking, write the tasks that must be supported and identify essential conditions. Ask for photographs, an arrival map, current policies, and realistic information about the trial period. If communication by email is preferable, request answers in writing. These preparations follow disability-led guidance to ask about communication preferences rather than assume them. (reframingautism.org.au)

Before the visit, customize the audit around the following decisions:

- **Essentials:** Name conditions that must be met for the proposed work.
- **Tradeoffs:** Record tolerable compromises and their limits.
- **Test time:** Select hours resembling the intended schedule and crowd pattern.

- **Communication:** Choose how questions and changes should be communicated.
- **Backup:** Decide what happens if an essential condition cannot be tested.

This report proposes the following **trial-day protocol**. It is a practical sequence, not an experimentally validated duration or therapeutic exercise. Use two focus blocks, a call where relevant, a break, and realistic arrival and departure. Shorten, rearrange, or stop the trial according to the worker's needs.

- **Arrive:** Use the planned entrance and note signage, waiting, and the first transition.
- **Set up:** Test the actual seat, equipment, light controls, and personal mitigation.
- **Focus:** Complete a representative task and record conditions without forcing endurance.
- **Call:** Test the permitted call location, including booking and the route back.
- **Break:** Try the recovery option and check whether access is dependable.
- **Return:** Complete the second focus block and compare changes in occupancy or conditions.
- **Leave:** Test departure at the intended time and record unresolved questions.

The National Autistic Society suggests diaries to identify sensory patterns. (www.autism.org.uk) Here the log records workspace observations only. Use the person's own words for intensity, such as comfortable, noticeable, difficult, or stop. These labels are not severity scales and should not be compared across people.

Table 1 is a reusable trial log, with an accompanying team record. Copy the fields and customize the labels before use.

Record	Time, zone, and task	Trigger and personal intensity	Mitigation and observed result	Follow-up
Personal focus block	Date/time; exact seat; intended task	What changed; the worker's own description	Control tried; whether it helped this task	Question; owner; response date
Personal call or break	Room; booking conditions; route	Light, sound, temperature, interruption, or other observation	Alternative tried; access actually available	Conditions needing confirmation
Personal arrival/departure	Entrance; waiting area; route; occupancy	Surprise, crowding, unclear direction, or no concern	Written instructions or alternative route used	Change needed before another visit
Team conflict record	Individual's optional identifier; zone; task; time	Separate needs and any conflict, without averaging	Separate zones, local controls, or schedules proposed	Consent to share; responsible owner; review trigger

Interpret the log as a record of **this trial under these conditions**. A successful focus block does not resolve an unavailable recovery option, and a difficult arrival does not tell the whole story about the desk. Share only the information necessary to arrange the workspace. A team record should preserve separate observations and avoid ranking people by whose preferences are easiest to meet.

Have an accommodation conversation appropriate to the jurisdiction

A freelancer can request a commercial arrangement; an employee may also need an employer's accommodation process. Quebec's Charter protects rights without discrimination based on disability, addresses employment discrimination, and addresses goods or services ordinarily offered to the public. (www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca) (www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca) (www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca) These provisions do not make this checklist a legal test of a specific coworking agreement.

The **Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (CDPDJ)** describes accommodation as an active duty for employers and service providers, with undue hardship limiting that duty. (cdpdj.qc.ca) (cdpdj.qc.ca) It asks people making requests to provide necessary information and collaborate in identifying a solution. (cdpdj.qc.ca) A useful request identifies the work barrier, the needed outcome, possible adjustments, and the proposed way to review whether the arrangement works.

The **Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC)** workplace guide is for federally regulated employers. (www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca) It distinguishes accommodating needs from delivering the worker's preferred option and says a specific medical diagnosis need not be disclosed in the request. (www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca) (www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca) Those are statements about that federal guide, not a blanket statement of Quebec procedures. Confirm the applicable jurisdiction and process before relying on them.

- **Barrier:** Describe the condition affecting the proposed work.
- **Outcome:** State what must become possible, rather than only naming a preferred product.
- **Options:** Propose a seat, room, local control, schedule, or alternative arrangement.
- **Responsibility:** Identify who coordinates with the operator and building manager.
- **Review:** Set a trigger for revisiting an ineffective or changed arrangement.

CNESST's employer guidance addresses worker conditions even at a location outside the employer's authority. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) The federal guide likewise states that outsourcing accommodation services does not remove the employer's responsibility for the process. (www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca) The practical recommendation is to confirm responsibilities among employer, worker, and operator before the booking starts. **No Quebec employment lawyer has reviewed this report**; its process checklist is not a determination of legal duties in an individual case.

Montreal Options: Compare Models, Then Verify Conditions

A search for **quiet coworking spaces Montreal** should lead to a manageable trial shortlist, not a ranking based on attractive photographs. The table compares documented ways to occupy space. It does not designate any location as autism-friendly, ADHD-friendly, or certified sensory-friendly. The specific sites and offers must be confirmed when booking.

Table 2 presents first-party information reviewed for this report. Prices are in Canadian dollars, as displayed at the review date of October 13, 2026; taxes are stated only where the source states them. Listed features remain provider descriptions rather than independent measurements.

Montreal option	Documented model or trial	Potential control to test	Essential question before commitment
ECTO	Free trial day; flexible workstations or a personal open-plan desk. (ecto.coop) (ecto.coop)	Whether the specific desk and an acceptable alternative can be retained	Which zones and rooms are actually available during the planned trial?
Halte 24-7, Montreal	Day price **CAD $32.50 plus tax**; listed standard centre access is 9:00 to 16:00. (www.halte24-7.com) (www.halte24-7.com)	Whether moving between working areas resolves a particular concern	What access or booking conditions apply to the required alternative?
Montréal CoWork	Flexible workstations, dedicated workstations, and private offices. (montrealcowork.com)	Dedicated-seat location and separation from traffic	Can the exact seat, room, and control arrangements be tested before committing?
SWIVL, Montreal locations	Queen Mary and Ville Saint-Laurent offer coworking memberships and day passes. (swivl.ca)	Whether the chosen site's available model fits the intended task	Which site, room, opening hours, and booking conditions are covered by the offer?
2727 Coworking	Private offices with lockable doors. (2727coworking.com) A one-person listing is **CAD $700/month plus taxes**. (2727coworking.com) The virtual-tour page also lists hot and dedicated desks. (2727coworking.com)	Actual office light, sound transmission, controls, and alternative-space access	Which essential arrangements can be confirmed for the specific office or desk?

The rows should not be sorted into a sensory-access score. A fixed desk can support a predictable setup while leaving sound or scent unresolved. A private office offers a different enclosure, but the table provides no tested acoustic or lighting performance. The paid day and monthly office prices also purchase different services; their difference is not a calculated cost of accessibility.

Ask for the **specific configuration**, not simply the membership name. ECTO distinguishes a floating weekday seat from its own open-plan desk option. (ecto.coop) Halte describes choices among working areas. (www.halte24-7.com) Montréal CoWork describes a dedicated workstation with screen and storage, (montrealcowork.com) and SWIVL describes reservable private focus-office use. (swivl.ca) Each description suggests a question to test, not a guarantee that the worker will prefer it.

For 2727, the homepage's statement that offices have canal-facing windows establishes an advertised feature, not a finding about glare or lighting comfort. (2727coworking.com) Apply the same approach to every operator: inspect the actual seat, ask who can change the relevant condition, and test the alternative. The fetched provider pages did not establish a sensory certification or individualized fit. That finding describes the evidence reviewed; it does not claim an operator lacks unlisted arrangements.

Data Analysis and Evidence

The useful quantitative evidence is narrower than a claim that a certain design improves everyone's work. A **University of Manchester survey** collected **159 responses**, predominantly from undergraduates. (www.frontiersin.org) It reported that **85% of neurodivergent respondents and 73% of neurotypical**

respondents agreed they would benefit from adjustable lighting. (www.frontiersin.org) These are reported preferences in a university setting, not measured benefits in a Montreal office. The authors identify exclusively self-reported environmental perceptions among the study's limitations. (www.frontiersin.org) The appropriate implication is to test adjustability, not predict an individual outcome from a group percentage.

A synthesis of autistic adults' employment experiences searched **five journal databases** and included **34 articles**. (pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) Its method supplies a broader research context than one workplace story, but the article count is not a population prevalence estimate or a performance benchmark for coworking. The disability-led guidance used elsewhere in this report is guidance, likewise not a controlled evaluation of this checklist.

A **Dublin City University** workplace report surveyed **1,547 employees across three Irish corporate workplaces**, (www.dcu.ie) with support from **Bank of Ireland and Accenture**. (www.dcu.ie) Its focus-group findings describe differing communication preferences. (www.dcu.ie) The setting, recruitment, and sponsorship should remain visible when interpreting the evidence. Neither this workplace survey nor the student survey identifies which Montreal operator fits a particular person. Their practical contribution is a reason to preserve individual choice in the evaluation.

Office-speech research by **Yadav and Cabrera**, available as an arXiv preprint, used a climate-controlled simulated office; its first experiment involved **60 participants**. (arxiv.org) (arxiv.org) That laboratory design helps isolate sound conditions. It does not reproduce the full combination of visual movement, scent, temperature, tasks, and expectations encountered during a coworking day. Record speech conditions separately instead of treating a sound-level reading as a complete environmental description.

For optional measurements, the **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)** describes its sound-meter application as a hazardous occupational-noise tool and reports accuracy within **±2 A-weighted decibels (dBA)**. (www.cdc.gov) (www.cdc.gov) Its stated Type 2 instrument capability requires a calibrated external microphone. (www.cdc.gov) These specifications concern measurement, not a sensory-friendly threshold. If a worker logs sound readings, also record the device, settings, position, activity, and time; leave unmeasured conditions as unknown. This report prescribes no universal noise, illuminance, or temperature cutoff and estimates no productivity gain.

Implications and Future Directions

Keep a decision worksheet instead of a universal score

The assessment should end with an explicit decision about each essential requirement. The National Autistic Society notes both individual differences in useful adjustments and changes in sensory experience over time. (www.autism.org.uk) (www.autism.org.uk) Those observations support a reviewable worksheet, rather than a permanent label attached to a person or a space.

Table 3 is the customizable sensory audit. Repeat rows as needed. The condition observed and the available control should remain separate, so a pleasant day does not obscure the absence of an essential fallback.

Variable	Importance: essential/helpful/irrelevant	Observed condition	Control and predictability	Recovery option and follow-up owner
Background sound, speech, and peaks	Worker-defined	Seat, time, task, sound source	Who can change it; expected variation	Alternative zone; access conditions; owner
Lighting, glare, and visual movement	Worker-defined	Screen position, controls, sightlines	Local or shared control; changes through the day	Alternative seat or setting; owner
Scent, air, and temperature	Worker-defined	Products, vents, drafts, personal experience	Policy, cleaning schedule, escalation	Temporary alternative; building/operator contact
Seating, desk choice, and crowding	Worker-defined	Actual workstation and occupied route	Assigned or variable; permitted adjustments	Reserved alternative; booking owner
Wayfinding and transitions	Worker-defined	Arrival, room changes, breaks, exit	Preview information; change notices	Written route or alternative; owner
Private focus or decompression access	Worker-defined	Room conditions and permitted use	Availability, booking, time restrictions	Backup option; person responsible
Team conflict or changing requirement	Record each person's need separately	Zones, tasks, and times involved	Separate controls, schedules, and consent	Agreed arrangement; review trigger

Interpret an essential row as resolved, unresolved, or unsuitable for the proposed use. Do not total the rows: several helpful features cannot compensate automatically for one unmet essential need. A team should retain separate worksheets and a shared conflict record with only the necessary information.

Re-check the arrangement when conditions change

Review after a desk move, lighting replacement, cleaning change, altered opening hours, event schedule, or repeated loss of room access. CCOHS recommends advance notice for activities such as painting, waxing, and related maintenance. (www.ccohs.ca) The National Autistic Society also identifies notice of schedule changes as a possible adjustment. (www.autism.org.uk) Convert such notices into an agreed communication method and a named recipient.

The FCAC plan distinguishes existing low-light provisions from planned additional booths and quiet spaces. (www.canada.ca) That distinction is useful for any workspace discussion: record what exists today separately from what has been proposed. BSI's PAS overview also excludes detailed sensory-room design guidance. (knowledge.bsigroup.com) A general design reference, planned room, and tested individual arrangement are different kinds of evidence. Future evaluation should include user-led trials and repeat observations, with no claim that this worksheet already validates an environment.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Does sensory-friendly always mean quiet and dim?

No universal configuration follows from the guidance reviewed. The National Autistic Society notes that the same adjustment can be unnecessary or unhelpful for another person. (www.autism.org.uk) Choose settings for the individual, task, and time, and confirm permission to change them.

Is a dedicated desk better than a hot desk?

It may support predictability; a fixed workspace is one suggested adjustment in National Autistic Society guidance. (www.autism.org.uk) It can also fix someone in an unsuitable location. Test the exact desk and the alternative rather than choosing by the membership label alone.

Can an ADHD-friendly coworking space be lively?

The label does not establish an individual's preference. CHADD says people with ADHD have different challenges and suggests quieter or private work options where appropriate. (chadd.org) (chadd.org) The trial should test the worker's tasks in the actual activity level, including whether a different zone or schedule is needed.

Is the checklist proof of accessibility compliance?

No. Accessibility Standards Canada's employment reference states it was developed for voluntary use and directs users to check applicable legal requirements. (accessible.canada.ca) The worksheet organizes observations and requests; it cannot determine legal compliance or replace the relevant accommodation process.

Conclusion

Choosing sensory-friendly coworking in Montreal is a decision about the **individual arrangement**: the seat, task, schedule, available controls, and dependable alternatives. The report's working method asks a worker to define essential needs, inspect the actual environment, test representative work, and document what remains uncertain. A general description can help build a shortlist, but the decision rests on the conditions the worker can observe and use.

The proposed tour separates sound, speech, light, visual movement, scent, air, temperature, seating, routes, and crowding. The trial then reconnects them in an ordinary sequence of arrival, work, calls, breaks, and departure. The personal log records observations without turning them into clinical scores. The team version preserves conflicting needs and asks how zones, local controls, or schedules can accommodate them.

Commercial comparisons should remain modest: a free trial, day pass, fixed desk, and private office offer different ways to test or occupy space. None should be treated as a sensory rating. Likewise, research on preferences and workplace experiences supplies context, not a forecast of a particular person's outcome.

The useful final deliverable is a written decision worksheet. Confirm the essential conditions, name the owner of every outstanding question, and specify a usable recovery option. For employees, connect that arrangement to the appropriate employer process. Revisit it when the layout, policies, access, or personal requirements change. A suitable choice is one the person can explain in concrete terms and reassess when the evidence changes.

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A workspace that fits the day

Our workspace options include private offices, day passes and desks, and a conference room. These formats help individuals and teams compare a dedicated office with more flexible ways to work or hold a meeting. Prospective members can explore the virtual tour, review current pricing and book a visit before choosing a workspace.

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