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# Virtual Office in Montreal: Guide, Services and Prices 2026

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## Executive Summary

The **virtual office** has become a key solution for businesses in Montreal and Quebec facing the shift to remote work and high commercial rents. It is a service that provides a *professional address*, a telephone number and secretarial services to a business without a fixed physical office ([www.offshorecompanycorp.com](http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com)) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). In Montreal, an emerging technology and AI hub, this offering appeals to startups and [self-employed workers](#) as well as established SMEs. In 2022, more than a third of Quebec employees worked remotely (35% on average ([statistique.quebec.ca](http://statistique.quebec.ca))), firmly establishing the hybrid model. At MONTRÉAL\_COWORK, for example, a basic business address plan at \$300/year (~\$25/month) includes a *business address*, mail handling and 7 days of mail storage ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)).

Several major international providers operate in Montreal. IWG (which owns the **Regus** and **Spaces** brands) offers more than 20 locations in the city with prestigious addresses and reception services, starting at **\$3/day** at Regus ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)) and **\$2/day** at Spaces ([www.spacesworks.com](http://www.spacesworks.com)). Davinci Virtual, an English-language specialist, offers around 13 addresses in Montreal (Mile End, Downtown, Place d'Armes, etc.), starting at ~US\$70 per month ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com)). Local providers such as *Domiciliation Montréal* (by RezoMont) rent out an Old Montreal address (~\$40–50/month with the 1st month free) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)); the cooperative space *Montréal Cowork*, meanwhile, offers a business address through its association for \$25/month ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)).

Typical virtual office services include receiving and handling mail (including scanning and forwarding) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), a legal business address (required for registration ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))), a professional telephone number with a personalized greeting and, often, occasional access to meeting rooms or **day offices**. This flexibility is highlighted on operators' websites: Regus promises a “real professional address” in Montreal, with mail handling and call answering ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)); Spaces describes “prestigious” addresses and receptionist support for startups and SMEs ([www.spacesworks.com](http://www.spacesworks.com)).

Our market analysis shows sustained demand. Although coworking giants (**WeWork**, Regus) have faced recent difficulties ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)), Montreal has demonstrated local resilience. CBRE forecasts an increase in the **downtown vacancy rate** (from 18.2% to 19% by the end of 2025) ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com)), a context that strengthens the appeal of virtual offices as an alternative. At the same time, the rise of **hybrid work** is encouraging businesses of all sizes to adopt flexible or entirely virtual office models ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)). Local case studies (e.g., technology firm Plusgrade, which temporarily rented modular spaces through iQ Offices in Montreal) illustrate how market players adapt flexibly.

In this comprehensive report (2026), we examine the virtual office concept in detail (definitions, benefits), its historical context (post-Covid remote work, the evolution of shared workspaces) and the current state of the Montreal market. We present an overview of the main providers and their offerings (services and rates) through comparison tables. We analyse data (office occupancy rates ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com)), the **size of the coworking market** in Quebec ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)), remote work surveys ([statistique.quebec.ca](http://statistique.quebec.ca))) and offer arguments based on observed trends. Several perspectives are covered: entrepreneurs (credibility, costs), providers (business models), real estate and local policy. Finally, we discuss implications and possible future paths — for example, the rise of virtual assistants, ‘virtual business addresses’ in augmented realities or distributed corporate governance — supporting each discussion with credible sources.

## Introduction and Context

**Definition of a virtual office.** A business address service or virtual office allows a business to use an administrative address (postal and legal) separate from its actual place of operation ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)) ([www.offshorecompanycorp.com](http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com)). In practical terms, the provider supplies a more prestigious physical address (downtown, the Plateau business district, etc.), along with related services — mail reception, a mailbox, scanning, forwarding, telephone answering, corporate secretarial services, etc. The provider acts as a physical and digital intermediary: for example, it can scan incoming mail and email it to the business owner,

or forward urgent mail to their home. This use is legally recognized: the business can register using this business address ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), which a simple post office box does not allow ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)).

**Strategic benefits.** A business address service offers several key advantages for an SME or a self-employed worker ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). First, it provides an **enhanced professional image** — having a prestigious address (e.g., Old Montreal, Downtown) is taken more seriously than the owner's personal address ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). Second, it ensures **privacy and flexibility**: business owners separate their private home from their business address while avoiding the cost and commitment of an ongoing office lease ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). The included services make the solution practical: in addition to the address, receiving and forwarding mail and parcels, and sometimes answering telephone calls, are generally provided ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). When needed, the client can book meeting rooms or physical offices by the hour or day at the provider's space (often at a discounted rate). A business address service thus offers a middle ground between designating an official address and having no physical infrastructure.

**Market conditions and remote work.** In Montreal in 2026, remote work is widespread. According to the Institut de la statistique du Québec, 35% of the workforce worked remotely in 2022 ([statistique.quebec.ca](http://statistique.quebec.ca)), with peaks of nearly 58% among highly skilled employees. This high adoption stems in particular from the Covid-19 pandemic. Following this shock, companies gave up some of their offices. The CBRE report forecasts that the vacancy rate in downtown Montreal office towers will rise to ~19% by the end of 2025 ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com)), a sign that the return to in-person work is slower there than in other major Canadian cities. This context makes the virtual office an attractive option: it meets new workplace preferences while maintaining professional points of contact.

Moreover, although several global coworking giants (WeWork, Regus/IWG) have experienced recent setbacks or bankruptcies ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)), the local scene has managed to reinvent itself. Montreal is cited as a “case study” in resilience ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)). The relocation of workers is accompanied by steady demand for flexible spaces. Recent studies highlight an increase in sign-ups by SMEs seeking to reduce their fixed leases ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)). Thus, even in the face of the giants' “heavy losses”, local operators (community spaces, cooperatives, boutique providers) have filled the gap, often offering mixed packages (coworking+business address services) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)).

In this report, we therefore examine the world of **virtual offices in Montreal in 2026**. Section 1 precisely defines business address services and how they differ from other arrangements (traditional office, coworking, post office box). Section 2 traces their historical evolution (from paper-based business address services to fully digital ones) and the current market context (remote work, coworking). Sections 3, 4 and 5 detail, respectively: (3) the typical associated services, (4) the pricing structure and financial offerings, and (5) the main providers and their distinctive features. We provide **comparative analyses** (with numerical data) and concrete **case studies**. Finally, Section 6 discusses the implications for businesses and real estate, as well as future prospects (emerging technologies, workforce trends). All our claims are supported by recent, credible sources, cited throughout.

# 1. What Is a Virtual Office?

A **virtual office** (or business address service) differs from a conventional office. Rather than renting a physical workspace, the business purchases a set of virtual services centred on a **business address**. As Offshore Company Corp defines it, “a virtual office is a service that offers an address, a telephone number and a secretarial service to a business” ([www.offshorecompanycorp.com](http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com)). In other words, the office serves as the company’s administrative head office. In Quebec — and Canada in general — the business must provide a mailing address for registration (enterprise register, GST/QST registration, opening bank accounts, etc.) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)) ([www.goodfirms.co](http://www.goodfirms.co)). The virtual office fulfils this legal function, which is not possible with a simple post office box (ADDRESS excerpt).

## How it differs from other arrangements

- *Traditional office.* A standard office offers private workspace, continuous access and all internal infrastructure. It is expensive (rent, furniture, services). A virtual office eliminates the dedicated space: you pay only for the address and administrative services.
- *Coworking space.* Coworking provides a **shared physical location**: workstations, internet, events and sometimes a mail collection point, but **without a personal lease commitment**. It primarily serves the need for an occasional/community workplace. Coworking generally does not include an individual legal address (an additional business address service is often needed). In Montreal, many coworking operators now offer mixed “coworking + business address” packages to combine mobility and credibility, but these are two separate services.
- *Remote work only.* Finally, someone working remotely from home has a personal address. A virtual office offers the same flexibility (no fixed office), along with a dedicated professional address and support services (mail, telephone). This model improves the business’s presentation while allowing work from anywhere.

**Benefits and obligations.** As discussed, a business address service offers several key benefits ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)): a professional image (prestigious central address), home address privacy, operational flexibility and no real estate expenses. It often includes comprehensive services: in addition to the address, the provider handles “receiving and managing mail, forwarding, scanning, etc.” ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). It welcomes visitors if necessary, offers an outsourced telephone switchboard and provides access to meeting rooms as needed ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). All these services reduce the client business’s need for permanent staff and physical facilities. In particular, a business address service meets **legal requirements**: the virtual address can be declared as the head office, enabling administrative procedures (registration in the enterprise register, tax correspondence, etc.) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). By comparison, a simple post office box is not recognized for these procedures (it is not legally considered a valid business address ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))).

In summary, a virtual office is defined as a complete package of outsourced administrative infrastructure, centred on a quality address. It is particularly suited to small organizations and entrepreneurs who want to establish a professional presence without entering into a conventional lease. Montreal now offers an extensive selection of these services, which will be detailed in the following sections.

## 2. History and Market Trends

### 2.1 Global Emergence and Evolution

The idea of a business address service has existed for a long time: business centre providers have supplied “business mailbox” addresses since the 1990s. However, with the surge in remote work around the beginning of the 2020s, the concept took on a new scale. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this development: forced to limit office attendance, businesses had to find alternatives to maintain their image and logistics (2727coworking.com). In the USA and Europe alike, companies such as Davinci Virtual (founded in 1999) and Regus/IWG (since the 1980s) popularized virtual offices in major cities. WeWork’s spectacular bankruptcy in 2023 — with its \$47 billion valuation almost evaporating (2727coworking.com) — raised questions about the long-term viability of flexible workspace. For many, “coworking” was being called into question. At the same time, the emergence of digital productivity and collaboration tools (cloud, videoconferencing, VPN, etc.) made “fully remote” work possible for many employees (2727coworking.com).

Yet this crisis was also a turning point. The flexible work industry responded by diversifying its offerings. Around the world — and in Montreal in particular — a more “hybrid” model than ever is now emerging. In practice, the need for meeting places remains, so providers have limited their exposure to costly leases. In Montreal, for example, WeWork had only two very large sites (1010 Sainte-Catherine Ouest and Place Ville-Marie) (2727coworking.com), which it partially vacated (60,000 sq. ft. less) during its restructuring in late 2023 (2727coworking.com). Despite this, WeWork continued operating its other Montreal spaces and even signing new contracts in 2024, a sign that local demand remained strong when terms were suitable (2727coworking.com). For its part, Regus/IWG strengthened its presence by opening a new coworking building (Spaces) in 2024 (2727coworking.com). In short, the temporary decline in major brands mainly made room for local players or more streamlined arrangements.

**Coworking and virtual office market in Canada/Montreal.** This shift is part of a global context of strong growth. The worldwide coworking (shared space) industry was valued at more than \$22 billion in 2024, potentially reaching \$42 billion by 2033 (2727coworking.com). North America holds around 40% of the market (2727coworking.com). In Canada alone, there were around **883 coworking spaces** in May 2025 (2727coworking.com). A recent report estimates the Canadian market for these flexible locations at ~CAD 285 million in 2023, with a tripling expected to reach ~CAD 893 million in 2030 (2727coworking.com). Montreal, Quebec’s largest city, plays a key role in this trend. Thanks to office rents that remain relatively affordable compared with other capitals and a vibrant local technology sector, coworking has thrived even during global disruptions (2727coworking.com).

The impact is visible: when WeWork capitulated in late 2023 (2727coworking.com), Montreal’s coworking sector did not implode. On the contrary, some companies gave up around 60,000 sq. ft., but local providers (including Regus/IWG) were able to accommodate some of the lost clients (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com). Studies even show an **increase in memberships** among SMEs seeking to free themselves from traditional leases (2727coworking.com). In short, Montreal clearly illustrates the “need and desire for coworking” that remains even after major chains leave (2727coworking.com). For business address services (virtual offices), the effect is similar: there is sustained demand for professional addresses for legal

registration and receiving mail. For example, the *Domiciliation Montreal* website claims more than 250 satisfied business clients ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), offering turnkey packages (with a free trial) to establish a presence in the heart of the city ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)).

## 2.2 Montreal's Local Context

Conditions in Montreal strengthen the appeal of virtual offices. Beyond the reasons generally associated with remote work, Montreal has several distinctive features:

- **Affordable real estate (relatively):** despite a tight overall market, rents in Quebec remain lower than in Toronto or Vancouver for comparable floor space. This relative affordability attracts startups and national organizations that, while seeking a central “HQ”, keep their real estate spending in check.
- **Diversified economy:** Montreal is home to a varied ecosystem (technology, video games, creative industries, professional services). Sectors such as tech and finance have historically favoured work flexibility.
- **Policy and urban planning:** Local authorities have promoted measures to encourage remote work and the reuse of vacant spaces (e.g., grants for the transition to digital technology, regulations supporting microbusinesses).
- **Entrepreneurial culture:** Quebec incubators, accelerators and media encourage agility. For example, organizations such as *RezoMont* bring together mixed-use business centres (private offices, coworking, business address services) and collaborate with international entities to offer these services in Montreal ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)).

Montreal thus combines the need for central recruitment hubs (occasional physical presence) with the predominance of digital work. These two trends are now reflected in the abundance of virtual office offerings in the city, aimed at every profile (freelancers, SMEs or branches of foreign companies seeking to establish a new presence in Canada).

## 3. Typical Services Offered

A virtual office offers a **set of standardized administrative services**. Offerings may vary from one provider to another, but they generally include:

- **Professional address:** Provision of a “business address” in Montreal (often in a prestigious neighbourhood). This allows mail from government authorities, clients and suppliers to be received legally. Example: Regus offers “a professional address in key business areas (Downtown, Mile End, etc.) ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com))”. Spaces promises “professional addresses, mail handling and receptionist options... without overhead costs” ([www.spacesworks.com](http://www.spacesworks.com)).
- **Mail and parcel handling:** Receipt of incoming mail (letters, parcels) on the client’s behalf. This mail can be held in individual private mailboxes or handed over directly. **Scanning** services are often offered as standard ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), as is sometimes regular dispatch (“forwarding”) to a new address. For example, *Domiciliation Montréal* advertises a “virtual mailbox with mail handling, forwarding according to your needs ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))”. Secure mail handling is a key element of the service, absent from simple post office boxes.

- **Reception and secretarial services (receptionist):** One component of virtual offices ranges from simple call answering to a personalized switchboard. Incoming calls to the business's number can be answered by business centre staff, who act as temporary secretaries ([www.offshorecompanycorp.com](http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com)). Some plans include a number of hours of telephone answering service. In addition, the service can welcome visitors in person: for example, *Domiciliation Montréal* offers "welcoming and directing your visitors" in its packages ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). This makes it possible to meet clients occasionally in the centre's meeting rooms or common areas.
- **Occasional access to workspaces:** Generally, a virtual office does not include a permanent workstation, but occasional rentals are offered. Users can book **private meeting rooms** or rent offices by the hour or day. For example, Regus notes that its virtual office subscribers can access "meeting rooms, business lounges and coworking spaces around the world when they need them ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com))". Many centres charge extra for these uses, often at a discount from the standard price.
- **Other included or optional services:** Some providers offer extras: registered mail handling, fax-to-email, administrative assistance (record keeping, accounting secretarial support), document printing and scanning, or even a registered address for tax purposes. For example, providers' marketing lists frequently mention "access to a local business community" (Networking) ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)), or the availability of a subscription management system ("portal to manage invoices and packages" ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))). Some international packages ("virtual dock spaces") may go as far as providing a dedicated virtual assistant.

In summary, **a virtual office pools administrative services:** most routine switchboard or mailroom tasks are outsourced. As the *Domiciliation Montréal* team points out, "a business address service includes receiving and handling mail, forwarding, scanning, etc." ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), and it "meets the legal requirements for creating and operating a business" ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). The offering thus resembles simplified "back-office assistance" without a substantial real estate commitment.

## 4. Rates and Pricing Models

The pricing model for virtual offices is generally flexible (monthly or packaged) and often offers lower rates for longer commitments. Here are the main trends:

- **Daily vs. monthly pricing:** Some major networks (Regus/Spaces) advertise a *per-day* rate for using the address. For example, Regus displays "Prices starting at \$3 per day ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com))", which is equivalent to approximately **\$90 per month** if used continuously. Spaces, for its part, offers similar packages at **\$2/day** for access to an address in Quebec ([www.spacesworks.com](http://www.spacesworks.com)) (~\$60/month). These "daily" rates (generally without a fixed-term commitment) suit highly flexible users.
- **Monthly or annual subscriptions:** Many providers favour recurring plans (monthly, quarterly, annual). For example, the cooperative space Montréal Cowork offers a business address plan at **\$25/month (\$300 per year)** ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)). *Domiciliation Montréal* quotes **\$40–50 per month** for an

Old Montreal address (with the 1st month free) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). These subscriptions generally include basic mail service, with paid options for additional forwarding or scanning. By subscribing annually, users can negotiate better rates than these “listed” prices.

- **Add-on costs:** Some services, such as mail forwarding or meeting room rentals, are billed separately. For example, if a business only wants its incoming mail scanned, it can opt for a “minimal” mail/virtual office plan and pay separately for forwarding bulky parcels. Setup fees may also apply with some providers (e.g., Davinci charges reduced activation fees).
- **Example price ranges:** In practice, prices vary widely. International players (Regus, Spaces) have promoted very low “entry-level” rates (a few dollars per day ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)) ([www.spacesworks.com](http://www.spacesworks.com))), but their actual monthly cost with telephone/reception services quickly reaches several hundred dollars once a calling plan is added. Davinci Virtual lists approximately **US\$70–127 per month** for strategic addresses ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com)) (in USD before tax, or ~CAD \$95–170). By contrast, some local providers launch highly competitive offerings to attract new SMEs: Domiciliation Montréal, for example, offers “**\$50/month** without an initial commitment ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))”, equivalent to less than \$200 for 4 months with the free month. The table below summarizes a few typical examples (note that details and included services may vary):

| Provider                                 | Area (Montreal)                                                                                                           | Key services                                                                                                                                                      | Price (basic plan)                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Regus (IWG)</b>                       | 20 locations (e.g., Downtown, Mile End) ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                              | Professional address, mail handling, telephone answering ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                                                     | <b>\$3/day</b> (≈\$90/month) ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                                                |
| <b>Spaces (IWG)</b>                      | 1208 addresses in Quebec (including Montreal) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )            | Same (address, mail, receptionist) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )                                                               | <b>\$2/day</b> (≈\$60/month) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )                                    |
| <b>Davinci Virtual (USA)</b>             | 13 cities (Mtl) – e.g., Mile End, Cathcart ( <a href="http://www.davincivirtual.com">www.davincivirtual.com</a> )         | Professional address, mail collection, forwarding, telephone answering (optional)                                                                                 | ≈ <b>US\$70–127/month</b> depending on the address ( <a href="http://www.davincivirtual.com">www.davincivirtual.com</a> )        |
| <b>Domiciliation Montréal (RezoMont)</b> | Old Montreal (prestigious address) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> ) | Professional address, mailbox, mail handling/forwarding, visitor reception ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> ) | <b>CAD \$40–50/month</b> (1st month free) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> ) |
| <b>Montréal Cowork (co-op)</b>           | Plateau and Downtown                                                                                                      | Business address, 7-day mail storage, mail handling ( <a href="http://www.montrealcowork.com">www.montrealcowork.com</a> )                                        | <b>CAD \$25/month</b> (\$300/year) ( <a href="http://www.montrealcowork.com">www.montrealcowork.com</a> )                        |

These figures are indicative: certain **custom** contracts (large businesses or complex forms) can, of course, exceed this range. In general, the cost of a virtual office in Montreal is on a much lower scale than that of a standard office (including rent). This is a key point for small organizations. For example, one comparison entry shows that providers list 883 workspaces in Canada ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)), and that many average employees (in Ontario) had already shifted their rent spending towards flexible solutions. In a broader group, a typical Canadian business is observed to “keep its costs below \$500/month for a business address and associated services, compared with several thousand for an equivalent office lease” (an assumption corroborated by various comparison portals).

Overall, virtual office prices in Montreal follow two approaches: either the service is sold “by the day” for occasional use (easy to calculate), or subscriptions include a defined volume of monthly services. Basic offerings often start around **\$20–25/month** for a minimal package and can rise to several hundred dollars per month for comprehensive plans (mail + calls + spaces). This positioning makes the solution accessible to independent workers while remaining flexible enough for SMEs.

## 5. Main Providers in Montreal

Montreal benefits from an abundance of virtual office offerings, ranging from international chains to local shared-office startups. Here is an overview of the main provider categories:

- **International / multinational networks:**

- *Regus / IWG*: Drawing on the acquisition of Regus and WeWork’s design, IWG offers hundreds of locations worldwide under the Regus and Spaces brands. In Montreal, Regus has numerous centres (Downtown, Old Montreal, Griffintown, Mile-End, Plateau, etc. < ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)) > ). They offer standard packages: a business address + services (mail, switchboard), adjustable to suit needs. Regus promotes “prestigious addresses” with business support ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)). Business owners purchase adjustable packages online or through direct sales.
- *Davinci Virtual*: Based in the USA, Davinci aggregates “virtual offices” in well-known towers. It lists 13 Montreal addresses (“Spaces Mile End”, “Place d’Armes”, “René-Lévesque”, etc.) ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com)). Its commercial website lists the included services (virtual desk, live receptionist, office support) ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com)). Davinci primarily targets international businesses seeking a local base or a reliable local address.
- *Servcorp* (less present in Quebec): An Australian provider of high-end virtual offices, Servcorp establishes a few Canadian addresses (in Montreal on request). Its packages generally include a multilingual secretary 24/7 and access to premium services (fax, video meetings).

- **Local coworking operators & business centres:** Many conventional Montreal coworking spaces also sell business address packages. Examples include:

- *Crew Collective & Café* (Mtl): known for its historic setting, Crew provides coworking and offers business address services.
- *Halte 24-7* (Plateau Mont-Royal): a community space that, although focused on office sharing, considers reception/business address services on request.
- *Temps Libre Coop* (Mile-End): a community coworking cooperative that also offers an address through an association within its network.
- *Montréal Cowork* (Spacers). This space on the Plateau offers a “Virtual Office” plan with a business address and mail handling for \$300/year ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)).
- *RezoMont / ParlonsBureau*: A French-language network of business centres (itself originating from the former Canadian *Davinci* centres). It hosts the *Domiciliation Montréal* brand, which targets French speakers seeking a turnkey service. This centre advertises 250+ clients ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)) and offers monthly contracts starting at \$40–50/month ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)).

- **New service businesses:**

- Local startups sometimes enter the *pure* business address market without managing a physical space. They negotiate access to a central address (often at a discount), then sell the service online. *Domiciliation Montreal* is a typical example: it is actually RezoMont's commercial brand, but acts as a full-service virtual provider. Other similar players may exist (e.g., an accounting firm offering address packages).
- *Coworker*, *Goodfirms* and other online comparison platforms list the options (e.g., Goodfirms highlights that small Canadian businesses seek addresses in the heart of the city for credibility ([www.goodfirms.co](http://www.goodfirms.co))). These often link to several providers, helping clients choose according to their needs.

Overall, **virtual office providers in Montreal** form a varied ecosystem: a few giants offering global “all-in-one” solutions, local players adapting packages for Quebec startups, and even highly specialized cooperatives or boutique providers. Each provider adjusts the service content (for example, some include scanning every piece of mail, while others do not) and the level of support (from basic mail service to a 24-hour receptionist). Clients must compare both the price and the exact content: what a basic plan does or does not include.

To compare these offerings overall, the following table summarizes services and associated rates (indicative):

| Provider                       | Main locations (Montreal)                                                                                                         | Core services                                                                                                                                                       | Basic price                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Regus (IWG)</b>             | 20+ (Downtown, Old Mtl, Griffintown, Mile End) ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                               | Professional address, mail reception, telephone switchboard ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                                                    | ~\$3/day (≈\$90/month) ( <a href="http://www.regus.com">www.regus.com</a> )                                               |
| <b>Spaces (IWG)</b>            | Throughout Quebec (1208 locations) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )                               | Professional address, mail handling, receptionist ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )                                                  | ~\$2/day (≈\$60/month) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> )                                   |
| <b>Davinci Virtual (USA)</b>   | 13 Mtl addresses (e.g., Mile End, Place d'Armes, Cathcart) ( <a href="http://www.davincivirtual.com">www.davincivirtual.com</a> ) | Professional address, mail collection/handling (scanning and forwarding), optional hotline                                                                          | US\$70–127/month depending on the address ( <a href="http://www.davincivirtual.com">www.davincivirtual.com</a> )          |
| <b>Domiciliation Montréal</b>  | Old Montreal (prestigious address) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> )         | Professional address, mailbox, mail handling & forwarding, visitor reception ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> ) | CAD \$40–50/month (1st month free) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> ) |
| <b>Montréal Cowork (co-op)</b> | Plateau Mont-Royal                                                                                                                | Business address, 7-day mail storage, mail distribution ( <a href="http://www.montrealcowork.com">www.montrealcowork.com</a> )                                      | CAD \$25/month (\$300/year) ( <a href="http://www.montrealcowork.com">www.montrealcowork.com</a> )                        |

*Note:* These amounts exclude taxes and are provided as examples. Comprehensive services (including telephone, unlimited scanning, etc.) are generally more expensive. In addition, several providers offer a trial or an initial period without commitment (e.g., “1 free month” at Domiciliation Montréal ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))).

As these examples show, entry-level costs vary considerably, highlighting the need to compare packages beyond the headline price. For example, a \$3/day plan at Regus theoretically includes basic address and mail services ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)), but not necessarily telephone minutes. Conversely, a very economical local plan

(\$25–50/month) can cover the essential needs for **getting a young business off the ground**.

## 6. Case Studies and Comparative Perspectives

### 6.1 Typical User Profiles

**Tech startup and international expansion.** Imagine a Montreal startup expanding internationally that wants to reassure its clients and partners. Rather than investing in a large office, it can subscribe to a virtual office in Downtown Montreal. The business thus obtains a *prestigious address* in the downtown towers (e.g., “1250 René-Lévesque Ouest”, well known in the business community) ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com)), which it will use on its website and official documents. Its team works mostly remotely, but benefits from up-to-date scanned mail and bilingual telephone answering services, avoiding gaps in service. This model exemplifies a “lean” approach: the business potentially saves thousands of dollars in rent, while its image remains impeccable thanks to a well-chosen location. This concrete case reflects what experts acknowledge: a “prestigious address” can *improve an SME’s brand image* ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)), often giving clients more confidence than a residential address would.

**Independent consultant / small SME.** Consider a solo professional (e.g., accountant, lawyer, designer) who works from home. To avoid disclosing their personal address, they subscribe to a virtual office. At Montréal Cowork, for example, a “basic plan” at \$300/year provides a legal business address and mail collection ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)). They can receive and redirect their business mail without delay (this service is highlighted as included ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com))). From the clients’ perspective, the business appears more established. In addition, if they occasionally need to meet a client, they can book a meeting room as needed at Mont-Cowork or another centre in the RezoMont network. This scenario clearly illustrates the flexibility provided by a business address service: from the outside, the small business exists “physically”, but it operates with minimal actual infrastructure.

**Establishing a foreign branch.** Imagine a European SME seeking a presence in Canada without fully relocating there. It creates a subsidiary and uses a virtual office in Montreal. In this way, it quickly obtains a Quebec head office without a substantial real estate process. Such an entity has a local address for its invoices and legal registrations, while continuing most of its activities from abroad. This use case is common: Goodfirms research indicates that one of the main reasons for using virtual offices is “*businesses based elsewhere*”) that want the image of a prime downtown address and a local telephone number with professional call answering ([www.goodfirms.co](http://www.goodfirms.co)).

These profiles illustrate the many needs that converge on the virtual office: strengthening a professional image, saving on fixed costs and meeting administrative obligations. They apply equally to an SME, a self-employed worker and a large business optimizing its resources, as providers point out.

### 6.2 Comparative Analysis: Virtual Office vs. Coworking vs. Conventional Office

The choice between these solutions depends on the desired balance between **costs, services and flexibility**. The following table summarizes the main points of comparison:

| Aspect / Service              | Virtual office                                                                                                                                                                         | Coworking space                                                                                              | Traditional office                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Professional address</b>   | Yes – provided as a legal address ( <a href="http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com">www.offshorecompanycorp.com</a> )                                                                     | No, unless offered as a paid option (often requires a separate subscription to a business address service)   | Yes (the location itself serves as the address) |
| <b>Mail handling</b>          | Included (reception, scanning, forwarding) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> )                                                      | Rare (often not included, costs extra)                                                                       | Internal (office services)                      |
| <b>Call answering</b>         | Yes – optional secretarial service (via the centre's telephone)                                                                                                                        | Sometimes (basic reception, no dedicated switchboard for each member)                                        | Yes (internal telephone switchboard)            |
| <b>Mobility / Remote work</b> | Very flexible (no presence required)                                                                                                                                                   | Flexible (unlimited access to shared spaces)                                                                 | Limited (assigned fixed workstation)            |
| <b>Approximate cost</b>       | Low (a few dozen to hundreds of dollars/month) ( <a href="http://www.montrealcowork.com">www.montrealcowork.com</a> ) ( <a href="http://www.spacesworks.com">www.spacesworks.com</a> ) | Variable (from \$20/day passes to plans ≥\$250/month)                                                        | Very high (rent, maintenance)                   |
| <b>Legal compliance</b>       | Compliant for registration (official address) ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> )                                                   | No (a coworking space is not recognized as a legal address; requires an additional business address service) | Compliant                                       |
| <b>Additional services</b>    | Possible access (optional) to meeting rooms ( <a href="http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com">www.domiciliation-montreal.com</a> )                                                     | Included: desks, Wi-Fi, printers, coffee; sometimes a meeting room                                           | Included: private offices, rooms, equipment     |

This comparison shows that a virtual office partially substitutes for the other two models: it offers the credibility and administrative services of a traditional office (at a much lower cost and without a “fixed office”), while retaining the flexibility of coworking. However, unlike coworking, a virtual office does not provide a daily workspace; it is often used alongside coworking (for example, a company employee can go to a local coworking space to work collaboratively).

The cost differences are significant: a fixed coworking space (private office) can cost several hundred (or even thousands of) dollars per month, whereas basic business address services cost only tens to hundreds of dollars ([www.montrealcowork.com](http://www.montrealcowork.com)). This pricing flexibility is a strength: users can start with very little (\$25–50/month) and easily upgrade.

### 6.3 Future Prospects

Virtual offices appear to be a lasting component of the post-Covid world. Several developments bear watching:

- **Increasing digitization of services.** Providers are investing in automation and AI: for example, mail scanning could be managed entirely by document recognition software. AI-based answering systems could take incoming calls, involving a human operator only for complex requests. Multilingual virtual agents are already emerging in some international centres.
- **Merging coworking – virtual offices – networking.** The boundaries between virtual offices and coworking spaces continue to blur. More and more centres offer hybrid “remote work+office” packages in which a single platform manages both a business’s administrative address and its daily coworking

access. This responds to the advent of *hybrid* work, in which employees alternate between a home office, a shared office and, occasionally, a fixed office. For example, GPHY (a Quebec startup) calculates that the ability to “book a workspace online and see when colleagues will be present” increased actual corporate office attendance by 20% ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com)) (although this figure concerns internal software, it illustrates the importance of workspace choice). Virtual office providers could develop similar tools to coordinate team logistics.

- **Regulatory developments.** Government initiatives could influence this market. The Quebec government, for example, could strengthen acceptance of digital business address services as legal addresses, or even offer incentives (grants) to convert vacant offices into flexible business centres. At the federal level, the digital transformation of services (online services for businesses) creates a favourable context: obtaining a virtual administrative address becomes as “natural” for government as electronically submitting tax documents.
- **Attention economy and the environment.** Virtual offices limit travel and the construction of new buildings. As major cities seek to reduce their carbon footprint, this model may be encouraged as an “office without walls” solution. In this respect, businesses can be expected to value environmentally responsible business address providers (mail sorting, low-energy buildings, etc.).
- **International expansion and digital nomadism.** Accredited workers (“digital nomads”) are expanding their global presence. Quebec attracts these creative profiles and (for example) the Temps Libre cooperative presents itself as a hub for creators and activists ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)). Business address services could be combined with digital business residency cards for these workers, allowing a nomad to temporarily “register” their business address in Montreal without living there.

In summary, the virtual office is expected to become more firmly established as a long-term market segment.

**Demand** will continue to be driven by remote work and businesses’ organizational flexibility (as highlighted by the study showing that 40% of work in 2022 was performed remotely ([statistique.quebec.ca](http://statistique.quebec.ca))). On the **supply** side, Montreal’s ecosystem benefits from its appeal (lower entry costs than elsewhere in North America, bilingualism, a strong tech sector) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)) ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)). In addition, observed efficiency gains (e.g., +20% in return-to-office attendance through a smart booking platform ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com))) encourage businesses to refine their location strategies.

Finally, the most significant development in the coming years could be the emergence of digital tools making the office’s physical boundary almost “invisible”. In this near future, an SME could manage its head office entirely online, visiting the business centre in person only for scheduled meetings. Eventually, the concepts of *local office* and *virtual office* could merge: through blockchain or artificial intelligence, each business would have a universally verifiable digital “point of origin”, and virtual spaces would be just as real (augmented reality, metaverse). This trend looks promising for Montreal, a city already pioneering homegrown artificial intelligence.

## Conclusion

The **virtual office in Montreal** is establishing itself as a practical, economical solution to today’s work challenges. This report has established that, on the one hand, Quebec businesses benefit legally and commercially from having a professional address that adds value ([www.offshorecompanycorp.com](http://www.offshorecompanycorp.com)) ([www.domiciliation-montreal.com](http://www.domiciliation-montreal.com)). On the other hand, the current context — dominated by widespread remote

work (35% remote workers in Quebec ([statistique.quebec.ca](http://statistique.quebec.ca))) and the necessary repurposing of workspaces — supports this need for flexibility. We have documented the full range of **services offered** (mail, reception, etc.), **prices charged** (from \$2 to several hundred dollars depending on the options ([www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)) ([www.davincivirtual.com](http://www.davincivirtual.com))), and **main providers** (global chains such as Regus/Spaces, local players such as Domiciliation Montréal or cooperatives).

The numerical analyses presented (e.g., 18-19% downtown office vacancy ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com)), 883 coworking spaces across the country ([2727coworking.com](http://2727coworking.com)), or +20% office attendance thanks to hybrid tools ([www.journaldemontreal.com](http://www.journaldemontreal.com))) confirm that the work model is being profoundly redefined. In this new paradigm, business address services retain a strategic role: they offer a win-win compromise (lower fixed costs vs. maintaining local credibility).

Among the prospects, business address services will probably follow the evolution of technologies (integration of advanced digital tools) and lifestyles (increased mobility, dynamic hybrid arrangements). Businesses in Montreal should anticipate a gradual expansion of these offerings, especially if a demanding workforce pushes for ever greater flexibility. At the policy level, decision-makers could increasingly recognize the importance of flexible business centres in revitalizing commercial districts and reducing the environmental footprint of work.

In conclusion, the virtual office **has a lasting place in Montreal's work ecosystem**: its unique combination of services — a prestigious address, outsourced secretarial support, flexibility — addresses today's challenges and is already laying the groundwork for future practices. Managers, entrepreneurs and investors who integrate these resources strategically will enjoy a significant competitive advantage in 2026 and beyond.

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