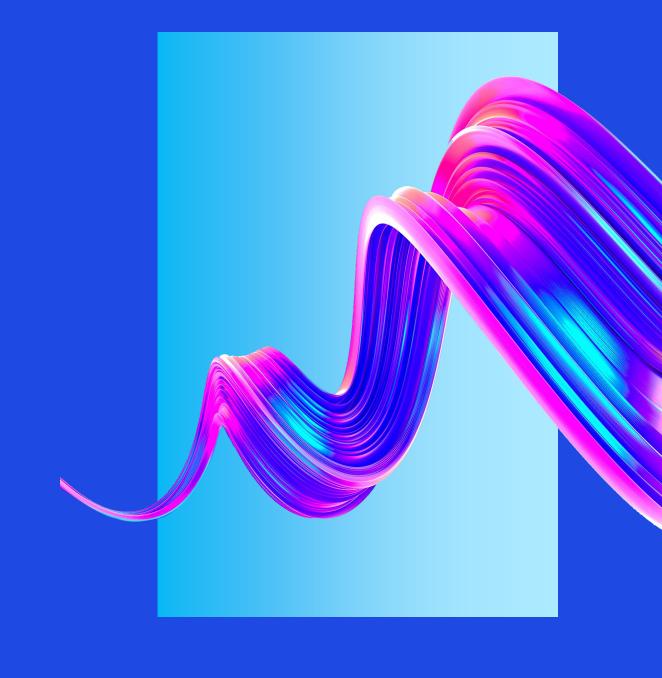


# The future of work: How are we handling back to work?

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We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are gathered on the ancestral lands of the Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) and Lkwungen (Songhees) who shared traditional land resources with neighboring families of Scia'new (Beecher Bay), T'Sou-ke (Sooke) Nations, and many others.

### **Presenter**



- Consulting companies
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### Let's start with a brief history of work...

1960's &

Mad Men Era
Rise of machines, IBM,
and drinking lunches!



Dot Com Bust

Death to the cubicle, Skype, Google,
Twitter, Facebook, Gmail, Apple

1980's iii

The Recession
Launch of computers, the World
Wide Web, and the power suit

2020'S in

COVID-19
CX/EX, Remote work
Diversity, equity, and inclusion



## What is the future of work?

### Workforce 1.0

- Mechanization of work
- Artisan skills take a back seat; mechanical skills and working efficiency are valued more

### Workforce 2.0

- Electronics and computers lead to industrial automation
- Work moves from the factory floor to the office; the office becomes the centre of activity within organizations

### Workforce 3.0

- Connectivity enables workers to connect from anywhere in the world
- Flex schedules and remote work take off

### Workforce 4.0

- AI, AR, and robotics enable machines to work alongside human workers
- Its drivers include digitalization, globalization, demographic change (ageing, migration), and cultural change





# What's happening NOW 2



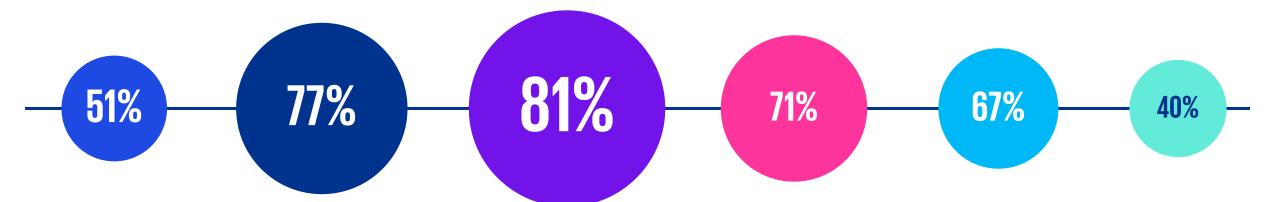
### Once upon a time during a conversation with a.....

## recruiter





### Where do Canadians stand on remote work?



Half of Canadians don't have to go back physically because their employer will let them WFH.

Of Canadians like the idea of a hybrid workplace model. Are **concerned** their bosses aren't prepared or equipped to manage hybrid workplace model.

Believe a hybrid workplace (aka "hybrid office") should be standard model for all organization.

Canadians are
satisfied with their
current virtual WFH
environment but 63
percent want to
return to their
physical workplace.

Canadians are still **fearful** of returning to the workplace.



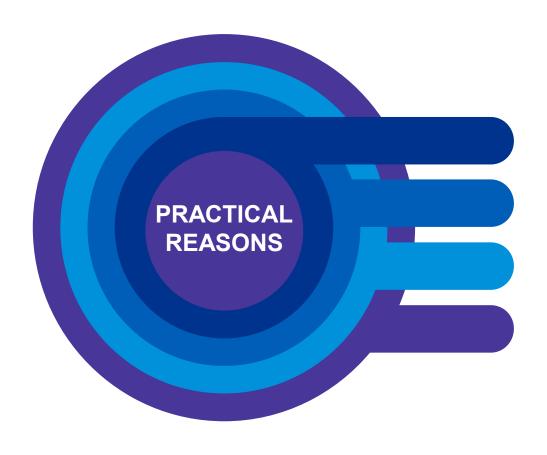
## What does this mean for your organization?



### Let's discuss



## Why don't employees want to go back to the office?



- Family commitments
- Price of gas/parking/transit
- Commute time
- Done it for 2 years, gotten used to working from home. I am more productive at home
- High maintenance dog
- Don't like putting on work clothes / make-up
- I'm in a high risk category/don't want to get sick





They are not really interested in me and my priorities in life

They don't appreciate my effort over the last 2 years

I don't want to be told what to do / where to work

My values don't align anymore with my company

\* Representative of internal dialogue!





## Whydo employerswant neonle back?

\* Not representative of all employers

## Organizational culture has changed (and we don't like it)

## Our junior staff aren't learning as fast as they used to

## People focus better at work and get more work done

## We can see that people are working

## Better networking in person

## The pandemic is over, time to get back to what we used to do!

## Better set up at work with all the support you need

## People can pop into a room and work out a problem faster by whiteboarding

## We've paid for the office - we are going to use it!

### What are the options?



Most of us are trying to navigate this....



Historical norm

Any combination of in-office and remote



Work from home

Working in country of origin



### **Nationally flexible**

Working anywhere in country of origin



### Semi-Internationally flexible

Working in any country with an established company presence



#### Internationally flexible

Working in any country, regardless of company presence



Work in office

## What do you think is the solution to all of this?



How do we enable learning?

What could we share?

What does productivity look like?

What can we automate?

How to measure?

# Some things to consider.



Business travel will resume with decreased duration and frequency

Strategies will shift to support a collaborative culture virtually



New policies for remote work support

### There isn't a 'one-size-fits-all'

The choice to work remote will be commonly accepted



Development of new remote presence technology

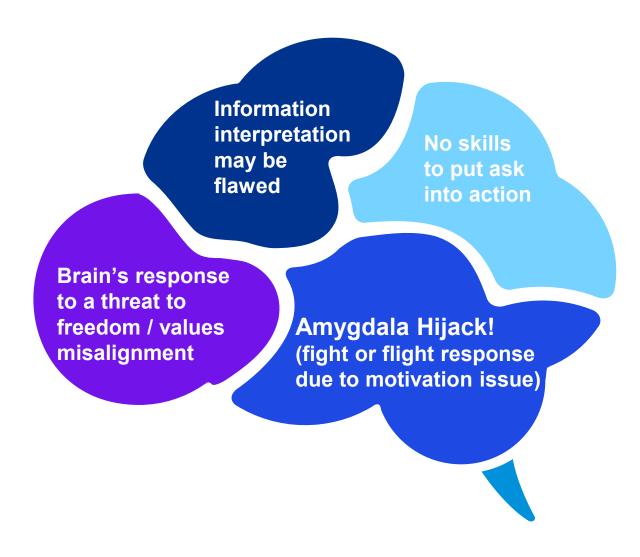


Rebalanced real estate footprint for a hybrid workforce



# What happens if you tell people what to do?

## Psychological reactance.







### What would **KPMG** do?

### Case study: KPMG Internal Team....











### Our clients are wrestling with the same problem!

## How to build a hybrid working model that meets the needs of people and the organization



### The Solution:

Meeting employees where they are, engaging relevant stakeholders, and collaboratively working with them to develop their own playbooks.





# We call it the KPMG Hybrid WOW

### **KPMG Hybrid WOW: Design Principles**

#### **Tailored**

We will specifically design the engagement to reflect the unique operating circumstances of your organization.

#### **Collaborative**

We will engage the right stakeholders to co-create the solution.

Hybrid WOW

Design

Principles

### **Practical**

We will translate the discussions into a team playbook that can be updated through a continuous improvement process.

### Committed

Participants will sign off on the playbooks and therefore create buy-in through accountability.



### What's our process?

1

### Initial Scope Meeting

Understand any unique operating context and challenges

2

### **Executive Leadership Meeting**

Connect with the leadership team to take them through their own WOW session and buy into the process

3

### Workshop Delivery

Work with each functional team to build their own WOW

4

### Playbooks and Buy-in

Develop the playbook for each team & a summary version for the organization. Ensure all participants sign off on their playbook and agree to a quarterly review process 5

### **Executive Leadership Debrief**

Take the Leadership team through the organizational playbook and close the engagement







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