

City of St. Albert

The community of St. Albert, northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, is the fifth largest city in the province and has the highest proportions of green space anywhere. It's also a city, along with many other Alberta communities, that is experiencing good growth – between three percent and four percent annually for the past five years.

Dealing with steady growth requires careful planning, commitment, skill and business knowledge. Having the right tools to help meet these demands is critical for success. In the case of St. Albert, implementing and using Unit4's comprehensive and powerful financial suite was a key step. According to Doug Lynkowski, Director of Financial Services who has been with the city for the past 10 years, running Unit4 Business World has made the financial services department and city planners much more efficient.

"Overall, Business World will give us better reporting capabilities and data capture and retrieval. This will be used for longer range financial planning," says Lynkowski. "And in the future we're looking at integrating the software with an infrastructure management system that will identify funding gaps and allow for a more carefully planned response as well as having good Commerce potential."

Other immediate benefits were a reduction in the number of accounts in the chart of accounts, fewer paper copies, superior integration of accounts payable and logistics, and increased purchasing information. All this has resulted in more time allocated to planning and strategy—key ingredients for a growing city.

Users of Unit4 Business World also found the ad-hoc report capabilities of the software to be superior to other systems and, importantly, could better use on-line information for financial transactions through the

drill down feature." "Being on a budget ourselves, we were very concerned about getting a system that was comprehensive, powerful and yet affordable," says Lynkowski, noting that the implementation was very smooth and Business World was "very good to work with."

"We are very happy with the features, the ease of use and the flexibility of the system," Lynkowski says. And most important, with Business World running the business end of things, the financial services department and the City of St. Albert have become more efficient.





“We are very happy we switched over,” says Lynkowski, “Unit4 Business World has proven to be a comprehensive and powerful financial suite that gives us the flexibility to change as our city grows.” While St. Albert will most definitely change over the next few years, it will continue to be known as a growing city that plans carefully. Unit4 is proud to be part of this.



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