

Buchanan Delivers Mobile Responsive SharePoint 2013 Solution for Municipality

THE CHALLENGE

The City of Mississauga was undergoing a SharePoint 2013 upgrade incorporating 10+ internal On-Premise SharePoint solutions from SharePoint 2010 to SharePoint 2013. They were moving forward with a re-designed Intranet homepage based on the SharePoint 2013 platform and The News Web Part, which played a prominent role in the new homepage design, needed to be brought up to current versions and match the brand new design of the Intranet site. The News Web Part had been launched in 2010 on SharePoint 2007 and had migrated to SharePoint 2010. The City needed to create an engaging SharePoint Web Part to display City News articles, and replace the current version that was over 5 years old. They needed a vendor who would manage, build, configure, document, and train staff on the Updated News Web Part v2.0.

BUCHANAN'S SOLUTION

Buchanan designed and created a clean, user friendly, mobile responsive Intranet site built in SharePoint 2013, with the ability to migrate to SharePoint 2016 in the future. The site offered a tile approach where much information could be organized, incorporated a hover over functionality to offer more detail as needed and added new social features showing number of view, number of likes and share functionality. The SharePoint solution would be compatible on current internet versions of IE (11+), MS Edge, Chrome, Firefox and Safari as dictated by the client. Upon completion, the full documentation, including installation instructions, configuration, and source code, would be transferred with training to the City of Mississauga technical staff.

THE SUCCESS

Although the look and feel and use of the new site was key, what The City of Mississauga truly needed was a vendor that not only could deliver a SharePoint development, but could also understand their entire SharePoint infrastructure, which included 19 servers between their production, test and development environments. This would ensure that the core infrastructure would not be affected, and the project would only enhance the current infrastructure, as well as offer a user-friendly way of delivering key information.

Because of Buchanan's expertise in delivering Microsoft® based products, and its vast experience specific to the SharePoint environment, the Buchanan team of architects and project managers were able to review all requirements, build wireframe models, propose business functionality, develop all code and documentation, implement the development, and conduct the knowledge transfer to the internal technical staff of the municipality.

The City of Mississauga now has an updated, mobile and user-friendly Intranet site that is pro-active in delivering timely information to Corporate and Departmental News to staff. The internal staff not only love the new look and feel of the site, but they are happy with the core functionality and ease of use that simplifies their everyday jobs.

"Another successful, professional, and innovative engagement with Buchanan. Our city staff love the new look!"

Project Manager – Larry Tyndall, City of Mississauga