



Bridging the Gap between Engineering and GIS

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Introduction



Township of Langley (TOL), BC, Canada

- Approximately 91,000 residents
- 135 square miles
- City of Langley is not included
- Rapid growth rate
- Estimated to double in size in 10 years
- 70% of land base is in ALR
- 30% contains the majority of the 34,000 parcels



Growth Management



- Effective Growth Management
- Restructure Legacy Spatial Information
- Enterprise Geographic Information System (GIS)
- GIS Products to Structure and Deploy Spatial Information
- Mapping/CAD to Manage Cadastre and Infrastructure Spatial Information in the Enterprise Database
- Conversion software for interoperability



What we had!





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Goals



- Integrate existing enterprise systems (Land records/Tax and GIS)
- Coordinate the functions and datasets of internal departments (One Source Data)
- Promote information sharing and standardization of procedures (Standards for data collection)
- Reduce redundancies in data collection and maintenance (Addresses in one source)
- Increase functionality and efficiency in business processes



Implementation



- Updated maintenance tools and processes have structured sewer and cadastre
- Spatial data is linked directly to Enterprise Systems
- Using Open Source Formats for all applications to promote integration
- Spatial Data is input directly into Enterprise Database
 no file format storage of GIS
- Native Oracle spatial data is published and accessed directly with Maintenance and Publication applications















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GIS and Asset Management



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- Mining a five year inventory of digital legal survey plans
- Implementing and enforcing digital submission standards (*cadastre and infrastructure*)
- Streamlining cadastral and infrastructure input and data maintenance
- Consolidating all existing data sets into an enterprise GIS
- Publishing GIS data via Web Application



2 Year Plan



- Continue to structure and improve data using new maintenance processes
- Leverage and improve existing data models (*e.g.:* addition of service connections)
- Continue to follow best practices to design and implement all data models
- Publish Spatial and Enterprise data via the Internet (geosource suite of products)
- Implement geosource map viewer, image viewer and departmental reports.



Users of GIS Data



- 10 Editors of GIS Information (Maintenance and Publication)
- 8 Super-users (analysis/cartographic)
- 350 Intranet Web mapping users
- Operations staff collecting and maintaining data in the field (Remote GIS applications)
- External Web mapping viewer







- Data integration
- Standardized and managed data access/storage
- More consistent access to data for all users
- Improved data security
- More efficient data distribution to external users
- Effectiveness improvements
- Heightened levels of customer service
- Operating and maintenance savings







- Normalized data model (sewer)
- 2 minutes vs. 15 minutes per parcel

(new maintenance processes and digital submissions)

- 50% time gained utilizing new maintenance processes for sewer input
- Real time data publication (all applications)
- Direct linking to enterprise databases
- No intermediate files and processes
- Increased data integrity and accuracy
- Enhanced query capabilities
- Direct plotting and data export capabilities (templates)





Right Tool Right Desk Right Information







Regardless of size and jurisdiction you should:

- Wisely invest in resources
- Do a thorough business analysis prior to making any decisions (the key to a great GIS is good strategy)
- Think strategically to improve internal and external business processes/operations
- Encourage collaboration



Wrap Up!



Today's Technology Promotes Interoperability You simply need to Strategically Plan for it!









Questions?



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