

## CANTIRO

Utilizing technology like Sage Intacct to improve business

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STEVEN EWASKIW, VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE, CANTIRO.

### Company Overview

For more than 25 years, Cantiro has created the environments for amazing lives to happen! Cantiro is a fully integrated real estate development company with developments throughout Alberta, Ontario, and British Columbia.

The award-winning Cantiro team is made up of energetic, determined people who are passionate about building exceptional communities. Through design and innovation, they work to create sustainable housing solutions that go beyond the essentials to deliver a higher quality lifestyle. A Cantiro Community is a place you are proud to call home.

### Q&A with Steven Ewaskiw

#### What made Cantiro reevaluate your previous accounting solution, Sage 300CRE?

It started 3 or 4 years ago. We hired an IT business analyst to come in and really put a focus on IT development and review all our company processes. We put together a road map for our company to really look at how we could utilize technology better in our business. One of the big steps, as part of that road map, was for us to integrate all of our systems into a fully developed ERP. We investigated the options and landed on Sage Intacct.

#### How has Sage Intacct simplified your processes?

We treat each of our developments as a separate company, so we needed a separate data file for each entity. But you’re talking about maintaining multiple vendor lists, multiple customer lists, multiple everything. What we had was basically segmented data for each of our companies. That’s a lot of work to maintain. With Sage Intacct, we are able to put the info into one place. It just makes the whole process easier for us.

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**What was the main benefit you found working with ETHOSystems to implement Sage Intacct?**

With ETHOSystems, we've been able to get the system running the way we need. It was a lot of work for the ETHOSystems team to put what we wanted in place, but they worked closely with our team to get it right. They have been great to work with and the integration of Sage Intacct as our ERP has been successful for our business. It's really helping us to access our data in very different ways.

**What were the limitations you were dealing with when using your old software - Sage 300CRE?**

The biggest thing for us was it worked great as an accounting system, but it wasn't really set up for a lot of the stuff that we wanted to do. It wasn't exactly the easiest to manipulate. If we wanted new reporting or additional reporting, there was a significant amount of consulting time that we ended up having to pay for whenever we wanted a new report. For us, what we ended up looking at was how do we access our data ourselves as opposed to utilizing a consultant every time we needed to look at something in a different way.

**How has having a Cloud solution benefited Cantiro?**

With the nature of Sage 300CRE, we weren't able to simply access our data anywhere. We had to be logged into our server using a hard jack connection or a remote desktop. Now, for us to be able to access our data remotely through the cloud has been a significant improvement.

**What efficiencies have you seen with the digital transformation to Sage Intacct?**

It used to take one of our controllers a week to produce a WIP report out of our system. There was a lot of manual work required, and our team would have to go through and redo the information being pulled. When we moved to Sage Intacct, it was a super simple process to create the WIP report. I mean, there was lots of work on the backend initially, but now we have it set up, she can pull her work in progress daily as opposed to taking a week to produce all of the information. That's just one easy example of some significant time savings that our team has seen..

**Are there any other benefits you've seen with using Sage Intacct?**

Pulling additional information from the system is much quicker. We built a consolidated financial statement for all of our entities that we can now pull out of the system, which saved another week of time for a different controller in our group. Overall, it's been a significant time saving for not just our team but also for our executives. Being able to go in and look at the data and have insight into all the information that we have in our system

