

Altus Capital Planning MDW Announcement

Altus Capital Planning has recently added the Municipal DataWorks (MDW) product to its suite of infrastructure management tools - the "Total Capital Planning Solution (TCPS®)".

In partnership with the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), MDW has been developed for use by Ontario's municipalities to assist them in managing their Tangible Capital Assets (TCAs). Over 280 municipalities in Ontario and 25 municipalities outside of the province use MDW. On its own, MDW is the single largest capital planning database of linear municipal assets in North America and Europe.

Using a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) delivery model, MDW is a .Net solution on an SQL database for use within its global business environment. Technology development continues in partnership with OGRA and the MDW user community and will include:

- Forecasting of Asset Lifecycle based on renewal profile;
- Rules-based forecasting that is configurable by condition or age;
- Categories setup in Asset Valuation Module (reducing timeline to achieve results); and,
- The ability to save and manage Capital Improvement Plans (1, 5 and 10 year plans).

For both the Public and Private sectors, global governmental legislation and guidance are being introduced. The resulting accounting practices associated with physical or tangible capital assets have been gaining momentum over the past decade. Meeting the demands of these regulations is challenging to asset owners.

Business solutions must incorporate these initiatives, which include GASB, FASB, PSAB, IFRS and Sarbanes Oxley. Asset owners are challenging financial systems to integrate with Maintenance and Project management technologies in a fundamentally different business accounting activity. This business activity focuses on multiple year planning, future funding, prioritization, approval and execution of capital programs.

Altus Group's TCPS® WORLD technology suite integrates all these activities using;

- ReCAPP® for Renewal Planning,
- ProCAPP® for Functional Performance,
- RegCAPP® for Regulatory Compliance,
- StratCAPP® for Strategic Planning,
- CAPPlan® for business case development, and
- IDSS® (Integrated Decision Support System) for optimization of Capital Improvement Plans around integrated assets such as roads, water, and sewer.

Municipal DataWorks is now part of the pre-eminent Infrastructure Capital Planning Business and Engineering / Architectural solution in the market today.

The Altus Group continues to build a very powerful Capital Planning capability building on its core Costing, Valuation, Tax Planning, and GIS capabilities.

It is the goal of Altus Capital Planning and its leadership group to continually evolve its TCPS® business solution and provide it to forward thinking organizations. They can then integrate business technology by linking TCA operational management and fiscally responsible representation of these assets within the asset ledger.