



Homebuilder boosts IT Security and Employee Collaboration in the Cloud

CARDEL HOMES

Industry: Homebuilder
Location: North America
Employees: 300+

SOLUTIONS PROVIDED

- o Office 365
- o Windows 10

"With Microsoft 365 Business, we can focus more on our IT future, our security vision, and employee collaboration within our company."

Catrinia Cook, Vice President of Management Information Systems, Cardel Homes

OPTIMIZE EFFICIENCY, INCREASE SECURITY & IMPROVE COLLABORATION

Cardel Homes has always focused on quality—from its first family home in Calgary to hundreds of construction sites throughout Canada and the United States. As Cardel Homes grew rapidly, its business needs outpaced its IT environment. With an on-premises infrastructure, the company didn't have the flexibility it needed to manage operations in two countries and multiple regions. It wanted to better support mobility for the nearly half of its 250 employees who regularly work on job sites outside the office. With the original founding family still actively involved in the business, the company was committed to maintaining its close-knit culture by promoting collaboration.

THE SOLUTION: TROUBLESHOOT, CONFIGURE & BACK-UP

In 2017, Cardel Homes decided to deploy Microsoft 365 Business, so they could enjoy enterprise-grade features at an affordable cost. AMTRA provided advisory services and helped assign the 300 Microsoft 365 Business licenses. Cardel Homes ran its current environment in parallel while it migrated employee mailboxes.

"The deployment of Microsoft 365 Business was easy," says Jamie Hawker, IT Manager at Cardel Homes. "Most of the work was done over a weekend, and our employees didn't notice any change in productivity."

Now, the company is optimizing efficiency, increasing security, and making it easy for employees to work together—from any location.

THE RESULT: IMPROVED EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY

The impact of the deployment was significant, as it:

- o Constant visibility into key operations
- o Reduced costs by ~30% by moving to the Cloud
- o Automatic updates to reduce security threats

