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## Leading Canadian Construction Firm Uses Autodesk® Collaborative Project Management to Streamline Communication and Meet Project Deadlines

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Project Manager,  
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### Project Summary

Broccolini Construction is a Canadian-based construction firm servicing a wide variety of clients, and as a result, needs to be in contact with hundreds of different subcontractors and other professionals. Sharing blueprints and construction drawings amongst these varied users required costly printing and shipping expenses. Searching for a better way to share information, Broccolini selected Autodesk® Buzzsaw®, an on-demand collaborative project management solution. Using Buzzsaw has allowed the company to:

- Provide on-demand collaboration for internal and external users without having to make any in-house IT investments
- Reduce costs associated with printing and shipping construction drawings
- Increase accessibility of vital project information
- Ensure that all stakeholders and third parties have one centralized location to go to for up-to-date drawings and other construction related information

### The Challenge

#### 50 Years of Success

Founded in 1949, Quebec-based Broccolini Construction first built a name for itself in the residential construction space. In the 1970's, the company shifted its focus to construction within the institutional and commercial sectors, building schools, churches, synagogues and hospitals throughout Quebec. Moving forward, Broccolini continued to evolve, adding manufacturing facilities, retail outlets, malls, offices and industrial complexes to its project portfolio, and expanding its operations into Ontario.

#### Paper-Based Communications

Like many construction companies experiencing steady growth, Broccolini found itself facing a common – but vexing – challenge: finding the best way to centralize and manage the sea of construction documents and drawings that needed to be shared with clients, subcontractors, and other third parties.

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“There was a lot of paper being shipped back and forth,” recalled Anthony Broccolini, a Project Manager at Broccolini. “On any given project, we can have several hundred people that we need to be communicating with, all of whom require the most up to date information. That meant we were printing and shipping a lot of construction related documents, which takes time and money. We wanted to find a better way to collaborate.”

## The Solution

### On-Demand Collaborative Project Management

As a company, Broccolini has long embraced the innovative use of technology as a way to increase efficiency and differentiate itself from competitors. It began researching ways to improve upon the paper-based collaboration model, and soon decided upon Autodesk Buzzsaw collaborative project management as the perfect solution.

Buzzsaw streamlines the way companies manage and share information, ensuring that accurate information is always available to everyone involved in the execution of the project. By simplifying and centralizing processes and information, Buzzsaw provides an on-demand collaborative project management solution to run projects simply, securely, and profitably.

“The on-demand nature of Buzzsaw is key,” said Broccolini. “I have been heavily involved on the IT side of things, so I know first-hand how much time and effort is required to implement technology in-house. With Buzzsaw, we don’t have to deal with those kind of headaches – we can be up and running in an instant. And because it’s so user friendly, there’s no learning curve for any of our users. If you know how to use Windows Explorer, you can use Buzzsaw with 100% ease.”

## The Results

### The Right Information at the Right Time

Broccolini has rolled out Buzzsaw to nearly 750 users inside and outside the company, and the results have been impressive. “Obviously, we’ve

been saving a lot on printing and shipping costs,” said Broccolini. “But the real return is quicker and improved communication. That’s something you cannot put a dollar sign on.”

Broccolini continued, “The benefits of Buzzsaw extend to the entire project team, not just to us. Centralizing on Buzzsaw enables consistency across the board, reduces the need for travel, and lowers the incidence of planning and construction errors attributable to outdated information. All team members get the right information at the right time.”

## Client Collaboration

One of Broccolini’s clients, electronics retailer Best Buy, couldn’t agree more. “We work with Broccolini on as many as 10 projects per year, including new store openings and renovations,” said Tandra Jang, Sr. Property Development Manager at Best Buy. “Having Buzzsaw as a collaboration tool allows us to make decisions much more quickly than we could have in the past when we had to courier drawings back and forth across the country.”

“From the time we have a concept of a store to the time we actually open the store, we may need to totally re-design the store layout. As new technology emerges, or as items such as plasma TV screens surge in popularity, we may need to redesign the home theater section of the store to accommodate that growth,” explained Jang. “With Buzzsaw, we can feel comfortable making those kinds of changes to store plans because all the drawings are kept in a centralized location and notification of changes are automatically sent out to all the relevant parties. We can be sure that everyone is working off the most recent plans.”

Moving forward, Broccolini expects usage of Buzzsaw to continue to grow. “Collaboration is the key to successful projects,” concluded Broccolini. “And Buzzsaw helps us collaborate better. It’s as simple as that.”



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By using Autodesk Collaborative Project Management to simplify, centralize, and streamline project information and processes, Broccolini Construction helps clients such as Best Buy expedite store openings by communicating changes to all relevant parties in real time.