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Call Centre Modernization Project

Transforming Citizen Engagement Through Microsoft D365 & Power Platform

Microsoft Technology Stack

Dynamics 365 · Power Platform · Microsoft Teams · Power BI · Al Builder

Project Overview

Category	Details
	Full-Scale Call Center Implementation
22 Agent Capacity	100-600 Scalable Agents
Channels	Voice, Chat, Email, SMS, Social Media
Expected ROI	410-764% Over 3 Years
∮ Implementation	Leveraging Existing Power Platform Expertise
Timeline	12-18-Month Phased Deployment

Key Technologies

	DYNAMICS 365 CUSTOMER SERVICE ENTERPRISE Omnichannel for Customer Service Case Management & Workflows Teams Integration via Customer Service Add-in	
1	POWER PLATFORM	
İ	Power Virtual Agents (AI Chatbots)	i
ĺ	Power Automate (Workflow Automation)	ĺ
	│ ├── Power BI (Analytics & Dashboards)	
	│ └─ AI Builder (Custom AI Models)	
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	│ ├── Primary Agent Interface Channel	
	— Phone System Integration	
	│ ├── Collaboration & Escalation	
	│ └─ Mobile Agent Support	
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Business Value Proposition

Benefit Category	Impact
Sost Optimization	58K-98K Monthly Savings Through Automation
Efficiency Gains	85% First-Call Resolution Rate Target
Automation	30-40% Case Deflection via Al
III Analytics	Real-time Performance & Predictive Insights
Scalability	Dynamic Election Period Scaling

III Elections Canada Advantages

- Existing Power Platform Licensing & Expertise
- ▼ Teams Phone System Already Deployed
- ✓ Internal Implementation Capabilities
- Microsoft 365 Ecosystem Integration
- Canadian Data Residency Compliance

Comprehensive D365/Power Platform Call Centre Implementation

With Microsoft Teams Integration for Enhanced Agent Experience

Powered by Microsoft Cloud • Azure AI • Power Platform

Version 1.0 | Elections Canada IT Modernization Initiative

1. Introduction

Elections Canada can implement a world-class call center solution by deploying Microsoft

Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise and Power Platform capabilities, utilizing Microsoft

Teams as the primary agent interface channel. This approach leverages Elections Canada's

existing Power Platform licensing and internal implementation expertise to deliver automated
call handling, Al-powered IVR, omnichannel support, and advanced analytics.

Business Benefits:

- Full-scale D365 call center with comprehensive case management and workflow automation
- Power Platform integration for advanced automation, Al, and analytics capabilities
- Teams as primary agent channel for familiar user experience and collaboration
- Omnichannel customer engagement across voice, chat, email, SMS, and social media
- Al-powered automation reducing agent workload through Power Virtual Agents and Al Builder
- Advanced analytics and reporting via Power BI for operational insights

Use Cases:

- Voter inquiry management with full case lifecycle tracking
- Election officer support with escalation workflows and knowledge management
- Multi-channel citizen engagement during election periods
- Automated FAQ handling and intelligent call routing
- Performance analytics and optimization for continuous improvement

2. D365/Power Platform Licensing Requirements

Core D365 Call Center Licensing

- Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise Core call center platform with omnichannel capabilities
- Omnichannel for Customer Service Add-on Enables voice, chat, SMS, and social media channels
- Power Virtual Agents Al-driven chatbots and IVR automation for self-service
- Power Automate Workflow automation and process orchestration
- Power BI Pro Advanced analytics and real-time dashboards
- Al Builder Custom Al models for sentiment analysis and automation

Teams Integration Licensing

- Customer Service add-in for Microsoft Teams Embeds D365 capabilities within Teams interface
- Microsoft Teams Phone System Voice channel integration (already deployed at Elections Canada)
- Teams Premium Advanced calling features and analytics integration

Existing Elections Canada Assets

- Power Platform licensing already in place for foundational capabilities
- Internal implementation expertise available for deployment and customization
- Teams Phone System infrastructure ready for integration
- Microsoft 365 ecosystem providing seamless data and workflow integration

3. D365 Call Center Architecture with Teams Channel Integration

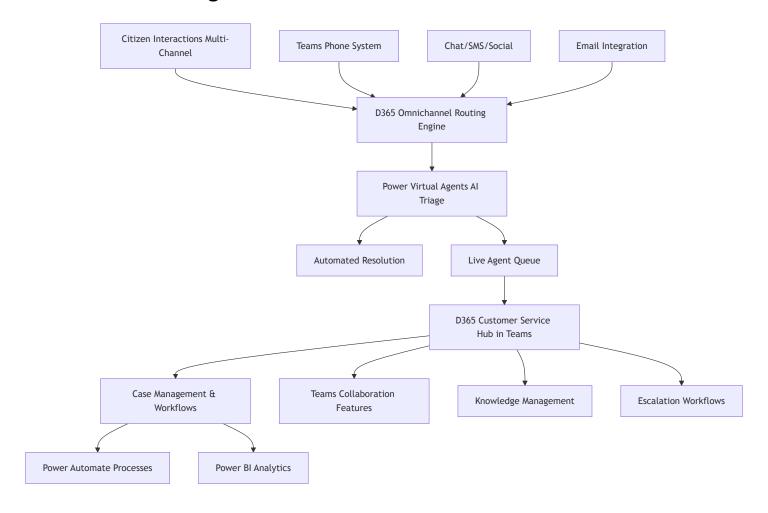
Core D365 Call Center Components:

- Dynamics 365 Customer Service Hub Central case management and agent workspace
- Omnichannel for Customer Service Unified gueue management and routing engine
- Power Virtual Agents Al-powered chatbots for automated voter assistance
- Power Automate workflows Automated case routing, escalation, and follow-up processes
- Power BI Analytics Real-time performance monitoring and optimization insights
- Al Builder models Custom Al for sentiment analysis and predictive routing

Teams as Primary Agent Channel:

- Customer Service add-in for Teams provides D365 interface within Teams
- Teams Phone System integration for seamless voice channel management
- Teams collaboration features enable supervisor consultation and escalation
- Teams mobile apps support remote and flexible agent deployment

Architecture Diagram:



4. Technical Infrastructure Requirements

D365 Call Center Infrastructure:

- Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise deployment and configuration
- Omnichannel for Customer Service setup with multi-channel routing
- Power Platform environment configuration for workflows and analytics
- Azure infrastructure for Al Builder and advanced analytics processing
- Integration connectors for Elections Canada databases and systems

Teams Channel Integration:

- Customer Service add-in for Teams deployment across agent population
- Teams Phone System integration with D365 call routing
- Teams workspace customization for election-specific workflows

Mobile Teams apps configuration for remote agent capabilities

Security & Compliance:

- Canadian data residency compliance through Azure Canada regions
- Call recording and audit capabilities for voter interaction compliance
- Role-based access control across D365 and Teams integration
- Advanced security policies for sensitive voter information handling

5. Power Virtual Agents & Al-Powered IVR Implementation

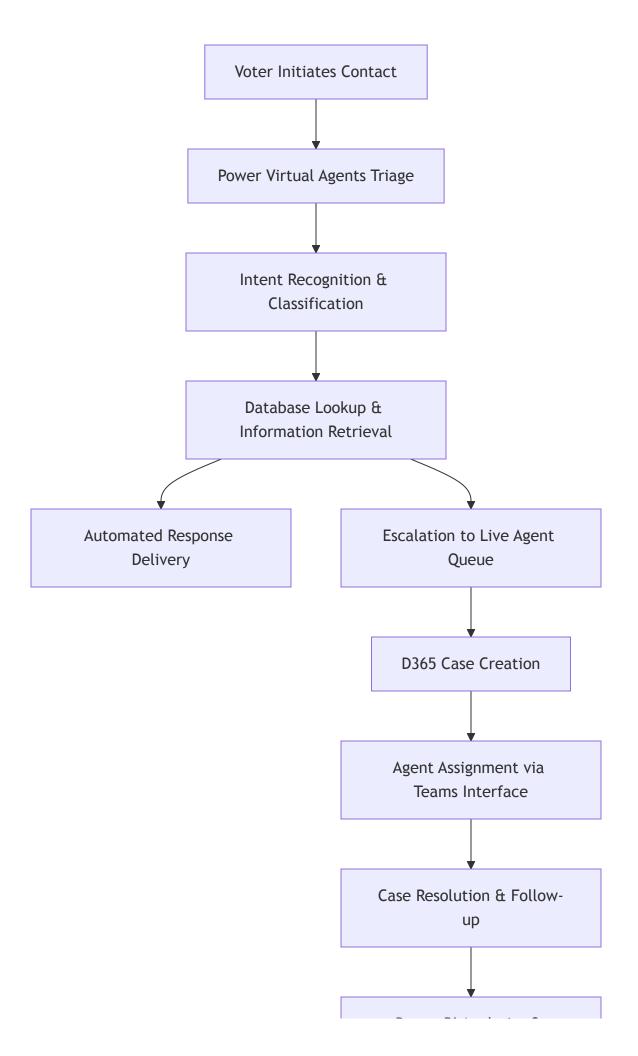
Power Virtual Agents Core Capabilities:

- No-code chatbot development for common voter inquiries
- Natural language processing for intent recognition and response
- Multi-language support for English and French voter interactions
- Integration with Elections Canada databases for real-time voter information
- Seamless escalation workflows to live agents when needed

IVR & Call Routing Features:

- Intelligent call classification based on voter intent and urgency
- Dynamic queue assignment based on agent skills and availability
- Callback scheduling during high-volume election periods
- Automated voter lookup and information delivery
- Election-specific routing rules for different types of inquiries

Implementation Flow:	
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6. Omnichannel Customer Service Capabilities

Multi-Channel Integration:

- Voice integration through Teams Phone System with D365 case context
- Live chat embedded on Elections Canada websites and portals
- SMS support for quick voter information and updates
- Social media monitoring for voter concerns and public sentiment
- Email integration with automated case creation and routing

Unified Agent Experience:

- Single agent workspace in D365 Customer Service Hub accessible via Teams
- Contextual customer information available across all interaction channels
- Seamless channel switching without losing conversation context
- Real-time collaboration with supervisors and subject matter experts via Teams
- Mobile-responsive interface for flexible agent deployment

AI-Enhanced Features:

- Real-time sentiment analysis to identify frustrated voters and prioritize cases
- Suggested responses based on historical case resolutions and knowledge base
- Automated case summarization for efficient hand-offs and reporting
- Predictive routing to match voters with best-suited agents
- Performance insights for continuous agent coaching and improvement

7. Power Platform Automation & Analytics

Power Automate Workflow Capabilities:

• Automated case creation from all inbound channels with proper categorization

- Escalation workflows based on case urgency, voter type, and SLA requirements
- Follow-up automation for case resolution confirmation and satisfaction surveys
- Integration workflows with Elections Canada systems for voter data synchronization
- Approval processes for complex voter issues requiring management review

Power BI Analytics & Reporting:

- Real-time operational dashboards for call volume, wait times, and agent performance
- Election-specific analytics for voter inquiry trends and satisfaction metrics
- Predictive analytics for resource planning and capacity management
- Executive reporting with KPIs and performance benchmarks
- Custom reports for Elections Canada compliance and audit requirements

Al Builder Integration:

- Custom Al models for Elections Canada-specific voter inquiry classification
- Document processing for automated form and application handling
- Sentiment analysis across all voter interactions for service improvement
- Predictive models for election period demand forecasting
- Voice analytics for quality assurance and training purposes

8. Implementation Roadmap & Deployment Strategy

Phase 1: D365 Call Center Foundation (Months 1-2)

1. D365 Customer Service Enterprise Setup

- Configure customer service hub and case management
- Set up omnichannel routing and queue management
- Deploy user roles and security policies

2. Power Platform Integration

- Configure Power Automate workflows for case processing
- Set up Power BI analytics and reporting infrastructure
- Deploy Al Builder models for basic automation

3. Teams Channel Integration

- Install Customer Service add-in for Teams
- Configure Teams Phone System integration

Set up agent workspaces and collaboration features

Phase 2: Advanced Automation & AI (Months 3-4)

1. Power Virtual Agents Deployment

- Build election-specific chatbots and IVR flows
- Train Al models on Elections Canada data and scenarios
- Implement multi-language support and testing

2. Omnichannel Expansion

- Deploy chat, SMS, and social media channels
- Configure advanced routing and escalation rules
- Implement cross-channel continuity features

3. Analytics & Optimization

- Deploy comprehensive Power BI dashboards
- Implement predictive analytics and forecasting
- Set up performance monitoring and alerting

Phase 3: Testing & Optimization (Months 5-6)

1. Pilot Testing

- Conduct pilot with limited agent group
- Test all channels and automation features
- Gather feedback and optimize configurations

2. Training & Knowledge Transfer

- Train agents on D365 features and Teams integration
- Develop knowledge base and self-service resources
- Create operational procedures and escalation protocols

3. Go-Live Preparation

- Finalize configurations and security settings
- Conduct stress testing for election-period volumes
- Prepare rollback and contingency plans

9. Advanced Case Management & Knowledge Systems

D365 Case Management Features:

- Comprehensive case lifecycle from creation to resolution with full audit trail
- Automated case classification using Al Builder for consistent categorization
- SLA management with automated escalation and deadline tracking
- Knowledge base integration with suggested articles and resolution guidance
- Case collaboration through Teams channels for complex voter issues

Knowledge Management System:

- Centralized knowledge base accessible through D365 and Teams interface
- Automated article suggestions based on case context and agent activity
- Version control and approval workflows for knowledge content updates
- Search and discovery features for rapid information retrieval
- Performance analytics on knowledge base usage and effectiveness

Quality Assurance & Training:

- Call recording and analysis through integrated voice analytics
- Performance coaching based on case resolution metrics and customer satisfaction
- Training content delivery through Microsoft Viva Learning integration
- Competency tracking and skill development programs
- Best practice sharing through Teams communities and channels

10. Implementation Advantages & Business Value

Leveraging Existing Elections Canada Assets:

- Power Platform expertise accelerates implementation and reduces external consulting needs
- Existing licensing provides cost advantages and faster deployment timeline
- Teams familiarity ensures high agent adoption and minimal training requirements
- Microsoft 365 integration enables seamless workflow and data connectivity

• Government compliance built into Microsoft cloud services for Canadian requirements

Operational Benefits:

- Scalable architecture supporting both baseline and election-period demand
- Cost optimization through automation and efficient resource utilization
- Improved voter satisfaction via faster resolution and multi-channel options
- Enhanced visibility into operations through comprehensive analytics
- Future-ready platform enabling continuous improvement and expansion

Strategic Value:

- **Digital transformation** positioning Elections Canada as a modern, citizen-centric organization
- Operational excellence through data-driven decision making and optimization
- Innovation platform enabling new services and capabilities as needs evolve
- Cross-government collaboration potential through shared Microsoft ecosystem
- Compliance and security built-in for sensitive government operations

Scalable D365 Call Center with Teams Channel Integration for Elections Canada

1. Overview

Elections Canada requires a **scalable D365 Customer Service Enterprise call center** that can handle **periodic high-volume election inquiries** while maintaining efficient baseline operations. This solution leverages **Power Platform capabilities and Teams as the primary agent channel** to deliver cost-effective, automated, and intelligent voter support services.

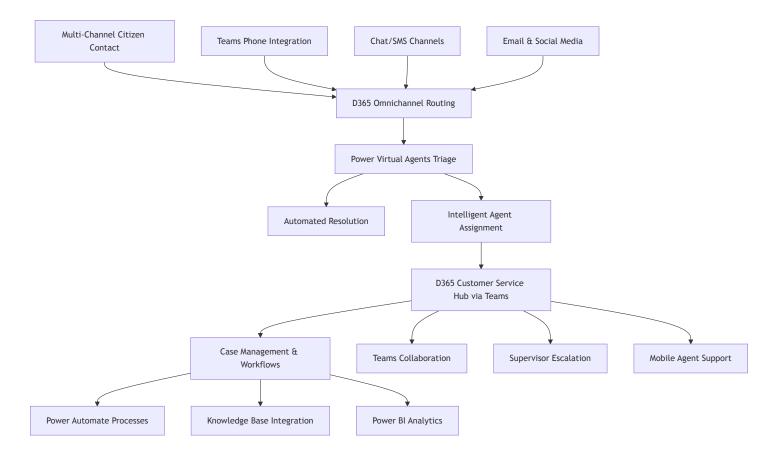
Key Objectives

- **☑ D365-Powered**: Full call center capabilities with comprehensive case management and automation
- Scalable Architecture: Dynamic scaling from 100 to 600 agents based on election cycles
- Multi-Channel Support: Voice, chat, email, SMS, and social media integration

- Al-Driven Automation: Power Virtual Agents and Al Builder reducing agent workload
- Teams Integration: Familiar interface channel for agent efficiency and collaboration
- Cost-Effective: Leveraging existing Elections Canada Power Platform licensing and expertise

2. D365 Call Center Architecture & Scaling Model

Core D365 Infrastructure:



Scalability Features:

- Dynamic licensing model supporting 100-600 agent scaling
- Elastic infrastructure through Azure cloud services
- Automated load balancing across agent pools and channels
- Queue management with overflow and callback capabilities
- Resource optimization through Al-driven workload distribution

3. Implementation Phases & Scaling Strategy

Phase 1: D365 Foundation Deployment (Baseline 100 Agents)

Core D365 Call Center Setup:

- Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise deployment with full case management
- Omnichannel for Customer Service configuration with multi-channel routing
- Power Virtual Agents development for common voter inquiries
- Power Automate workflows for case processing and escalation
- Power BI dashboards for operational monitoring and analytics

Teams Channel Integration:

- Customer Service add-in for Teams deployment for unified agent experience
- Teams Phone System integration with D365 call routing and case context
- Teams workspace customization for election-specific workflows and collaboration
- Mobile Teams configuration for flexible agent deployment options

Automation & AI Implementation:

- Al Builder models for intent recognition and case classification
- Knowledge base deployment with automated article suggestions
- Workflow automation for routine case processing and follow-up
- Analytics and reporting setup for performance monitoring

Phase 2: Election Period Scaling (600 Agents)

Capacity Expansion:

- Scale D365 licenses from 100 to 600 agents with temporary licensing
- Expand Teams integration to support increased agent population
- Enhance Power Virtual Agents with election-specific capabilities
- Increase infrastructure capacity through Azure scaling features

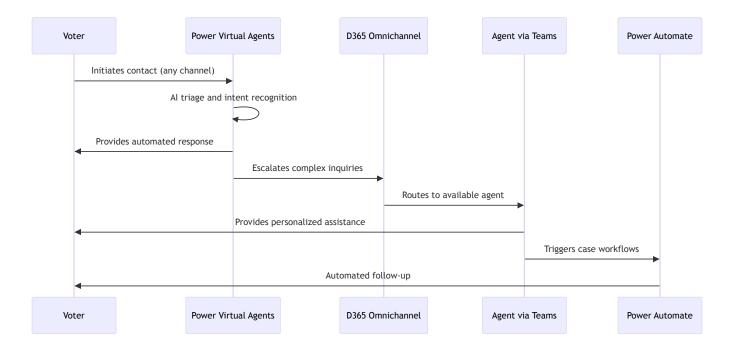
Advanced Automation Deployment:

- Enhanced Al models for election-period inquiry patterns
- Predictive analytics for demand forecasting and resource optimization
- Advanced routing algorithms for specialized election support queues

Real-time monitoring and alerting for high-volume periods

Multi-Channel Optimization:

- Expanded chat and SMS capabilities for voter convenience
- Social media monitoring for election-related sentiment and issues
- Email automation for follow-up communications and information delivery
- Mobile-first design for citizen self-service options



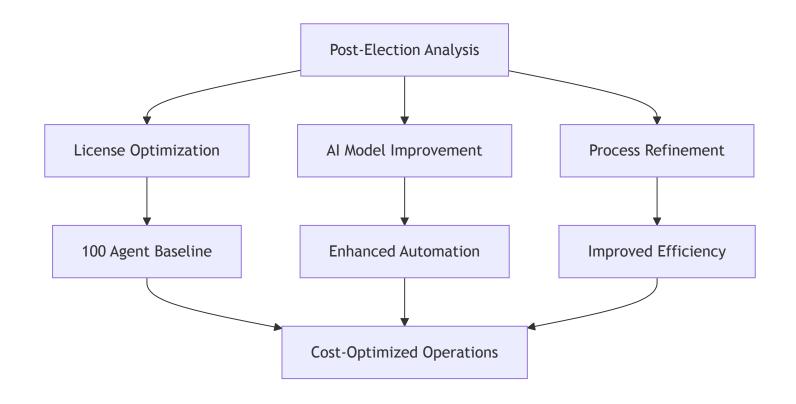
Phase 3: Post-Election Optimization (Return to 100 Agents)

License Optimization:

- · Scale down temporary licenses while maintaining core capabilities
- Optimize automation to handle increased self-service adoption
- Maintain Al models with improved accuracy from election period data
- Continue analytics for ongoing operational improvement

Continuous Improvement:

- Performance analysis using comprehensive election period data
- Al model refinement based on actual voter interaction patterns
- **Process optimization** for improved efficiency and satisfaction
- Knowledge base updates with new insights and best practices



4. Cost Analysis & Investment Breakdown

★ Baseline Monthly Costs (100 Agents, Non-Election Period)

Component	Unit Cost	Quantity	Monthly Cost
D365 Customer Service Enterprise	\$105	100 agents	\$10,500
Omnichannel for Customer Service Add-on	\$95	100 agents	\$9,500
Customer Service add-in for Teams	\$20	100 agents	\$2,000
Power Virtual Agents	Fixed	-	\$1,500
Power BI Pro	\$10	20 supervisors	\$200
Azure consumption (Al Builder, storage)	Fixed	-	\$800
Voice/telephony costs	\$0.008/min	400K minutes	\$3,200
Total Baseline Monthly Cost			\$27,700

Election Period Costs (600 Agents)

Component	Unit Cost	Quantity	Monthly Cost
D365 Customer Service Enterprise	\$105	600 agents	\$63,000
Omnichannel for Customer Service Add-on	\$95	600 agents	\$57,000
Customer Service add-in for Teams	\$20	600 agents	\$12,000
Power Virtual Agents (enhanced)	Fixed	-	\$3,000
Power BI Pro	\$10	60 supervisors	\$600
Azure consumption (increased load)	Fixed	-	\$2,500
Voice/telephony costs	\$0.008/min	1.2M minutes	\$9,600
Total Election Period Monthly Cost			\$147,700

Cost Optimization Through Automation

Optimization Strategy	Potential Monthly Savings
Power Virtual Agents deflection (30%)	18 <i>K</i> −25K
Automated case processing	8 <i>K</i> -12K
Intelligent routing optimization	5K-8K
Self-service portal adoption	10K-15K
Total Potential Savings	$41K\mathbf{-60K}$

5. Power Platform ROI & Value Realization

Immediate Value Drivers:

- Automated case processing reducing manual agent workload by 40-50%
- Intelligent routing improving first-call resolution rates to 85%+
- **Self-service automation** deflecting 30-40% of routine inquiries
- Predictive analytics enabling proactive resource allocation and planning
- Multi-channel efficiency providing voters with convenient service options

Long-term Strategic Benefits:

- Operational excellence through data-driven continuous improvement
- Citizen satisfaction improvements through faster, more accurate service
- Cost optimization via automation and efficient resource utilization
- Scalability foundation for future elections and expanded services
- Innovation platform enabling new capabilities and service offerings

Elections Canada Competitive Advantages:

- Existing Power Platform expertise reducing implementation risk and timeline
- Current licensing investments providing cost advantages over new deployments
- Teams integration ensuring high agent adoption and productivity
- Microsoft ecosystem enabling seamless data and workflow connectivity
- Government compliance built into platform for regulatory requirements

6. Implementation Timeline & Milestones

Months 1-2: Foundation Setup

- D365 Customer Service Enterprise deployment and configuration
- Omnichannel routing and queue management setup
- Basic Power Virtual Agents and automation workflows
- Teams integration and agent workspace configuration

Months 3-4: Advanced Features

- Al Builder model development and training
- Knowledge base deployment and content creation
- Power BI analytics and dashboard implementation
- Multi-channel expansion and testing

Months 5-6: Testing & Optimization

- Pilot deployment with limited agent group
- Load testing and performance optimization
- Agent training and knowledge transfer
- Final configuration and go-live preparation

Ongoing: Continuous Improvement

- Performance monitoring and optimization
- Al model refinement and enhancement
- User feedback integration and feature updates
- Scaling preparation for upcoming elections

7. Success Metrics & KPIs

Operational Metrics:

- Average handle time reduction through automation and knowledge base
- First-call resolution rate improvement via intelligent routing and Al assistance
- Agent utilization optimization through workload balancing and scheduling
- Queue wait times minimization during peak election periods
- Multi-channel adoption rates and citizen satisfaction scores

Business Value Metrics:

- Cost per interaction reduction through automation and efficiency gains
- Agent productivity improvements measured by cases resolved per hour
- Citizen satisfaction scores across all channels and interaction types
- Automation success rate for Power Virtual Agents and self-service options
- Scalability effectiveness during election period volume spikes

Technology Performance:

- · System availability and reliability during critical election periods
- Response time performance across all channels and features
- Integration effectiveness between D365, Teams, and other systems
- Al model accuracy for intent recognition and automated responses
- Analytics and reporting capability and insight generation

D365 Call Center Pilot Deployment & Optimization Roadmap for Elections

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1. Pilot Objectives & Success Criteria

The pilot deployment will validate **Dynamics 365 Customer Service Enterprise and Power Platform call center capabilities** with **Teams as the primary agent channel** before full-scale implementation. This approach leverages Elections Canada's **existing Power Platform expertise and licensing** to ensure successful deployment and optimization.

Primary Pilot Goals:

- ✓ Validate D365 call center functionality and performance under real-world conditions
- ▼ Test Power Platform automation including Power Virtual Agents and workflow efficiency
- Assess Teams integration effectiveness for agent productivity and collaboration
- Measure automation impact on case deflection and resolution times
- **Evaluate scalability** for election period volume requirements
- Demonstrate ROI through cost savings and operational improvements

Success Criteria:

- 30% case deflection through Power Virtual Agents automation
- 85% first-call resolution rate with D365 knowledge base integration
- 20% improvement in average handle time through Teams collaboration features
- 95% system availability during pilot testing period
- **High agent satisfaction** with Teams-integrated D365 interface

2. Comprehensive Pilot Deployment Roadmap



D365 Customer Service Enterprise Setup:

- Deploy D365 Customer Service Hub with comprehensive case management capabilities
- Configure Omnichannel for Customer Service with multi-channel routing and queues
- Set up user roles and security aligned with Elections Canada requirements
- Integrate with existing systems for voter data and case context

Power Platform Implementation:

- Deploy Power Virtual Agents with basic election inquiry automation
- Configure Power Automate workflows for case creation, routing, and escalation
- Set up Al Builder models for intent recognition and case classification
- Implement Power BI dashboards for real-time monitoring and analytics

Teams Channel Integration:

- Install Customer Service add-in for Teams across pilot agent group (100 agents)
- Configure Teams Phone System integration with D365 call routing
- Set up Teams workspaces with election-specific channels and collaboration features
- Deploy Teams mobile apps for flexible agent deployment testing

Knowledge Management & Training:

- Deploy knowledge base with Elections Canada content and FAQ articles
- Create agent training materials for D365 features and Teams integration
- Establish escalation procedures using Teams channels and D365 workflows
- Configure performance monitoring and quality assurance processes

Phase 2: Live Testing & Optimization (Weeks 5-8)

Multi-Channel Testing:

- Voice channel validation through Teams Phone System integration with D365
- Chat and SMS testing via omnichannel routing and agent workflows
- Email integration testing with automated case creation and assignment
- Social media monitoring setup and escalation workflow validation

Power Virtual Agents Optimization:

- Test Al chatbot performance with real voter inquiries and scenarios
- Optimize conversation flows based on actual interaction patterns
- Enhance natural language processing for better intent recognition
- Configure escalation triggers for seamless handoff to live agents

Automation & Workflow Testing:

- Validate Power Automate workflows for case processing and escalation
- Test Al Builder models for accuracy in case classification and routing

- Evaluate knowledge base integration and automated article suggestions
- Monitor performance metrics and identify optimization opportunities

Teams Collaboration Validation:

- Test supervisor consultation features during live voter interactions
- Validate escalation procedures through Teams channels and D365 workflows
- Assess mobile agent capabilities using Teams apps for remote work scenarios
- Evaluate collaboration impact on case resolution times and quality

Phase 3: Performance Analysis & Scaling Preparation (Weeks 9-12)

Comprehensive Performance Analysis:

- Analyze pilot metrics including case deflection, resolution times, and satisfaction
- Evaluate automation effectiveness and identify areas for improvement
- Assess agent productivity and Teams integration benefits
- Review system performance under various load conditions and scenarios

Cost-Benefit Analysis:

- Calculate pilot ROI including cost savings from automation and efficiency gains
- Project full-scale benefits based on pilot performance and scalability testing
- Assess infrastructure costs for election period scaling requirements
- Validate business case for full D365 call center implementation

Election Readiness Planning:

- Design scaling strategy for 600-agent election deployment
- Plan automation enhancements for election-specific inquiry patterns
- Prepare performance monitoring and alerting for high-volume periods
- Develop contingency plans and rollback procedures for risk mitigation

Final Optimization & Go-Live Preparation:

- Implement pilot learnings and configuration improvements
- Finalize agent training and knowledge transfer programs
- Complete security and compliance validation for production deployment
- Prepare deployment timeline and resource allocation for full implementation

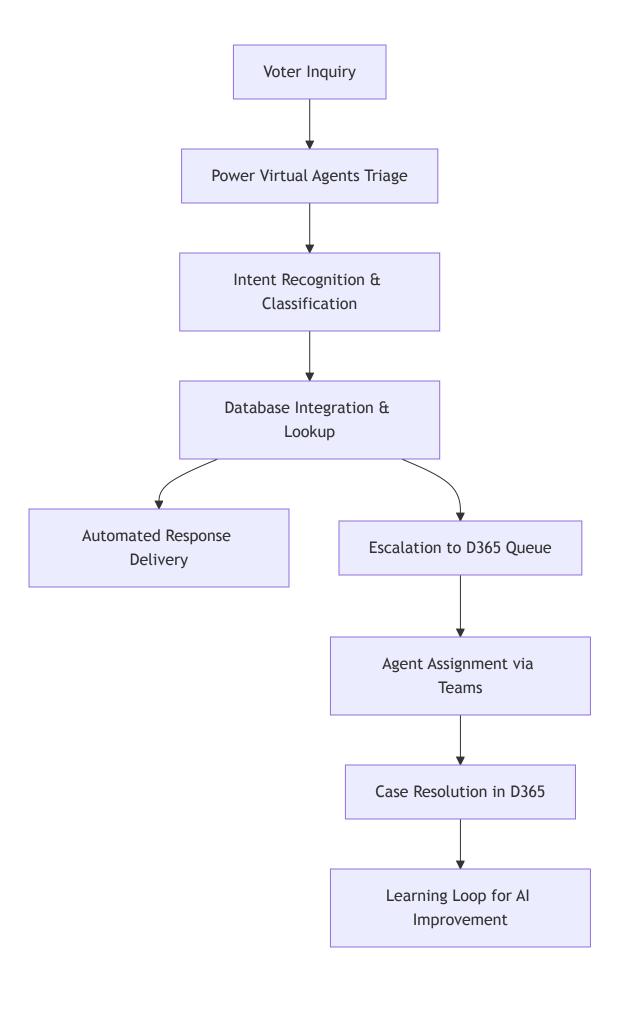
3. Power Platform Optimization & Cost Reduction Strategies

Power Virtual Agents Automation Strategy

- Objective: Maximize automated case resolution and reduce live agent dependency
- Target: 35-40% case deflection through Al automation
- ◆ Expected Savings: 25K-40K per month

Implementation Approach:

- Enhanced conversation design with natural language processing optimization
- Integration with Elections Canada databases for real-time voter information lookup
- Multi-language support for English and French voter interactions
- Continuous learning from agent interactions to improve automation accuracy



D365 Workflow Automation Strategy

- Objective: Automate routine case processing and administrative tasks
- ◆ Target: 50% reduction in manual case handling time
- ◆ Expected Savings: 15K-25K per month

Automation Areas:

- Automatic case creation from all inbound channels with proper categorization
- Intelligent routing based on case type, urgency, and agent skills
- Escalation workflows with automated approvals and notifications
- Follow-up automation for case resolution confirmation and satisfaction surveys

Teams Collaboration Efficiency Strategy

- Objective: Leverage Teams features to improve first-call resolution
- Target: 25% improvement in case resolution speed
- ◆ Expected Savings: 10K-18K per month

Collaboration Features:

- Real-time supervisor consultation during complex voter interactions
- Knowledge sharing through Teams channels and collaborative workflows
- Expert escalation via Teams chat and screen sharing capabilities
- Mobile agent flexibility for expanded coverage and reduced infrastructure costs

Analytics-Driven Optimization Strategy

- Objective: Use Power BI insights for continuous improvement and resource optimization
- ◆ Target: 15% overall operational efficiency improvement
- ◆ Expected Savings: 8K-15K per month

Analytics Applications:

- Predictive capacity planning for election period resource allocation
- Performance optimization based on agent and channel analytics
- Citizen journey analysis for improved service design and delivery
- Cost optimization through data-driven decision making and resource allocation

4. Pilot Performance Metrics & Success Measurement

Technical Performance KPIs:

Metric Category	Target Performance	Measurement Method
System Availability	99.5% uptime during pilot	Azure monitoring & alerting
Response Time	<2 seconds for D365 interface loading	Performance testing tools
Teams Integration Performance	<1 second for call routing to agent	Teams analytics & reporting
Al Accuracy	85% intent recognition success rate	Power Virtual Agents analytics
Data Synchronization	100% accuracy across systems	Automated testing & validation

Operational Performance KPIs:

Metric Category	Baseline Target	Pilot Achievement Goal
Case Deflection Rate	20% through automation	30% via Power Virtual Agents
First-Call Resolution	75% with manual processes	85% with D365 knowledge base
Average Handle Time	8 minutes current average	6 minutes with automation
Agent Utilization	70% effective time	85% with intelligent routing
Customer Satisfaction	3.8/5 current rating	4.2/5 with improved service

Business Value KPIs:

Value Metric	Current State	Pilot Target
Cost per Case	\$15 average handling cost	\$10 with automation
Agent Productivity	25 cases per agent per day	35 cases with D365 efficiency
Automation ROI	N/A baseline	200%+ return on investment

Value Metric Current State		Pilot Target
Training Time Reduction	40 hours for new agents	24 hours with Teams familiarity
Infrastructure Savings	N/A baseline	30% reduction in hardware needs

5. Risk Mitigation & Quality Assurance

Technical Risk Management:

- System integration testing with comprehensive end-to-end scenarios
- Performance stress testing to validate election period volume handling
- Security penetration testing for voter data protection validation
- Disaster recovery testing and business continuity planning
- Rollback procedures and contingency planning for critical issues

Operational Risk Management:

- Agent training programs with certification requirements and ongoing support
- Change management processes for smooth transition from existing systems
- Quality assurance protocols with call monitoring and performance coaching
- Escalation procedures for complex cases and system issues
- Communication plans for stakeholders and citizen impact management

Compliance & Governance:

- Data privacy compliance with Canadian federal privacy regulations
- Accessibility standards compliance for citizen-facing interfaces
- Security compliance with government IT security requirements
- Audit trail maintenance for all voter interactions and case processing
- Regulatory reporting capabilities for Elections Canada compliance needs

6. Final Cost Optimization Analysis

Pilot Investment vs. Expected Returns:

Investment Category	Pilot Cost	Annual Projection	3-Year ROI
D365 Licensing (100 agents)	\$27,700/month	\$332,400/year	Cost baseline
Implementation Services	\$150,000 one- time	Amortized over 3 years	\$50,000/year
Training & Change Management	\$75,000 one-time	Amortized over 3 years	\$25,000/year
Total Investment	\$252,700 first year	\$407,400/year steady state	\$407,400/year

Expected Savings & Value Generation:

Savings Category	Monthly Savings	Annual Value	3-Year Total
Automation Cost Reduction	25K-40K	300K-480K	900K-1.44M
Efficiency Improvements	15K-25K	180K-300K	540K-900K
Infrastructure Optimization	10K-18K	120K-216K	$360K{-}$ 648K
Quality & Satisfaction Gains	8 <i>K</i> -15K	96K-180K	$288K{-}$ 540K
Total Expected Savings	58K-98K	696K - 1.176M	$2.088M{-}3.528{ m M}$

Net ROI Calculation:

• Break-even point: 8-12 months after full deployment

- 3-year net value: $1.68M-3.12\mathrm{M}$ positive return

• ROI percentage: 410% - 764% over 3-year period

7. Post-Pilot Implementation Strategy

Immediate Actions (Weeks 13-16):

- Analyze pilot results and prepare comprehensive business case presentation
- Secure stakeholder approval for full-scale D365 call center implementation
- Finalize licensing strategy for baseline and election period scaling
- Plan resource allocation for implementation team and agent training
- Prepare vendor contracts and procurement processes for additional services

Full Implementation Timeline (Months 4-9):

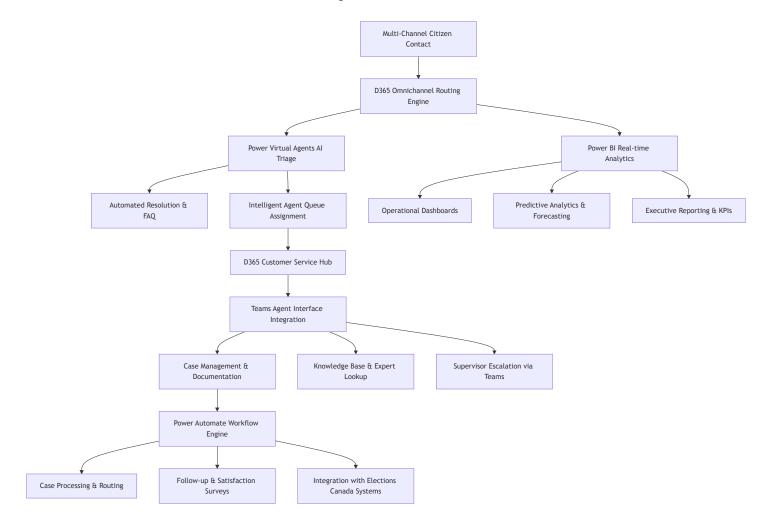
- Scale infrastructure to support 100 baseline agents with election expansion capability
- Deploy enhanced automation based on pilot learnings and optimization
- Implement advanced analytics and predictive capabilities for election planning
- Complete agent training and knowledge transfer across entire agent population
- Establish operational procedures and continuous improvement processes

Election Readiness (Months 10-12):

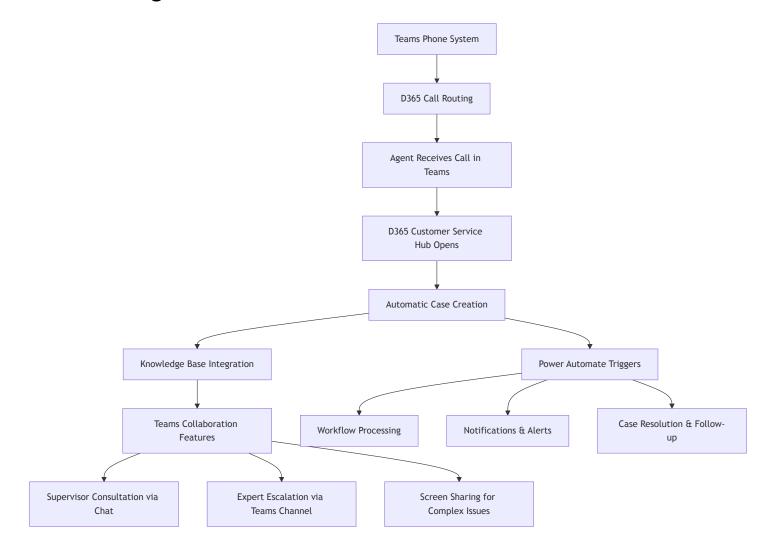
- ▼ Test election scaling from 100 to 600 agents with temporary licensing
- ✓ Validate automation performance under high-volume election scenarios
- Complete compliance audits and security certifications for production use
- Prepare contingency plans and support procedures for election periods
- Go live with full capability for next scheduled election event

8. Technology Integration Architecture

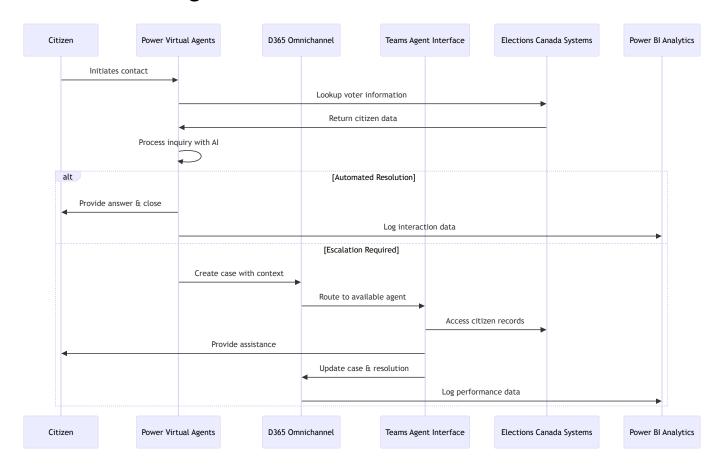
D365 Call Center Core Components:



Teams Integration Architecture:



Data Flow & Integration Points:



9. Continuous Improvement & Future Roadmap

Phase 1 Enhancements (Year 1):

- Advanced Al models trained on Elections Canada-specific data patterns
- Predictive analytics for election period demand forecasting and resource planning
- Enhanced automation for complex case routing and resolution workflows
- Mobile-first citizen portals integrated with D365 for self-service options

Phase 2 Expansion (Year 2):

- Cross-government integration for shared services and citizen data
- Advanced voice analytics for sentiment analysis and quality improvement
- Proactive citizen engagement through predictive service delivery
- Integration with emerging technologies like Microsoft Copilot for enhanced agent assistance

Phase 3 Innovation (Year 3):

- Al-powered citizen experience with personalized service delivery
- Blockchain integration for secure voter verification and case audit trails
- Advanced analytics platforms with machine learning for continuous optimization
- Cross-platform federation with other government services and agencies

Success Measurement & Optimization:

- Quarterly performance reviews with stakeholder feedback and improvement planning
- Continuous A/B testing of automation workflows and citizen interaction designs
- Regular technology updates to leverage new Microsoft platform capabilities
- Agent feedback integration for user experience improvement and feature enhancement
- Citizen satisfaction monitoring with proactive service improvement initiatives

Bottom Line: Elections Canada's D365 call center implementation with Teams integration represents a strategic investment in digital transformation that will deliver immediate operational benefits while establishing a foundation for continued innovation and service excellence in citizen engagement.

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