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2009 Official Census Results **Airdrie population number exceeds past decades**

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie’s population is booming, with the official 2009 census result at 38,091, an 11.65 per cent growth rate, which is the highest it’s been since the late 1970s.

“This phenomenal growth shows Airdrie continues to thrive with a strong advantage for attracting both new residents and businesses,” says Mayor Linda Bruce. “Even in these economic times, our thriving and diverse community is prospering and our future looks bright.”

The City’s population grew by 3,975 or 10.89 new residents per day. As proof of the strong Airdrie economy, the city was recognized last week as one of Alberta’s best communities for business by Alberta Venture magazine in their annual ‘Top 10 Communities To Do Business’ feature. In addition to being recognized as one of the top 10 communities for business, Airdrie was also identified as one of five ‘Growth Node’ in Alberta for 2009. The growth in the local market has provided sustainable opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses resulting in multi-million dollars of investment in residential, commercial and industrial developments.

The number of dwellings in Airdrie increased at a rate of 8.31 per cent to 14,487, up from 13,375 in 2008. The City of Airdrie also saw \$184 million in construction value in 2008, once again recording strong growth in commercial and industrial sectors, and remained steady in residential housing.

The 2009 census period covered from April 16, 2009 to May 31, 2009. The City of Airdrie was extremely pleased with the number of online responses this year. Forty-seven per cent of households responded online, representing 6,936 dwellings.

“The City of Airdrie is thrilled with the commitment from our enumerators and the response from Airdrie residents. Their participation in the 2009 census helped ensure the City achieved a complete and accurate number,” says Sharon Pollyck, City of Airdrie City Clerk and Building Operations Manager. “The City continues to be impressed with the success in the move to a completely electronic census.”

Complete census findings will be posted online at www.airdrie.ca this fall.

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