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New online service helps Airdrie businesses

## BizPaL launched in Airdrie

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Starting and running a business in Airdrie just became easier with the launch of BizPaL, a convenient one-stop online service with permit and licence information saving time spent on paperwork and helping entrepreneurs start up faster.

“We are thrilled and proud to provide this innovative program to Airdrie businesses,” says Airdrie Mayor, Linda Bruce. “BizPaL is a brilliant business tool simplifying access to essential information, helping business owners grow their business and entrepreneurs to start a business.”

BizPaL is an online service, accessed through the City of Airdrie website, helping businesses identify which permits and licences they require and how to obtain them. Entrepreneurs simply answer a series of questions on the type of business they want to start or expand and the activities they plan to undertake. BizPaL then automatically generates a list of all required permits and licences from all levels of government, along with basic information on each, and links to government sites where the entrepreneur can learn more and, in some cases, apply online.

The BizPaL initiative was developed by the Government of Canada and is being made available by the Alberta government to all municipalities in the province at no cost to them. The provincial government is working with municipalities to expand BizPaL province-wide in the years ahead.

“BizPaL is a great tool for new and expanding businesses, and will be a tremendous resource for the growing Airdrie business community,” said Service Alberta Minister Heather Klimchuk. “It saves both time and money by giving businesspeople quick access to all the information they need about permits and licences required by every level of government.”

Airdrie business owners and entrepreneurs can access the service by visiting [www.airdrie.ca/bizpal](http://www.airdrie.ca/bizpal). Currently, 10 provinces and territories are participating in the BizPaL program, with more than 150 municipalities offering the service. Operational costs are shared with project partners. Visit [bizpal.ca](http://bizpal.ca) for additional project history, information and access to the websites of participating partners.

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