AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie’s population levelled out this year, with the official 2010 census result at 39,822, a 4.54 per cent growth rate, compared to 11.65 per cent last year. This is the smallest growth the city has experienced since 1999.

“Even in these economic times, we are still growing and attracting new residents and businesses to our community,” says Mayor Linda Bruce. “The census number this is year is reflective of us maturing as a community, allowing our growth to be more manageable. We were able to catch up and finish many building and infrastructure projects.”

The City’s population grew by 1,731 or 4.74 new residents per day. Airdrie businesses grew by five per cent, indicative of a stable and strong local economy. The growth in the local market continues to provide 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 5.21 per cent to 15,243, up from 14,487 in 2009. The City of Airdrie also saw $201 million in construction value in 2009, once again recording strong growth in commercial and industrial sectors, and remained steady in residential housing.

The 2010 census period covered April 1, 2010 to May 16, 2010. The City of Airdrie was extremely pleased with the number of online responses this year. 57.33 per cent of households responded online, representing 8,739 dwellings.

“The City of Airdrie is thrilled with the commitment from our enumerators and the response from Airdrie residents both online and at the door. Their participation in the 2010 census helped ensure the City achieved a complete and accurate number,” says Sharon Pollyck, Manager of Legislative Services and Corporate Communications. “The City continues to be impressed with the success of the totally electronic census.”

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

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