

# BizPaL Updater

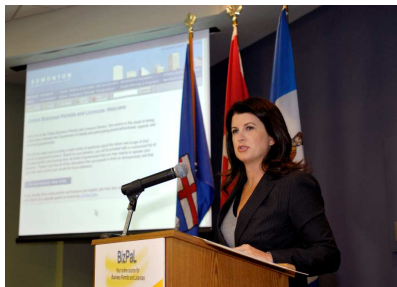
The Latest News on the BizPaL Service and its Partners

## Steering Committee Members Unveil BizPaL's Vision Statement

"BizPaL supports entrepreneurs by providing quick and easy online access to government requirements to start or grow a business in Canada. Citizens and governments save time and benefit from increased compliance as well as the collaboration between multiple levels of government on delivery of public sector services."

## A MOU and BizPaL Launch for the Province of Alberta and City of Edmonton

Members of the business community shared in the celebration at The Business Link, Alberta's Business Information Service.



The Honourable Rona Ambrose

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, on behalf of the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry, together with the Honourable Iris Evans, Minister

of Employment, Immigration and Industry for the Province of Alberta, on behalf of the Honourable Lloyd Snelgrove, Minister of

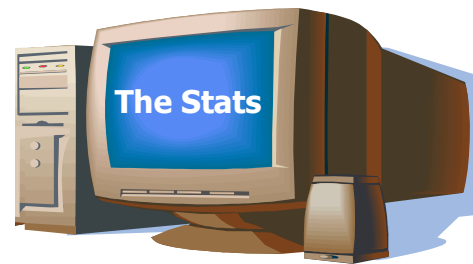


Rodger Cole, Executive Director of The Business Link

Service Alberta, and Mark Garrett, Manager, Development Compliance Branch, Planning and

Development Department, on behalf of His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel, welcomed the launch of BizPaL in Edmonton.

Several other Alberta municipalities have expressed interest in implementing BizPaL, and plans are already underway with the cities of Calgary and Airdrie to launch this summer.



Web visits continue to rise! In the last quarter, there were a total of 21,749 visits from October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, a 9.3% increase over the previous quarter, which can be attributed in part to the launch of Brampton.ca.

A total of 143,637 pages were viewed during this period, a 33% increase over the previous quarter. Since January 1, 2007 to December 3, 2007 there have been 62,442 visits to BizPaL sites.

## A MOU in the Northwest Territories

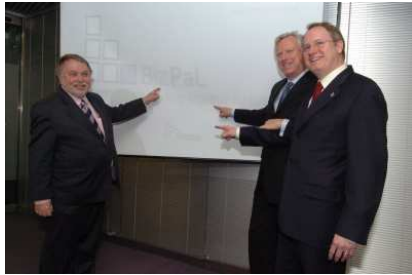
On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the Honourable Diane Ablonczy,



The Honourable Bob McLeod and the Honourable Diane Ablonczy

Secretary of State (Small Business and Tourism), on behalf of the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry,

together with the Honourable Bob McLeod, Minister of Industry, Tourism, Investment for the Northwest Territories, welcomed the addition of the Northwest Territories to the BizPaL initiative. The Northwest Territories are the eighth provincial/territorial partner to add their signature to the MOU.



*Minister of Government and Consumer Services Ted McMeekin, Mayor David Miller, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, Colin Carrie*

## **An Ontario Update**

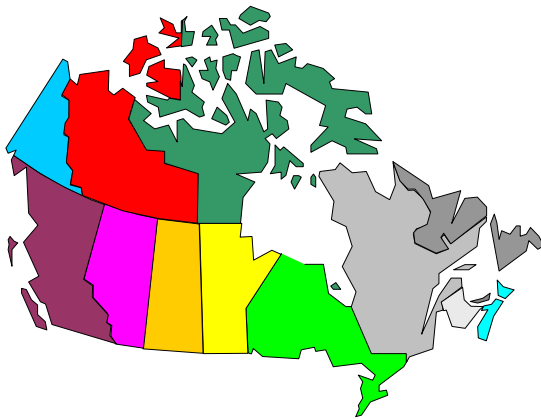
The City of Toronto formally launched BizPaL on February 29, 2008 at Toronto City Hall.

The Municipality of Wawa in the District of Algoma formally launched BizPaL on February 21, 2008. The launch was part of the EDC Annual General Meeting and the EDC Chair outlined the program and its benefits during a brief speech to the audience. Several other municipalities have also soft-launched the BizPaL service.

## **The BizPaL Family Continues to Expand...**

The cold weather and snow haven't slowed down new partners from coming aboard. A number of municipalities have launched the BizPaL service this Winter and we would like to extend a warm welcome.

## **BizPaL Welcomes Its Newest Partners!**



Oakville, ON – December 7<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Brockville, ON – December 14<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Guelph, ON – January 31<sup>st</sup> 2008  
Edmonton, AB – February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008  
Wawa, ON – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
North Battleford, SK – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
Toronto, ON – February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
New Tecumseth, ON – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Summerland, BC – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Surrey, BC – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Armstrong, BC – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**New Brunswick** is home to many diverse business ventures and opportunities, and boasts a well-educated, creative and bilingual work force. Premier Shawn Graham has put forth a vision of a self-sufficient province by 2026 and an important part of this vision is a new "one-business/one record" single-window service for businesses in the province. New Brunswick will soon be joining the BizPaL partnership along with the cities of Fredericton and Edmundston. Edmundston will be the first French municipality from across the country to join BizPaL.

Welcome and congratulations on bringing the BizPaL service to New Brunswick!

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