
News Release

BIZPAL LAUNCHED IN OSHAWA, ONTARIO

OSHAWA, Ontario, December 5, 2008 — Starting and running a business in the city of Oshawa just became easier thanks to BizPaL, a new online business permit and licence service that saves time spent on paperwork and helps entrepreneurs start up faster.

Today, Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, on behalf of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, together with officials from the Province of Ontario and John Gray, Mayor of Oshawa, welcomed the launch of BizPaL in Oshawa.

BizPaL is an innovative project that provides entrepreneurs with simplified access to the information on permits and licences that they need to establish and run their businesses. This unique partnership among federal, provincial, territorial, regional and local governments is designed to cut through the paperwork burden and red tape that small business owners encounter. The BizPaL service in Oshawa was developed by the City of Oshawa, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

“I am glad to see BizPaL extended to more communities in Ontario,” said Dr. Carrie. “It’s an example of government making things easier for Canadians by cutting red tape. At a time of global economic instability, we need to do everything we can to help Canadian businesses, especially small businesses, which create so many of our new jobs. BizPaL is a simple, cost-effective way to provide that kind of practical help.”

“We’re taking steps to strengthen Ontario’s economy by helping businesses get their permits and licences quickly and easily,” said the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Ontario’s Minister of Government Services. “Our government is committed to building a globally competitive and innovative economy in Ontario.”

“This service offers an easy and streamlined process for businesses in Oshawa,” said Mayor Gray. “Oshawa City Hall is always striving to create a more client-friendly environment. This is one extra tool that helps us achieve that goal.”

“The Business Advisory Centre Durham (BACD) is very pleased to add BizPaL to our resource tools, in partnership with the City of Oshawa,” said Carol Ann Walker, Executive Director of BACD. “BizPaL will save local entrepreneurs valuable time and money while improving their business planning efforts.”

Area business owners and entrepreneurs can access the service by visiting www.ServiceOntario.ca/bizpal or www.oshawa.ca/bizpal.asp. The Province is looking forward to expanding BizPaL to other areas of Ontario over the next year.

Visit bizpal.ca for additional project history, information and access to the websites of participating partners.

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