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## **ATCO Gas kickstarts construction of new operations centre in Airdrie showcasing environmental leadership**

**Airdrie, AB.** — City of Airdrie mayor Linda Bruce joined ATCO Gas president Brian Hahn today in a sod turning ceremony to mark the start of construction of a new ATCO Gas operations centre in Airdrie. The new building will be the first commercial geothermal facility in the City and third in Canada making use of natural gas-fueled pumps in its heating and cooling system.

“This is a great day for ATCO Gas,” states Brian Hahn, President of ATCO Gas. “We have been an active partner in the City of Airdrie for more than 53 years now. Today, we begin work on the next phase of our partnership; a new operating facility that will allow our employees to better respond to the needs of the growing community of Airdrie, while also investing in technology that delivers on our commitment to the environment.”

The new facility will use state-of-the-art geothermal technology, reinforcing ATCO Gas’ pledge to minimize its environmental footprint. The 15,030 sq. ft facility is scheduled to open in Fall 2010 and will eventually house up to 60 employees up from the current facility in Airdrie which is 2,235 sq. ft and staffs 13 employees.

“The building of this facility is great news for the City of Airdrie,” commented Mayor Linda Bruce. “ATCO Gas has always been a great partner in our community and this facility demonstrates their continued commitment to our people, our economy and our safety.”

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