

# BUSINESS



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**CHECK IT OUT:** Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz (in front) join (standing from left) Burlington Deputy Mayor Carol D'Amelio, Acting Halton Hills Mayor Joan Robson, Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh, Selena Campbell (lead roll for BizPal in Milton), Guylaine Brunet of Industry Canada, Debbie Farr of the Government Services Ministry and Ralph Blauel of technology services for Halton Region in checking out a demonstration of BizPal.

## New government Web service saves businesses lots of time

A project designed to help save Canadian businesses time was recently launched in Halton by the federal minister of industry.

Maxime Bernier announced the launch of BizPal last month. The project provides local entrepreneurs and business people with simplified access to licensing and permit information from multiple levels of government to launch or grow their businesses.

It involves a partnership between all levels of governments.

"By working with the Province of Ontario, the Town of Halton Hills and the Town of Milton, we are launching a very useful technological initiative that will simplify government paperwork processes," Bernier said.

Mayor Gord Krantz agreed. "Milton is excited to be part of the BizPal project," he said.

"I am sure that individuals looking to start a business in Milton will find valuable information available at the click of a mouse. It will definitely help potential business owners understand permit and licensing requirements and make starting that business easier."

The service can be accessed from [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) and [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca).

Based on the responses to a number of interactive questions on the nature and location of the businesses, the on-line service generates a customized list of required government permits and licences.

The list includes basic information about the permits and licences, the order in which they should be obtained, contact information and, in some cases, links to begin the application process.

"Expanding partnerships with other orders of government

to increase one-stop shopping opportunities is part of our commitment to providing the best customer service possible," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

For more information, visit [www.BizPal.ca](http://www.BizPal.ca).

## Manufacturing expert to speak

Learn how to turn ideas into innovation June 7 at the next Halton Region-McMaster University Learning Series event.

The session — third in a three-part series designed for corporate leaders in Halton — will take place at the Oakville Club starting at 11:30 a.m.

It'll feature guest speaker Mo Elbestawi, dean of the faculty of engi-

neering at McMaster University, with his talk entitled 'McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute: Turning Ideas into Innovation'.

The cost is \$55 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register call (905) 825-6000, ext. 7514, or visit [www.halton.ca/business](http://www.halton.ca/business).

The Oakville Club is located at 56 Water St., Oakville.

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