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The official launch of the Okanagan Research & Innovation Centre's new Kelowna-based technology business incubator took place on March 27, with Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country, Ron

Cannan, performing the official ribbon cutting ceremony (far left in photo.) Also on hand and shown with Cannan were Peter Haubrich, President, ORIC; Kelowna Mayor Sharon Shepherd and Gerry Salembier, Assistant Deputy Minister (British Columbia) for Western Economic Diversification.



The ORIC Innovation Centre in Kelowna opened in November, 2008, a high-technology business incubator aimed primarily at nurturing the development and sustainability of start-up, high growth technology companies. The Kelowna Centre was opened based on the successes of the incubator at the National Research Centre's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics - Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory (NRC-DRAO) south of Penticton which was founded as a not-for-profit society in August, 2005. ORIC's mission is to create high-tech jobs and sustainable economic value for the Okanagan Valley and beyond.

The ORIC Kelowna Innovation Centre has 7,500 square feet of space available over two phases for high-tech start-up companies. This includes office space at affordable rates; meeting rooms; internet access; reception services and access to a wide range of business support services.

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