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The countdown is on! Peterborough gets ready for the arrival of the Olympic Flame

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are just around the corner. With less than one year before the Games begin, the Peterborough Community Celebration Task Force is having a countdown of its own: preparing for the Olympic Torch Relay through our community.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay is a 106 day celebration that starts in Victoria, BC on October 30, 2009. The Olympic Flame will travel over 45,000 kilometres across Canada making it the longest domestic relay in Olympic history. Over the course of the relay, 12,000 torchbearers will have the opportunity to carry the Olympic Flame. The relay will culminate at BC Place on February 12, 2010, with the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron, signaling the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The City of Peterborough will participate as one of the 1020 communities the Olympic Flame will visit. On **Tuesday December 15, 2009**, all eyes will be on Peterborough as the Olympic Torch makes its stop here.

Coca-Cola, RBC and the Government of Canada sponsor the Olympic Torch Relay. Torchbearers are selected from the public through programs offered by Coca Cola and RBC. Residents of the Peterborough area are invited to go to www.icoke.ca/en/liveolympic and www.carrythetorch.com to submit an application now. Applicants can request to carry the torch in any part of the country.

Carrying the Olympic torch is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity and the Peterborough Community Celebration Task Force encourages anyone interested to submit his or her application as soon as possible.

For more information on the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, visit www.vancouver2010.com.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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