

news release

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Subject	City of North Vancouver to Welcome Olympic Flame and Celebrate the 2010 Winter Games
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The City of North Vancouver is proud to welcome the **Olympic Flame** to the City as it makes its way towards the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

On **Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at approximately 8:42am**, the Olympic Torch Relay will arrive in the City of North Vancouver. The City's Olympic Torchbearer, Ms. Lina Smith, will carry the **Olympic Flame** into Waterfront Plaza at Lonsdale Quay Market, where Mayor Darrell Mussatto and other participants will commemorate the milestone event.

"The **Olympic Flame** represents the spirit of international cooperation as it travels throughout the world, across Canada, through British Columbia, arriving in our vibrant community," says Mayor Darrell Mussatto. "Seeing the **Olympic Flame** in our City is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I encourage residents to join the celebration and support our Canadian athletes as the flame arrives."

"I'm very honoured and excited to be a part of something so special," says Olympic Torchbearer, Lina Smith. "Representing the City where I was born and raised, and experiencing a bit of the thrill that an Olympian would feel, makes me proud."

To celebrate the exciting arrival of the **Olympic Flame**, the City is partnering with Lonsdale Quay Market to host a special event on the Waterfront Plaza of Lonsdale Quay Market from 8:00am to 10:00am. The event features a First Nations drum circle and dance performance, live music, fire throwers, face painting, balloons, maple leaf tattoos and North Shore Spirit Bear Bell giveaways. The event will also mark the launch of **WinterFest**, the City of North Vancouver's Celebration place hosted by Lonsdale Quay Market.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay's 106-day pan-Canadian journey will culminate on February 12, 2010, when it arrives in Vancouver for the Opening Ceremony. At over 45,000 kilometres, the route is the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history, welcoming over 1,000 communities and passing within one hour of more than 90% of the entire Canadian population.

As an Official 2010 Community Contributor, the City of North Vancouver's Lower Lonsdale area will serve as a major transportation hub, conveniently connecting 2010 spectators, tourists and volunteers with sporting events in Vancouver, Whistler and Cypress Mountain. www.cnv.org/2010Transportation

The public is invited to attend this special community event to celebrate the official arrival of the **Olympic Flame** in the City of North Vancouver. Participants are encouraged to wear red and show their pride as part of the Paint the Town Red campaign. The City's **Olympic Flame** celebration takes place from 8:00am to 10:00am in Waterfront Plaza, located on the south side of Lonsdale Quay Market. For more information, including details about **WinterFest 2010**, visit www.cnv.org/2010.

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