

news release

The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
Corporate Services Department



Subject	City of North Vancouver to Welcome Olympic Flame and Celebrate the 2010 Winter Games on February 10
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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 will arrive in the City of North Vancouver. The Olympic Torchbearer will carry the **Olympic Flame** into Waterfront Plaza at Lonsdale Quay Market, where Mayor Darrell Mussatto, Members of Council, other local officials and the community will commemorate the milestone event.

To celebrate the much anticipated arrival of the **Olympic Flame**, the City is partnering with the Lonsdale Quay Market to host a community 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 much more. The event will also mark the launch of **WinterFest (February 12-28)**, a 17 day celebration of the 2010 Games, hosted by Lonsdale Quay Market.

- **Torch Relay**

Celebration 8am-10am

Torch arrival approx. 8:42am

Lonsdale Quay Market, (South Side, Waterfront Plaza)

- **Olympic Flame Travels Past City Hall**

14th Street and Lonsdale, approx. 3:24pm

The community is invited to gather outside **Civic Plaza at 14th Street and Lonsdale** at approximately **3pm** to join Mayor Mussatto in cheering on the Torch Bearer at **3:24pm** as the Olympic Flame travels from Civic Plaza to 17th Street when the torch continues its journey through North Vancouver.

- **Plaza Pond Hockey Party!**

Civic Plaza 1pm-3:30pm

In the spirit of the Olympic Games and a truly Canadian theme, local merchants will host a unique community hockey tournament in the Civic Plaza, adjacent to the City Library. **The Plaza Pond Hockey Party** will take place in the plaza, the tournament will be played '3 on 3' pond-style, on a portable ice surface from **1pm-3:30pm**. Skates and helmets are required to participate in the tournament...while touques and national pride are recommended for spectators. Free hot chocolate, coffee and poutine! A traditional Canadian celebration to welcome the Torch Bearer.

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

For more information, including details about **2010 celebration events in the City**, visit www.cnv.org/2010.

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