

City of Parksville Plans Activities to Celebrate Torch Relay

PARKSVILLE, BC: The Olympic Torch Relay will arrive in Parksville on the morning of Sunday, November 1, 2009. Many Parksville and area residents have applied to carry the flame through out community and the City of Parksville is planning community activities to coincide with the Olympic Torch while it is in Parksville.

VANOC plans the official Torch Relay route and will make the details available to communities during the summer. The Olympic Torch is scheduled to be in Parksville for about one hour around 8.30 am on November 1, from the Englishman River Bridge, east Parksville, through the Parksville Community Park to Despard Avenue and the Alberni Highway. Although guaranteed to be cold, all residents are invited to participate in the activities and join in the Olympic spirit.

Mayor Ed Mayne of Parksville states, "We are excited that Parksville was selected to host the Olympic Flame as it travels from coast to coast. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase Parksville to the world and also provide our residents with the chance to join in the Olympic experience."

Councillor Al Greir will serve as the task force chair for the Torch Relay activities in Parksville. "We are looking for volunteers to help with organizing the celebration when the Olympic Torch comes to Parksville on November 1," said Councillor Greir. "I encourage all service clubs, groups, sports organizations and individuals who wish to be involved in one of the biggest parties ever held on a cold winter Sunday morning, to contact me."

Activities being considered include a pancake breakfast, multi-denominational church service, road hockey game, skate board competition, races, photo opportunities, music and prizes. Most activities are being planned for the Community Park.

Residents with suggestions for activities to celebrate the torch relay in Parksville, or those who wish to help, should contact Councillor Greir or Debbie Tardiff. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29 at 4 pm in Room 100, City Hall, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

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