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“Two Weeks to Go Until Olympic Relay Comes to Prince George”

Prince George, BC- The Olympic Flame is inching its way closer and closer to Prince George, with just two weeks to go until the big arrival on January 29.

“The flame is leaving Edmonton today, so it’s exciting to think that it’s finally getting closer to Prince George,” says Shari Green, co-chair of the City’s Prince George Torch Celebrations Task Force. The Task Force has been working hard over the past few months to plan a free community-wide celebration that promises to be a showcase of Prince George and its people.

Torch Celebrations Task Force Co-Chair Dave Wilbur says the celebration will have something for everyone. “There will be dancers, singers, special video presentations and a spectacular fireworks show unlike anything seen in Prince George before. Of course, the highlight will be cheering on our community torchbearer, Alix Wells, as she brings the Olympic Flame onto the stage,” says Wilbur.

The celebration event is scheduled from 6-8 pm on January 29 in the parking lot at Exhibition Park. The free family event features exciting entertainment sponsored by RBC and Coca Cola, national sponsors of the Olympic Torch Relay and great performances by local entertainers.

Before the torch arrives at the celebration event in Exhibition Park, it will travel through the streets of Prince George, carried by a number of local torchbearers. Details of the route the torch relay will take through Prince George will be announced one week prior to the relay,

“We know January 29, 2010 will be a historic day for Prince George, so we want people to mark their calendars and plan to celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay with us,” says Green.

“Our famous Prince George winter city spirit and capacity for fun will make this family celebration an extra special, not to be missed event,” adds Wilbur.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay began October 30 in Victoria. The Olympic Flame will travel by land, air and water during its 106 day journey as 12,000 torchbearers will be carrying the torch in more than 1000 communities across Canada. The relay ends on February 12, 2010 when it lights the Olympic Cauldron, signaling the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

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