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“Two Chances to Catch the Olympic Torch Relay in Prince George”

Prince George, BC- The Olympic Torch is spending the night in Prince George, and that means there will be two opportunities to catch a glimpse of the Olympic Flame as it comes through Prince George.

On Friday, January 29, the torch relay will start out near Van Bien Elementary School at 5:09 pm. The torch will be carried through many Prince George streets including Westwood, Massey, Dominion, 3rd Avenue, Victoria, 7th Avenue, through Civic Centre Plaza, Winnipeg, Edmonton, 15th Avenue and Ospika. The relay route finishes at Exhibition Park for the Community Celebration from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

The next morning on January 30, the torch relay commences at 7:30 am with a 17 minute lap around UNBC, starting from the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre. The Olympic Torch Relay then heads west with stops planned in many communities between Fort St. James and Hazelton.

Details of the exact route the torch will take while in Prince George are available on the official Olympic Torch Relay website at <http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/olympic-torch-relay-interactive-map/>. Day 92 will show the route planned for January 29. Day 93 outlines the route around UNBC.

“We’re thrilled to be hosting the torch relay on campus Saturday morning and would like to extend an invitation for the entire community to join with us on campus,” says UNBC President, George Iwama. “It’s especially fitting that the run at UNBC will start from the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre, which was created to be a local Olympic legacy.”

Prince George Torch Celebrations Task Force Co-Chair Dave Wilbur encourages people to refrain from parking along the route during the time of the relay. “We want to make sure our torchbearers are safe and provide ample viewing opportunity for the public to see the flame, so during that time we will be asking people to refrain from parking along the route,” says Wilbur. People wanting to see the torchbearers carrying the flame are advised to be on the right hand side of the road.

Prince George Torch Celebrations Task Force Co-Chair Shari Green says in order to ease the parking issue, bus service will be free on January 29, and buses will be running to and from Exhibition Park for the Community Celebration. “We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone in the community to celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay. This will be a historic day for Prince George,” says Green.

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The Olympic Torch Relay Celebration 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. It will be capped off with one of the most impressive fireworks show ever seen in Prince George. The highlight of the Celebration be cheering local National Junior Alpine Ski Team member Alix Wells, as she brings the Olympic Flame onto the stage and lights the cauldron.

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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